

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 7th April 2016
7pm at Stanton St Bernard Village Hall

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 PCAP Sub Group Lead - Economy & Management Group
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
Cllr Carolyn Whistler	North Newnton Parish Council PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment
Cllr Paul Oatway	Pewsey Area Board, Wiltshire Council
Cllr Mac McLean	North Newnton Parish Council
Cllr Gerry Ward	Upavon Parish Council
Cllr John Brewin	Woodborough Parish Council
Cllr Paul Mills	Chirton Parish Council
Cllr Claire James	Chirton Parish Council
Cllr David Butler	Wootton Rivers Parish Council
Cllr Margaret Holden	Easton Royal Parish Council
Cllr Ann Hogg	Pewsey Parish Council
PC Teresa Herbert	Wiltshire Police
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 8th October 2015 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Patrick Wilson) and signed off. Dawn Wilson reminded everyone that the January PCAP meeting was used for the Emergency Planning event, which is why the minutes are from a long time ago.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Paul Cowan	Upavon Parish Council
Annie Whitcher	Grafton Parish Council
Hew Helps	Easton Royal
Nicola Gilbert	Pewsey Primary School PCAP Sub Group Lead - Education
Stephen Hepworth	Alton Parish Council
Curly Haskell	Pewsey Parish Council
Robin Buchanon-Dunlop	Ham Parish Council

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Crime & Community Safety & Police Report

Peter Deck provided an update on the latest Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety (PACCS) meetings. The meeting in October was with the Police & Crime Commissioner, Angus Mcpherson. The two main issues were staffing levels in the community area and the future of the Pewsey Police Station. Neither issue was resolved at this meeting, but there was a discussion about the new model for community policing.

As a result, Inspector Nick Mawson attended the February meeting with a number of colleagues and 'users' of the new model where it has been piloted, including the Mayor of Bradford on Avon and the Community Coordinator. They provided a more in-depth view of how the new model works 'on the ground'. The overall view was that it was good for police staff and good for the communities, providing a 24 x 7 coverage for the community area that a neighbourhood police team just can't provide.

Concerns were raised about the potential location of the start of day briefing meeting which may take place in Devizes and therefore incur additional mileage and time away from the beat, but details of this aren't yet known and more information will be available later in the summer.

More information on the PACCS meeting can be found at www.pewseycap.org.uk/paccs-minutes-17-02-2016/.

Paul Oatway supported the new model and confirmed that the new technology that will be available to the officers will lead to better efficiency and effectiveness, enabling more time rather than less to be spent in the community.

Teresa Herbert went through the two Neighbourhood Police Reports (East and West).

The main issues in the east are burglaries and rogue trading where the vulnerable and elderly are being targeted.

In the west, there has been an indecent exposure incident which has been quick to resolve thanks to the installation of CCTV in a number of places.

Teresa thanked the Parishes for their continued and committed support to the Community Speedwatch scheme.

CCTV in Great Bedwyn in The Knapp is now agreed as a fixed camera taking still images.

Teresa did a session at Burbage with an elderly group focussing on cold calling, rogue traders, distraction burglaries and action fraud offences concerning telephone scams so that they knew how they happened and what to do if they did take place. This now can be rolled out to other similar groups - more information will follow from PCAP on how to book a session.

6. Neighbourhood Planning Update from the NWD AONB

This is deferred to the next meeting.

7. Finance & Funding Strategy

Patrick Wilson confirmed that the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Report for the end of March is being finalised and will be reviewed at the next meeting in July. It is intended that these accounts will be independently verified and this process is being finalised at the moment.

Patrick confirmed that there had been a reasonable response after the appeal from PCAP to the Parish Councils for funding. However, about half of the funding pledged by Parish Councils hasn't yet been received. This may be just because of the infrequency of Parish Council meetings, but Patrick asked Parish Councils to check that the funds they pledged have actually been sent.

Patrick also confirmed that much of the funding is project based and therefore ring-fenced for specific project work and therefore not available for running costs, such as Coordinator costs, IT costs, insurance, and so on. He confirmed there is potential for commercial sponsors and that if PCAP is going to obtain funds from Parish Councils, then it is necessary for it to demonstrate its value. Patrick also confirmed that there had been strong letters of support, particularly for the collaboration and liaison aspects of PCAP.

John Brewin suggested that the key time to approach Parish Councils for funding would be November/December time when the precepts are being discussed and important decisions are being made.

