

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 8th October 2015
7pm at Memorial Hall, Great Bedwyn

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Dawn Wilson	WfCAP, PCAP Chair Wilcot & Huish (With Oare) Parish Council
Patrick Wilson	Pewsey and District Chamber of Commerce PCAP Vice-Chair
Cllr Peter Deck	Pewsey Parish Council PCAP Sub Group Lead - Planning and Crime & Community Safety
Cllr Colin Gale	Rushall Parish Council, CATG Chair PCAP Sub Group Lead - Transport
Rose Somerset	North Wessex Downs AONB
Karen Brown	Pewsey Community Youth Officer, Wiltshire Council
Cllr Stephen Hepworth	Alton Parish Council
Cllr Paul Oatway	Pewsey Area Board, Wiltshire Council
Cllr Jenny Clack	Great Bedwyn Parish Council
Cllr Annie Whitcher	Grafton Parish Council
Ros Griffiths	Community Engagement Manager, Wiltshire Council
Susie Brew	PCAP Coordinator

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the PCAP Annual Meeting of Thursday 25th June 2015 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Patrick Wilson) and signed off.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Mike Franklin	Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service
Nicola Gilbert	PCAP Sub Group Lead - Education & Life-long Learning
Iona Hassan	Pewsey Environmental Action Team (PEAT)
Carolyn Whistler	North Newton Parish Council PCAP Committee
Peter Bell	Marden Parish Council
Hew Helps	Easton Royal Resident
Sgt Clare Wallace	Wiltshire Police
Cllr Curly Haskell	Pewsey Parish Council
Pauline Archer	Easton Royal Parish Council

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Crime & Community Safety & Police Report

In Clair's absence, the Police Report was shared among the meeting participants. The high number of burglaries in and around the Pewsey and Marlborough areas was highlighted.

Steve Hepworth thanked the Pewsey Neighbourhood Police Team for their assistance in the recent Speedwatch exercise that was carried out in Alton parish.

Peter Deck drew attention to the next Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety meeting which is on Wednesday 28th October at 2.30pm and, due to the high amount of interest in this meeting, will be taking place at the Bouverie Hall in Pewsey (rather than the usual venue of the Parish Office).

The reason for interest is that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable will be at the meeting to discuss two issues:

- Lack of Police presence - the level of staffing is so low now that due to one person being sick and another being on training, there was no Police presence in Pewsey on one day in the last few weeks.
- The move of the Police station in Pewsey - this is a lesser issue but should be discussed whilst the PCC and CC are with us.

6. Finance & Funding Strategy

Patrick Wilson presented the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Report for the end of September.

There are several specific projects where grants have been obtained - for example Spice, some Tourism work, Dementia Memory Cafe. However it has been difficult to find grant funding for the general running costs, for example the Parish Issues Report, Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety meetings, organising meetings, communications, Pewsey Community Area projects (including Great Stones Way, Army Basing, Canal Forum, Neighbourhood Planning, Pewsey Pylons, Pewsey-Devizes Buses, Flooding, Train Services Lobbying). An email had recently gone to all Parish Councils in the Pewsey Community Area requesting a pledge to provide funds to help cover the running costs of PCAP, which are minimal.

Dawn Wilson confirmed that there is a running costs grant available from Wiltshire Community Foundation but for some inexplicable reason, Community Area Partnerships had been excluded from being eligible. Dawn asked Paul Oatway if he could find out why CAP's are excluded so that progress could be made.

Susie Brew confirmed that there were one or two parishes which had declined to provide funding towards PCAP but all the others that had so far responded had pledged support ranging from £100 to £200. Patrick Wilson confirmed that every little helped and so a pledge of even £50 would be very much appreciated.

Dawn Wilson also confirmed that PCAP is looking for free hall hire for the quarterly meetings to make funds go as far as possible. If any parishes would like to offer their hall for PCAP meetings, please contact Susie Brew - pcap@hotmail.co.uk.

Patrick Wilson said there was also a possibility to get sponsorship/funding from commercial organisations.

