

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY
ON 12th MARCH 2019 at 7.00pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Eyles, Ford, Giles, Hagan, McGarry, Morris and Stephens.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk) and members of the public.
<u>3/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Cllrs Smith and Stevens. Apologies were also received from Cllr Kunkler, PCSO Whiteside and Sgt. Foster.
<u>3/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.
<u>3/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell reported he had attended the Heritage Centre event on 17th February, an initial meeting with Wiltshire Council officers on Service Devolution and Asset Transfer on 19th February, the official opening of The Vale Campus on 22nd February, the Carnival Committee meeting on 25th February and the Area Board on 11th March.</p> <p>Following the letter sent to Cllr Mrs Mayes regarding the Children's Centre a response had been received. In the letter she agreed that childrens' services for Pewsey would continue as they have done over the last two years but not in part of the current building. Wiltshire Council's Property Services were happy to consider a rent reduction in the first year to allow Puddleducks to take over the unused space. He thanked the local police for approaching the youths who congregated in the play areas and asked councillors and community to report any activity which may cause concern and not to take any unnecessary risks.</p> <p>As a result of complaints about the consultation process during the fight for Everleigh, Cllr Wheeler had been appointed as Chair of the Public Consultation Task Force to investigate. The Clerk had the correspondence file from PCAP should any members wish to view. He gently reminded members that votes for Chairs and Vice-Chairs would take place at the Annual General Meeting in May. It would help the Clerk if existing Chairs and Vice-Chairs could let her know if they were prepared to continue in their role.</p>
<u>3/4 POLICE REPORT:</u>	<p>The monthly police report had been circulated.</p> <p>Community Speedwatch: Cllr Ford had nothing to report.</p> <p>SID: Cllr Ford had nothing to report.</p>
<u>3/5 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler had provided a written report. The Area Board had been held the evening before with presentations on the Children's Centre consultation and future funding projects in the community area by Highways. There was a demonstration of the raiser chair which was now up and running following the financial support from within the local area. This had helped dispel the myth that first responders were paid and could get equipment funded.</p> <p>A meeting had been held with parish members on how to improve relations between them and the Parish Steward scheme. Wiltshire Council's budget had been increased by 2.99%, and although funding had been reduced on friendship type clubs, this had been stopped by Cllr Wickham. He would attend the Planning Committee on 28th March as an observer only.</p>
<u>3/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SIGNED SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	Cllr Deck proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 16 th January and 20 th February as a true record, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour, no questions.
<u>3/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 th February were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.

<u>3/8 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £39,865.77 Instant Reserve account £70,024.47, Lloyds Business Account £481.50 and Fixed Term Deposit £60,000.</p> <p>b) Payments for approval, as listed, were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £130.18 less expenditure since last meeting; postage £72.71, consumables £1.04, batteries £9.74, materials £7.00, totalling £90.49, leaving cash in hand £39.69. It was suggested that a charger and rechargeable batteries were purchased for the speed device as each parish was responsible for providing its own batteries.</p>	
<u>3/9 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS (1 NORTH WARD, 1 SOUTH WARD):</u>	No applications had been received, although some interest had been expressed. The clerk would continue to publicise both vacancies.	AK
<u>3/10 SERVICE DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER:</u>	The report by Cllr Ann Hogg had been circulated which explained the process going forward. There would not be many answers until the transfer pack was received. A working group would be formed from Chairs and Vice-Chairs as well as any member who wished to take part. No decisions would be made by this council without proper debate and transparency in the community. Decisions would be publicised prior to any final agreement with Wiltshire Council.	AH CH
<u>3/11 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Deck reported from the meeting held on 6th March.</p> <p>Pedestrian access to railway station - Highways to cost and advise on type of signs required, the Parish Council to continue lobbying GWR for funding decision.</p> <p>Cinder path - elevated to priority list, Highways to consider a design and provide costs.</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing at Manor Court - Highways recommend provision of a sign to face inbound traffic at a cost of £410. Cllr Deck proposed the Parish Council contribute £50, seconded Cllr Eyles, all in favour.</p> <p>Avonleaze Road - metro count re-ordered, delay caused through changes of Wiltshire Council staff.</p> <p>Wilcot Road - Highways consider the speed cushion does not present a real danger and should remain where it is, issue closed.</p> <p>Maintenance programmes had been announced for the community area. It included footway improvements at Woodborough and North Newnton. Additionally, surface treatments in 2021/22 at Astley Close, Sunnyhill Lane, Salisbury Road and Swan Meadow; 2023/24 Prospect to Doghouse track and Raffin Lane. Cllr Eyles advised he had spoken with Highways again about the state of Sunnyhill Lane.</p>	
<u>3/12 CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:</u>	Cllr McGarry reported from the meeting attended on 25 th February. The majority of the meeting was to do administration of the committee. They were looking into doing new events, like a confetti battle, soap box derby etc. There were major problems on being allowed to connect the lights to the supply. He would attend the AGM on 25 th March.	
<u>3/13 PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP:</u>	Cllr Ann Hogg was not present to report.	
<u>3/14 DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN:</u>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised that she and Cllr Smith had met to agree the content of the presentation and table for the Community Morning. Cllr Haskell had arranged the poster competition with the primary school, with three designs picked from each key stage group that would then be judged by the public on the day. The winning designs would then be turned into posters and signs and erected around the parish. Cllr Smith had made contact with the Wiltshire Council dog warden, the Dogs Trust and the local vets. Woottons and	KP DS

