

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY
ON 13th AUGUST 2019 at 7.00pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Smith (Vice-Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Del Mar, Eyles, Ford, Giles, Hagan, McGarry and Stevens.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Wiltshire Police and members of the public.
<u>8/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Haskell and Morris.
<u>8/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.
<u>8/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>Cllr Smith read the Chairman's report. On 11th July Cllr Haskell and other members had attended the Pewsey Vale Tourism launch of the Vale film which was extremely good, he had also attended the Pewsey Vale School Talent event that day. A further Service Devolution and Asset Transfer meeting had been held on 16th July, with PCAP attended on 18th July. He had held two brief meetings with the Headteacher of Pewsey Vale School, who, on behalf of the Governors had requested information on the Wheeled Sports proposal. Plans have been presented and a Governors meeting would be attended in September.</p> <p>Cllr Eyles spoke about the meeting held at Meadow Court on 26th July which he had attended with Cllr Haskell. Wiltshire Council were consulting on changes to the funding of 24-hour on site care which would mean the removal to a call centre system. A Cabinet decision would be expected on 8th October. Cllr Eyles main concern was over fire safety as there would be no-one on site overnight. Cllr Kunkler advised that adult care was required to make £16m in savings in this financial year. Many residents were funded privately, however, others do not. He understood the concern about the proposed withdrawal of the warden and he would argue the case for being in a rural area. The Clerk would write to Cllr Mayes expressing concern about fire safety and that the live in warden should be maintained. Cllr Kunkler would like to see support at the Cabinet meeting. Cllr Hagan, who lived at Meadow Court, had expressed his concerns for some years about fire precaution and safety and felt that many residents would not find it easy to get out of the building in the event of a fire. He asked for the Parish Council to note his concerns. Cllr Stevens commented that the Pewsey brigade was not always on call.</p>
<u>8/4 POLICE REPORT:</u>	<p>The monthly police report had been circulated to all members. There were changes in the local team with Sgt. Foster now acting Inspector.</p> <p>Community Speedwatch/SID: Cllr Ford reported the device was in Pewsey this week with the team trying to be as active as possible. He had been asked to revisit the cost of a Speed Indicator Device and had circulated one quotation. He had also looked at the Wiltshire Council guidance on SIDs which stated they could only be in any one location for two weeks, no return for a month and a roadside licence was required to move it around. The existing one was too large to move around. He felt that each village entrance had a natural slow down point, with the main danger area being the going out on the Burbage road, especially at the Dursden Lane and Kepnal junctions. Cllr Eyles believed that Community Speedwatch was the best approach rather than the speed indicator devices. Cllr Ford advised there would be additional costs to relocate the device.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Stevens proposed to take the request to CATG for a location assessment, 7 for, 7 against, the Vice-Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Kunkler advised there were limited funds and would not be considered a high priority.</p>	
<u>8/5 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler did not have much to report, with the next Area Board meeting taking place at Woodborough on 2nd September. The ambulance service had been invited to attend with concerns to be raised about response times. An idea had always been mooted to site an ambulance at the fire/police station as Pewsey was sited between Swindon and Salisbury. Cllr Ford advised that he could ask for statistics from the first responders. Campus continued to thrive with the current membership at about 800 and the children currently enjoying free swimming.</p> <p>He reported he had kept the Leisure portfolio for the 11th year and may also have libraries added. Dursden Lane was in the top five priorities for the county and would attempt to complete the repair in September, although this may require a road closure. The works by the landowner had not resolved the drainage problem, however, it was noted that the tanker response times were very quick in an attempt to stop the distress caused to the resident most affected. Cllr Deck mentioned that a planning application had been received, not yet considered, for dwellings along Old Hospital Road. He wished to seek a S.106 contribution, particularly as there would not be any affordable housing as the numbers were below the level set by government. He felt it deserved a similar contribution to other similar developments in the village and could be considered for the senior football club project. Cllr Kunkler would speak with the planning officer, supported by the Parish Council.</p>	
<u>8/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SIGNED SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	<p>Cllr Deck proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd July as a true record, seconded Cllr Eyles, all in favour, no questions.</p> <p>Cllr Eyles proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 5th June as a true record, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour, no questions.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Finance and Strategic Management Committee held on 1st May as a true record, seconded Cllr Deck, all in favour, no questions.</p>	
<u>8/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	<p>All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July were signed as a true record, by the Vice-Chairman.</p>	
<u>8/8 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £26,552.24 Instant Reserve account £70,200.76 and Lloyds Business Account £60,929.00.</p> <p>b) Payments for approval, as listed, were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Saunders, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £282.47, less expenditure since last meeting; consumables £1.56, Chairman's Allowance £16.50, postage £1.06, batteries £4.29; totalling £23.41, leaving cash in hand £259.06</p>	
<u>8/9 SERVICE DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER:</u>	<p>Cllr Smith read out Cllr Haskell's report. A very constructive and informative meeting had been held on 23rd July with Idverde to understand the practicalities of the contract being operated with Wiltshire Council. A verbal agreement was obtained that the Parish Council's own contract with Idverde would be extended for two months in 2020 in order to bring it in line with the novated contract with Wiltshire Council. Detailed information would be made available in order to agree a "scope of works" as soon after 1st October as possible. Three levels of service would be offered by</p>	

