

PEWSEY AREA CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (PACCS) Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2015

Present:

Cllr Peter Deck (Chairman)	Pewsey Parish Council & PCAP
Susie Brew (Secretary)	PCAP Coordinator
Steve Hepworth	Alton Parish Council
Ed Paice	Charlton & Wilsford Parish Council
Cedric Hollinsworth	Easton Parish Council
Bernard Gaskin	Manningford Parish Council
Peter Bell	Marden Parish Council
Carolyn Whistler	North Newnton Parish Council & PCAP
Peter Small	Patney Parish Council
Alex Carder	Pewsey Parish Council
Howard Reed	Pewsey Parish Council
Liz Stevens	Pewsey Parish Council
Phil Stevens	Pewsey Parish Council
Terry Eyles	Pewsey Parish Council
Curly Haskell	Pewsey Parish Council & Pewsey COB
Caroline Baynes	Pewsey Parish Council & Pewsey COB
Dawn Wilson	Wilcot & Huish (with Oare) Parish Council, WfCAP & PCAP Chair
Jerry Kunkler	Wiltshire Council
Ros Griffiths	CEM Wiltshire Council
Angus Macpherson	Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Apologies:

Rowena Lansdown	Wiltshire Council Public Protection
Jason Underwood	Wiltshire FRS
Neill Rattigan	Wiltshire FRS
Sgt Clare Wallace & the Pewsey NPT	Wiltshire Police
Anna Parkin	Grafton Parish Council
Chief Constable Mike Veale	Wiltshire Police
Karen Brown	Community Youth Officer

1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made and apologies received.

2. Matters arising and approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th June 2015 were approved.

The gates of the Tennis Club courts in Pewsey are now being locked due to the anti-social behaviour that has been experienced over the last months. It was against the Tennis Club's wishes but they had to protect against the damage that was being done.

Pewsey Parish Council gave permission to the young people who wanted to build a BMX track and jumps in the Grove. Some of the jumps turned out to present health and safety issues, so a temporary fence has been erected, but a permanent one will be installed and will enable compliance with the insurance company's requirements. The Grove will be back in use as soon as is possible.

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3. Neighbourhood Policing - discussion with Angus Macpherson, Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Peter Deck thanked the Commissioner for coming to the meeting to discuss concerns about neighbourhood policing in the Pewsey Community Area. Peter set out the two main areas of concern for the discussions:

- Reduction in staffing levels from 2 PC's and 2 PCSO's to 2 PC's (one part-time) and 1 PCSO, which means a 25% cut for the entire area.
- The location or relocation of the Pewsey Police Station to the proposed campus

The Commissioner explained that the Police forces across the country are having to find large savings due to reduced budgets from central government. Wiltshire has always been proactive in introducing technology and new ways of working to reduce costs so there isn't much fat left to remove. This means that they will need to be innovative, through new methods of working and introduction of more technology.

In particular, there will be an emphasis on the ownership of a crime so that the NPT's will be involved throughout and the individual doesn't get passed from pillar to post. Centralised services, such as HR, communications, finance, will be fulfilled as a central function shared by a number of counties.

There is a need to protect what is good and local by enabling the NPT's to be more productive. This will include removing the need for staff to go back to the office by providing them with mobile technology - for some officers this can be used up to 3 hours of their working day and is non-productive time.

Mr Macpherson confirmed that the roll out of this technology is not complete, so manual recording of information (e.g. statements) may well still be in place currently.

The role of Specials in the force is important and Mr Macpherson supports their recruitment, but recognised that there are failings in the process, which he is looking to address (retention, recruitment of women and ethnic minorities).

The 2% increase in the precept for the Police earlier in 2015, which was supported by the Pewsey Parish Councils and Area Board, does not seem to have resulted in protection of the frontline. Mr Macpherson confirmed that the cuts experienced in the Pewsey Community Area are planned transition reduction and that there have been no additional cuts.

A request for PCSO's to have additional powers for the Speedwatch sessions so that they can stop drivers there and then, rather than a communication being sent to the individual which has less impact. Operation Harness earlier this year was a great success and it would be good if the results were shared with the parishes.

Mr Macpherson shared his vision of how the Police Service will work across the county in the future, without the need for specific dedicated buildings. The only requirement will be for space to be available where an officer can sit and use their laptop, charge their technology, meet with the public - this could be in a library, campus, village hall, fire station - but certainly does not require a dedicated resource. This is true for many of the county-wide services, so already Wiltshire Council staff can be found working in the Ludgershall Police Station, for example.

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Video calls will be used much more widely in the future, meaning that individuals won't need to go into a Police Station and the police won't need to travel long distances.

Mr Macpherson confirmed that restorative justice is important and that the quality of the programme in Wiltshire is excellent, but the volume of cases is too low. There is a long way to go on this.

Cybercrime in Wiltshire is dealt with on a regional basis, as is child exploitation and slavery.

The new Community Messaging system was praised and there is still a need to get more people signed up to the automatic messages.

Suggestions for Mr Macpherson:

- Consider additional powers for PCSO's on Speedwatch duty.
- Review technology infrastructure constraints in rural areas such as the Pewsey Community Area and the impact on planned technology use.
- Investigate the possibility of introducing the more radical technology ideas (e.g. video calls) in conjunction with local people, particularly the elderly/vulnerable (champion-type programme).
- Change Speedwatch training so that there are several options for dates which are closer together - currently the dates are set so far apart that if you can't make one date, it is months before you can get the training.

4. Neighbourhood Police Teams

The NPT's declined to attend this meeting, due to the discussion taking place with the Police & Crime Commissioner. The meeting agreed that it is necessary for the team to attend and regretted their absence.

Only a Pewsey East report had been received - Susie will circulate the full report with the minutes.

4.1 Pewsey West

4.1.1 Previous Priorities

Speeding in Rushall

There have been a number of complaints - mainly due to the roadworks taking place there.

Non-dwelling burglaries

Although these have fallen in the last month, there are still things that could be done, such as providing advice to prevent the crimes.

4.1.2 New Priorities

It was proposed and agreed that the priorities remain the same for the coming quarter.

4.2 Pewsey East

4.2.1 Previous Priorities

Non-dwelling burglaries

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Beauty Spot Thefts

People are still leaving property in their vehicles and so they get broken in to. Even leaving things in the boot of a car is not safe nowadays. This is a perennial problem in the area, in particular around Crofton.

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5. Local Issues

5.1 ASB at the Co-op Car Park

No update.

5.2 Youth Issues

Pewsey BMX course is in progress.

Great Bedwyn, Upavon and Grafton have active Youth Groups and there are funds available for activities which are being implemented.

5.3 Traffic Matters

Terry Eyles confirmed that there are still issues with noisy vehicles in the Broadfields area. Jerry Kunkler confirmed that a registration had been noted.

5.4 Community Parishes' Involvement

The Parish Issues Report didn't highlight any new Crime & Community Safety issues.

5.5 Next Canal Meeting

The Canal Meeting is on Wednesday 4th November at 5.30pm at Wilcot Village Hall.

6. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

There was no update from the Wiltshire FRS.

AOB

No AOB was raised.

7. Next Meeting

The Parish Office, Pewsey - Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 2.30pm

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