Dawn confirmed that PCAP is always checking for core cost funding but it is rare that it is available. Funding has been achieved through trusts, grants and crowdfunding for specific projects such as the Memory Café, Spice Time Credits and the Bus Services work. It is planned to approach the larger companies in the area to see if they will match the funding pledged by the Parish Councils.

Ros confirmed that there will be £6.5k of devolved funding for the Area Board in the new financial year and that the underspend on the Youth Activities' Adrenalin Alley trip will be held back to assist in the work for the wheeled sports area at the Health & Wellbeing Centre.

8. Parish Issues Review & Results of the Planning Survey

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

Susie asked whether we should look at a new approach for gathering issues from Parish Councils but the overall response was that this should continue.

The online Planning Survey was initiated through issues experienced by Wilcot & Huish (with Oare) Parish Council and the results demonstrate that there is inconsistency in the service received and that the Parish Councils' submissions are often ignored with conditions that were requested not being put in place.

Paul Oatway suggested that once the Parish Council has made its observations, if they are then ignored, they should write to Mike Willmott at Wiltshire Council to find out why they weren't taken into account. The feeling was that the Planning Department are under-resourced and would have little bandwidth for dealing with this.

It was agreed that PCAP should invite Mike Willmott to a future PCAP meeting to discuss the inconsistencies and explain how decisions are made.

Claire James was keen to understand more about Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) and Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDO). An NDO is normally site specific and usually for developments of up to 12 properties. AN NDP is fuller, requires extensive consultation and covers a wider geographic area. Both processes only allow a Parish Council to influence plans, not object to or block development.

Patrick Wilson confirmed that since 2010, planning law to control development changed from saying no to control to saying yes. This means that the liability on the authorities to refuse is enormous and if consent is flawed then neither the authorities nor parish councils could afford it.

The current status of parishes is understood to be:

Parish / Village	Neighbourhood Development Plan	Neighbourhood Development Order
Wootton Rivers	Yes - In progress	
Burbage	Yes - In progress	
Pewsey	Yes - Completed	
Great Bedwyn	Yes - In progress	
Woodborough		Yes - In progress
North Newton		Considering
Chirton	Yes - In progress	
Honey Street		Yes - In progress

Peter Deck offered his knowledge and experiences from the Pewsey NDP process to any Parish Council who would like some help - email peterdeck75@gmail.com.

9. Changes to the Community Youth Model

The announcement to further reduce the number of people providing the Youth Services at Wiltshire Council, within 2 years of a previous reduction, from 18 to 7 (plus 2 new posts) is very concerning. Dawn Wilson confirmed that we could not have done what we have achieved in the Pewsey Community Area without Karen and Jenni. They are already stretched to capacity so the assumption that they can absorb more responsibilities and workload is seriously flawed. Without the Youth Officers' support, the Pewsey Youth Group, Grafton Youth Activities and Bedwyn Youth Group would find it difficult to continue. Although the Youth Workers are now facilitators rather than 'doers' they still provide guidance as well as policies and procedures for the youth groups to operate under.

There has simultaneously also been an announcement by Councillor Jonathon Seed to say that Spice Time Credits will no longer be accepted by Wiltshire Council at their Leisure Centres from the end of June. WfCAP was in the process of obtaining grant funding to support the Time Credits project across the whole county as funding for support of the project had already been removed by Wiltshire Council.

WfCAP contacted Cllr Seed to ask how savings would be actually realised by this decision and to offer a middle road to perhaps restrict availability when Time Credits could be accepted (during off peak times/days). The response from Cllr Seed was a most definite 'no'. A case study from a teenager in Pewsey of how the scheme has benefitted her had no impact either.

This decision is purportedly going to save Wiltshire Council £50k per annum, although it is not clear from the response to PCAP's email how this is actually going to be achieved, as refusal to accept Time Credits will not mean fewer hours or staff for the Leisure Centres.

Spice Time Credits have been key to the success of youth activities in the Pewsey Community Area - young people have earned them for community projects such as apple-juicing to raise funds, litter picking and work on the BMX track, as well as an encouragement to attend planning meetings and get involved in the organisation of the youth groups.

The impact will also be severely felt at Pewsey Primary School, the Army Welfare Service and Children's Centres all of whom who use Time Credits to engage parents and get them involved. The schemes have

been run extremely creatively and successfully and so to remove the spend choice that is most used by these groups is very short-sighted.

It is therefore very likely that, without the ability for volunteers to spend their Time Credits at leisure centres, the Spice Time Credits project across the county will end. WfCAP's application for grant funding has been withdrawn as a result of this decision and in agreement with WfCAP's trustees.