7. The Story of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Rose Somerset

Rose Somerset is the Communications Manager at the NWD AONB. A new presentation on the AONB has been constructed which focuses on how the characteristics of the AONB came about. The presentation is still being developed, so any and all feedback to Rose would be greatly appreciated.

Some of the points from the presentation include:

Alton, Beechingstoke, Burbage, Buttermere, Charlton and Wilsford, Chirton & Conock, Easton, Grafton, Great Bedwyn, Ham, Little Bedwyn, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Shalbourne, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot and Huish (with Oare), Woodborough, Wootton Rivers

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- 125k people live in the NWD AONB, 1.25 million people live within 20 minutes from the NWD AONB which gives great potential for the visitor economy and tourism.
- Leader funding will be available from the end of October.
- Resources on the NWD website include an [adventure cycle map](#) and [wildlife map and toolkit](#) - www.northwessexdowns.org.uk.
- Everyone in the NWD AONB is encouraged to do the Landscape Ambassador Training - <http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/Learn/landscape-ambassador-training.html>, but in particular anyone who works with the tourism industry.
- The AONB has also produced a film of the area - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjtNri8890o> - and the url can be included on parish or other websites.
- The Stepping Stones project to join up AONB's across the country is now coming to an end.

8. Parish Issues Review

Not many Parish Councils submitted a return and those that did appeared to have issues under control or have no issues.

Concerns had been raised about Steve Matthews' replacement and the proposed closure of the Everleigh Recycling facility.

9. Community Area Plan

a. Crime & Community Safety

See above.

b. Health & Social Care - Dee Nix

Dawn Wilson confirmed that Dee Nix has been working with the Ambulance Service to try and reduce the time taken for ambulances to get to villages, which are currently over 2 hours in some cases.

c. Economy - Patrick Wilson

Patrick Wilson confirmed that the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership (PVTP) is gathering pace and we now have 10 or so confirmed, invoiced partners and about a further 10 or so in the pipeline. The Steering Group continues to recruit visitor economy related businesses to join the PVTP.

d. Transport - Colin Gale

Highways

Colin reported that since Steve Matthews left there has been no progress. The regular meetings that were taking place with Adrian Hampton and Steve Matthews had not yet been reinstated. The Balfour Beatty contract is ending early. The Community days have ceased. The Parish Steward visits have not taken place. The budgets have been reduced and no longer include costs for grass cutting.

Paul Oatway confirmed that Adrian Hampton had sent an email to Parish Councils with the plans. Stewards will be in place next year but currently there are no details as to how it will work. David Arnott is the Parish Coordinator and he is in lace and at Oare today. The feedback has been positive. Parish Councils will have to do more. Requests to Kristian Price are generally fulfilled.

Colin reported that, although there may be small areas of progress, gullies that had been tarmacked over 18 months ago were still not rectified and white-lining work between Devizes and Rushall had still not been completed.

Trains

Pewsey has a new replacement footbridge underway and bike rack.

Bedwyn has been confirmed as having a shuttle service to Newbury. Slippage in the electrification work means that it is likely the shuttle will only be in place for a minimal amount of time.

Buses

The new pilot timetable started on 17th August. It has had some teething problems which are being ironed out and will be discussed in a meeting with the PTU on 12th October. Great Western Railways are keen to help market the new services that meet the trains running out of Pewsey. Dawn Wilson confirmed that PCAP is now a member of TransWilts which means that we can utilise their expertise in marketing the opportunities the new timetable presents, in particular the linking of bus and rail services.

The DCAP/PCAP team met with Claire Perry last week to discuss the teething problems, in particular reliability of the old buses, and Claire will find out whether newer vehicles could be sourced.

Horace Prickett, Portfolio Holder for Transport at Wiltshire Council, is very engaged and attended the meeting with Claire Perry and will be at the meeting on the 12th.

e. Planning - Peter Deck

Pewsey NDP passed the referendum and is now waiting for Wiltshire Council adoption in October or November.

Wootton Rivers and Burbage are continuing with their NDP's.