	<p>Idverde. It had also been agreed that all four Parish Council owned play areas would be inspected free of charge by Idverde from now until 31st May 2020. A further meeting with Wiltshire Council would take place on 22nd August.</p> <p>The Parish Council was required to appoint a solicitor to act on its behalf. Three quotations had been sought but only two received with large differences in cost. Awdry Bailey Douglas (also acting for Devizes Town Council) was in the region of £6,000-£8,000 and Forrester Sylvester Mackett (also acting for Chippenham Town Council) had quoted £1,900. Both quotes would be plus fees and disbursements. Cllr Ann Hogg had spoken with both firms to get assurance of what work was required. Chippenham Town Council were also asked to supply a reference, which was provided favourably. Costs would be monitored closely as there would likely be complications during the legal process.</p> <p>Cllr Ann Hogg proposed to appoint Forrester Sylvester Mackett as the Parish Council's representative in the legal matters for Service Devolution and Asset Transfer, at a fee of £1900 plus fees and disbursements, seconded Cllr Ford, 12 for, 2 abstentions.</p>	
<u>8/10 PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP:</u>	Cllr Deck reported from a meeting attended on 18 th July. The main discussion had been on the Good Verge Guide which had been circulated to all members. Details of the new Cabinet at Wiltshire Council had also been provided.	
<u>8/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Ann Hogg advised there had not been a meeting this month. Work was ongoing with the website and branding.	
<u>8/12 DCLG COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:</u>	<p>Cllr Smith advised that Wiltshire Council had approached all parishes to see if they wished to consider their governance arrangements. Parishes could consider the number of members, should Pewsey retain 21, decrease or increase although it was generally based on populus. Warding was another consideration, should Pewsey retain, decrease or increase its wards. The final consideration would be the Parish boundary. Wilcot and Oare with Huish Parish Council had approached the Clerk over the issue of Sunnyhill Lane as part was in Oare and part was in Pewsey. There was another anomaly at Sharcott which could be discussed with Manningford.</p> <p>Guidance notes had been provided from DCLG, with a deadline for responses to Wiltshire Council of October which would mean recommendations would have to be made at September Full Council. Cllr Giles commented that the council had been in a format with no problems for the last forty years, so saw no reason to change it. Cllr Smith proposed to set up a working group, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, 7 for, 7 against, the Vice-Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of the proposal.</p> <p>The working group would consist of Cllrs Ann Hogg, Mrs Saunders, Cllrs Carder and Haskell.</p>	
<u>8/13 CLIMATE EMERGENCY:</u>	<p>Following on the discussion at the recent Environment Committee, Cllr Stevens felt the council should take time to consider this important issue. He suggested every member bring back one idea to the next Full Council, which would then be used to work towards the main presentation at next year's Annual Parish Meeting. The schools should be involved, and the public should be asked for their input. Cllr Smith advised that 29 local councils had already declared a climate emergency and would be part of the 2020 NALC conference.</p>	
<u>8/14 PHOTOCOPIER UPGRADE:</u>	The Clerk had obtained two quotations for a new photocopier lease as the current one expired at the end of September. The existing company quoted for £160 per quarter, plus toners and service charges, the other quotation was for £150 per quarter plus service	

	charges but inclusive of toners. Cllr Eyles proposed acceptance of the quotation from Advanced Imaging Systems, seconded Cllr Deck, all in favour	
<u>8/15 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	<p>A member of the public commented on the Community Meeting to be held on 5th September, suggesting that the different service levels offered by the current contractor be given as an illustration to the public as to what could be expected. Cllr Ann Hogg agreed that the Parish Council wanted to show its current provision, the service offered by the contractors and what could be offered together in the future. Detailed costings would likely not be available, but an estimate hoped to be given.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired about possible short-term disruption and panic buying that may occur post-Brexit. Cllr Smith advised that no information had been received from Wiltshire Council on Brexit planning, despite funds being given to principal authorities by the Government to appoint a Brexit planner. He would speak with local shops in due course.</p> <p>A member of the public was interested in the climate change discussion as litter, particularly around Carnival events was a concern. Volunteers had cleared a lot of plastic waste from the river and other areas.</p>	DS
<u>8/16 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heritage Centre - letter of thanks for annual donation. 2. Cigarette Disposal Units - further information had been obtained following the discussion at the recent Environment Committee. Sites most affected around the village had been identified. Cllr Del Mar stated that if a bin was nearby these sites and not used, then neither would any additional provision. The council would be better placed to provide education and information. 	
<u>8/17 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The Clerk reminded members that the river clearance would take place on 18 th August at 10am.	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm after thanking everyone for attending.

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