PCAP is awaiting communication guidance from Spice before updating partners.

It was suggested that PCAP contacts Claire Perry to advise her.

10. Community Area Plan

a. Crime & Community Safety

See above.

b. Health & Social Care - Dee Nix

Dawn Wilson confirmed that PCAP had taken part in the Older People Workshop at the Bouverie Hall on 24th March. There was some valuable networking and mapping completed in this session with another session being planned later in the year. Ros confirmed this workshop was initiated by Age UK and that the two main priorities that came out of it were access to transport and access to information.

c. Economy - Patrick Wilson

Patrick Wilson confirmed that Dawn would be attending the Great West Way meeting with VisitWiltshire on 14th April.

The main activity continues to be the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership where there are approximately 28 partners signed up. Parish Councils were urged to encourage any local businesses to join the PVTP as the more members it has, the more it can do.

Benefits of membership include:

- Enhanced website listing;
- Leaflet delivery service;
- Networking events;
- Business Newsletter;
- Page on the Pewsey Vale on VisitWiltshire's website;
- Regular promotions, blogs and news;
- Regular social media activities.

More information is available on the business page on the Visit Pewsey Vale website - www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/business-information-partnership/ or email Susie at info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk.

Leaflets for local attractions and other useful information were available at the meeting.

d. Transport - Colin Gale

Buses

The two new timetables are now available - both online (www.pewseycap.org.uk/new-pewsey-devizes-pewsey-vale-bus-timetables/) and in hard copy (outlets that stock them are listed on the same webpage).

There was a successful launch of the service at Pewsey Station with Claire Perry who was there opening the new footbridge.

The timetable will be updated in August 2016 to reflect the change in operating hours by Pewsey School.

The partnership working between the Public Transport Unit at Wiltshire Council, the consultant and the community groups (DCAP and PCAP) worked well. PCAP was able to obtain grant funds for marketing that Wiltshire Council were unable to access.

Attention was drawn to the TransWilts campaign - 24/7 whose objective is to integrate public transport so it offers a complete service for users. PCAP is a formal partner of the TransWilts group.

Feedback from users is generally positive. Dawn updated that unfortunately the fleet of buses are continuously breaking down and so they have less distinctive hire vehicles in operation. This will obviously impact the cost of running the service as well as potentially the quality of the service.

e. Planning - Peter Deck

See item 8.

f. Education & Lifelong Learning - Nicola Gilbert

Youth Services - Dawn Wilson

See item 9.

g. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

Carolyn updated the meeting on the Pewsey Vale Trail walk, as well as the Sarsen Trail in May.

On the fracking front, things have gone quiet, but a watch on activity is being maintained.

There is no Pewsey Environmental Action Team (PEAT) update.

There has been a lot of concern raised by people across the Pewsey Vale on the proposed closure of Everleigh which is now confirmed as not being in the 2016 - 2017 financial year.

Clean for the Queen has been well supported with many parishes taking part.

The North Wessex Downs AONB held a forum in March and have launched a new website.

h. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant

No update.

i. Vice-Chair Management Group - Patrick Wilson

No update.

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

See item 7.

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

This is now being run on a voluntary basis and continues to support CAP's across the county. There are 14 CAP's that are active in Wiltshire.

11. Area Board & Council News - Paul Oatway

Everleigh Household Recycling Centre:

Following a meeting at the beginning of March, arranged by Curly Haskell of Pewsey Parish Council, a request had been made for Everleigh HRC to remain on the Pewsey Area Board agenda until PCAP requests it to be removed (i.e. once all issues have been resolved). Paul Oatway wanted this to change from 'on-going' to 'until matters outstanding are resolved'. Paul Oatway and Jerry Kunkler will continue to support the parishes' position on Everleigh.

Colin Gale confirmed that a Freedom of Information request has been submitted to Wiltshire Council to request details of the Hills contract. Paul Oatway confirmed that Toby Sturgis is awaiting the information from the officers and it is progressing.

Paul Oatway confirmed that the position is that Everleigh is not on the Wiltshire Council agenda until contract renewal in 2017 and that the focus should be on encouraging the communities to use the facility more.

12. Items for Next Agenda

None raised.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

The next meeting - Thursday 14th July 2016 7pm - Great Bedwyn

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

Contact: Susie Brew - PCAP Coordinator pcap@hotmail.co.uk

Signed _____ Date _____

Dawn Wilson, Chair PCAP

Future PCAP meetings:

14th July 2016 - Great Bedwyn

20th October 2016 - Marden