Honey Street, in the parish of Alton, is currently doing a Neighbourhood Development Order. Steve Hepworth confirmed that the first meeting with developers will be on 4th November. Patrick Wilson thought this would be a useful learning experience that should be shared with other Parish Councils as there are not many that have been done in the country and it is the first one in Wiltshire. For smaller development plans, orders are a much more sensible route than a full plan. Peter Deck offered Pewsey Parish Council help if Alton Parish Council needed it.

f. Education & Lifelong Learning - Nicola Gilbert

Youth Services - Karen Young

PCAP met some time ago with Learning in Wiltshire (Wiltshire Council) to discuss the use of Spice Time Credits as spend opportunities. Although it was understood that Learning in Wiltshire were keen to do this, recent communications have not been responded to. Ros Griffiths said that she will find out the current contacts and pass the information to Susie.

Youth activities continue and there are full schedules of activities for the youth in the Pewsey Community Area, in Great Bedwyn, Grafton, Upavon and Pewsey parishes.

g. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

Dawn Wilson provided an update on the beekeeping project at St Francis School in Pewsey. The trained team is in place and the bees arrive next spring. They will be used for breeding rather than honey production in order to populate further hives.

There has been a recent consultation on fracking at sites around Wiltshire which was sent out Parish Councils last week. PEAT has also been working on wildflower verges and Jones's Mill nature reserve. The full update from Carolyn Whistler will be circulated with the minutes.

h. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant

Dawn confirmed that the Road Art which took place during Pewsey Carnival was a great success and the plan is to run it as an annual event as it fits in well with the lights switch on and the four-legged race evening. Many more people, in particular children were there this year. Funding will need to be found and there are a number of options.

i. Vice-Chair Management Group - Patrick Wilson

The Management Group scrutinises what PCAP is doing and looks at the strategy and ethical issues for PCAP. It needs a couple more people to be involved - it could be anyone from any of the parishes and doesn't necessarily have to be a parish councillor. Meetings take place a few times a year on an ad-hoc basis. The group currently consists of Patrick Wilson and Dawn Wilson.

Paul Oatway offered to join the Management Committee which was welcomed.

j. Treasurer's Report - Acting Treasurer, Patrick Wilson

The financial statements are available with the minutes.

k. WfCAP (Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnerships) Report - Dawn Wilson

The latest newsletter is available on the Pewsey Community Matters website - <http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/latest-wfcap-newsletter-is-out-now/>.

The newsletter contains information on Dawn's work, as she is now the only officer at WfCAP. WfCAP is now a charity and has 3 trustees.

Over the last month or so, Dawn has attended 21 meetings in total for both WfCAP and PCAP. PCAP benefits greatly from the hard work put in by Dawn.

Peter Deck asked whether CAP's in Wiltshire were diminishing, given that they now receive no funding from Wiltshire Council. Dawn confirmed that generally they are continuing in some shape or form, some having received grants from their Town Council or becoming part of the Town Hubs. None has disappeared at this point in time.

10. Area Board & Council News - Paul Oatway

Campus

Paul is confident this will move forward.

Balfour Beatty contract

Paul confirmed the operations are being taken back in-house and there have been lessons to learn from this.

Everleigh Recycling Centre

Neither Pewsey Area Board nor Tidworth Area Board had been consulted about the potential closure of Everleigh. The cabinet papers had been leaked and so the agenda item was pulled.

Paul confirmed that the decision to discuss this closure was flawed:

You cannot assess the new opening hours and performance on such a short timescale;

The calculation of usage is not based on the population that uses it, so more rural facilities are bound to be at the bottom of the usage list.

There was consensus that the proposal for closure had not been handled correctly and that the Area Boards had been undermined.

11. Items for Next Agenda

None raised.

The meeting ended at 9pm.

The next meeting - Thursday 7th January 2016 7pm - venue to be confirmed

Future dates and venues are available on the website - www.pewseycap.org.uk/events

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Signed _____ Date _____

Dawn Wilson, Chair PCAP

Future meetings:

7th January 2016

21st April 2016

14th July 2016

20th October 2016