	Comfy Critters supported the campaign and were willing to provide free dog bags to the community. There would also be a media campaign. Cllr McGarry was keen to see a positive aspect of the campaign, such as the promotion of dog walking areas rather than just targeting irresponsible dog owners. Cllr Mrs Hunt said the disposal of dog mess should be addressed, not just picking up.	
<u>3/15 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Haskell advised that the next working group meeting would take place on 2 nd April, although neither he or Cllr Ann Hogg could attend. The current working party committee would pull back once enough volunteers from the community came forward. The housing needs survey would be delivered to each house and take place between 9 th April and 20 th May. The survey would also be available online. Wiltshire Council officers would promote the survey at the Vale on 4 th April and again offer help with completion on 17 th April and 11 th May. An inaugural “signing up” meeting would take place on 16 th May, 7pm in the Bouverie Hall.	
<u>3/16 COMMUNITY MORNING:</u>	The Clerk reported that preparations were finalised with some 14 organisations now attending which was the most there had ever been. She would welcome members to help on the day from 9am.	
<u>3/17 VILLAGE RANGER:</u>	The Clerk reported that during the previous month, some of the outstanding tasks had been completed, particularly the inspection of guttering on the council’s properties and the installation of the new seat at Way’s Way. Cllr Eyles and the Clerk were able to get confirmation from Highways that the Village Ranger was permitted to undertake sensible works on the highway, such as litter, leaf and snow clearance and minor tree works to make safe.	
<u>3/18 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	None.	
<u>3/19 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Carder had attended the Angela Yeates Memorial Ground Committee meeting and was impressed with the way the grounds were being used as it had been envisaged in the beginning. An outdoor sports centre to compliment the nearby indoor centre. Lots of people had put in their own money as there had been no support from the RFU. An application to Sport England would be supported by the Parish Council. Discussions were also taking place on trying to get electricity from the bio-digester. 2. CPRE - consideration for entry into the Best Kept Village Competition. Cllr Eyles would consider this for discussion at the next Environment Committee meeting, although it was thought that Pewsey was too large to apply. 3. Pewsey Primary School - letter of thanks for being hosted at a recent council meeting. 4. Pewsey Scouts - concern about a dangerous fence area at the Scout Hut site although it was not clear whether a contribution was being requested. Cllr Haskell would speak further with the scout leaders. Cllr Deck suggested that the donation from the Scouts for the BMX site could be returned. 5. WC - Licencing application for George Narrowboat, Pewsey Wharf. Applied for licence to sell alcohol off site from 11am-11.30pm, also late night refreshment from 11-11.30pm. Cllr Deck had clarified with the licencing authority that light refreshment meant light food and non-alcoholic drinks. The applicant held similar licences at Honeystreet and Devizes. Cllr Deck proposed no objection, seconded Cllr Eyles, 11 for, 2 abstentions. 	
<u>3/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The clerk advised she would be away from the office on Thursday and Friday and there were no meetings next week apart from the Community Morning on 23 rd March.	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm after thanking everyone for attending.

Signed..... Date.....