

PEWSEY AREA CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (PACCS)

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 22nd September 2016

Present:

Cllr Peter Deck (Chairman)	Pewsey Parish Council & PCAP
Susie Brew (Secretary)	PCAP Coordinator
Gerry Ward	Upavon Parish Council
Dawn Wilson	Wilcot & Huish (with Oare) Parish Council
Terry Eyles	Pewsey Parish Council
Jerry Kunkler	Pewsey Area Board
Sgt Christian Wells	Wiltshire Police
Ros Griffiths	Pewsey Area Board
Steve Hepworth	Alton Parish Council

Apologies:

PC Teresa Herbert	Wiltshire Police
Cedric Hollinsworth	Easton Parish Council

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 16th June 2016 were approved. The next Canal Meeting date hasn't been confirmed yet, Susie to check with Dee Nix.

3. Inclusion of PACCS into PCAP Meetings

Peter Deck confirmed that it was agreed with Inspector Nick Mawson that this PACCS meeting would cease and that it would instead form part of the regular, quarterly PCAP meetings. He said that in one form or another, the meeting had been taking place since 2000. The reason for the change is that the Police no longer have the resources to fulfil all requested representation. The PCAP meeting will therefore act as a liaison committee - the Police already attend this meeting, so it will reduce their commitments by 4 meetings a year. In addition, Pewsey Parish Council has reduced the need for representation to every other meeting, reducing the Police's commitment by a further 6 meetings per year. The Police will not have resource to attend all parish council meetings across the Community Area and so the Crime & Community Safety agenda item at PCAP meetings will be of great importance. It is vital therefore that the Police are committed to coming to the PCAP meetings. Susie to forward the 2017 dates to the Police team.

4. Burglaries in Pewsey

There has been a dramatic increase in burglaries in the village of Pewsey, amounting to 12 incidents in 20 days. Sgt Wells informed the meeting that this particular spate of burglaries is likely to be down to one individual and investigations are continuing. The meeting was concerned about what people and businesses can do to prevent burglaries. Sgt Wells said that they provide information to the victims to prevent it happening again and constantly look for opportunities to advise people on how to improve security. In some cases the advice is not taken up and burglaries reoccur.

The Police provide information through the Community Messaging System and via the press. PCAP will do an article in the Messenger to remind people on preventative actions which can then be shared via social media and sent to PC's for them to use in their newsletters and websites. Ros can

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place a copy on the Pewsey Community Matters website. Sgt Wells will send some data on preventable burglaries from local cases to strengthen the message to Susie.

5. Safe Places in the Pewsey Community Area

Dawn Wilson has been on BBC Wiltshire radio to discuss the Safe Places scheme.

There is a need to ensure that all staff know what to do if someone needs a Safe Place, so Dawn will be doing some unannounced visits to test the resilience of the scheme. It has not been used so far.

The current Safe Places members are:

Spar	Pewsey
Absolute Style	Pewsey
Pewsey Library	Pewsey
Daisy's Kitchen	Pewsey
St Peters Coffee Shop	Marlborough
Applecourt Café	Pewsey
The Waterfront Bar & Bistro	Pewsey Wharf
The Barbers Room Ltd	Pewsey
Wiltshire Agricultural Preservation Group	Oare
Pewsey Swimming & Sports Centre	Pewsey
Cossor's Carnival Shop	Pewsey

6. Update on PC Teresa Herbert's Safety at Home sessions & Great Bedwyn Community Day

There was no update on the Safety at Home sessions, but PC Herbert has been very busy with the Great Bedwyn Community Day, as well as other work commitments.

Ros provided an update on the Great Bedwyn Community Day which was an event to raise awareness of rural crime as well as fun activities for the community, particularly targeted at the older and more vulnerable residents. There were many organisations represented, including the Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Traffic Police, the Health Trainer, Aldbourne Brass Band, BBC Wiltshire and Swindon Young Drivers. Activities included bike marking, young people's driving courses, dog agility, road art and storytelling. It is estimated that there were several hundred people who attended. The meeting thanked PC Teresa Herbert for the huge effort she put into the event.

Gerry Ward would like to utilise this set up for the Upavon Family Picnic in the Park on 10th June 2017 and will liaise with Ros.

7. Update on the new Community Policing Team (CPT) Model

Two issues have arisen following updates that PACCS have received from the Police:

- The potential for wasted time to attend the daily briefing - requiring officers to travel to the Devizes Hub every morning before travelling back to the Pewsey Community Area;
- The use of mobile technology is welcomed but the area has poor network coverage. Wootton Rivers, for example, doesn't have a signal in the village at all, coverage in Grafton parish is patchy.

Terry Eyles was concerned that residents want to see Police out on the beat. Sgt Wells said that there will in fact be more police resource available to the area with the new CPT Model but it has to be accepted that there is not the capacity nowadays for this level of regular visibility and if they were in

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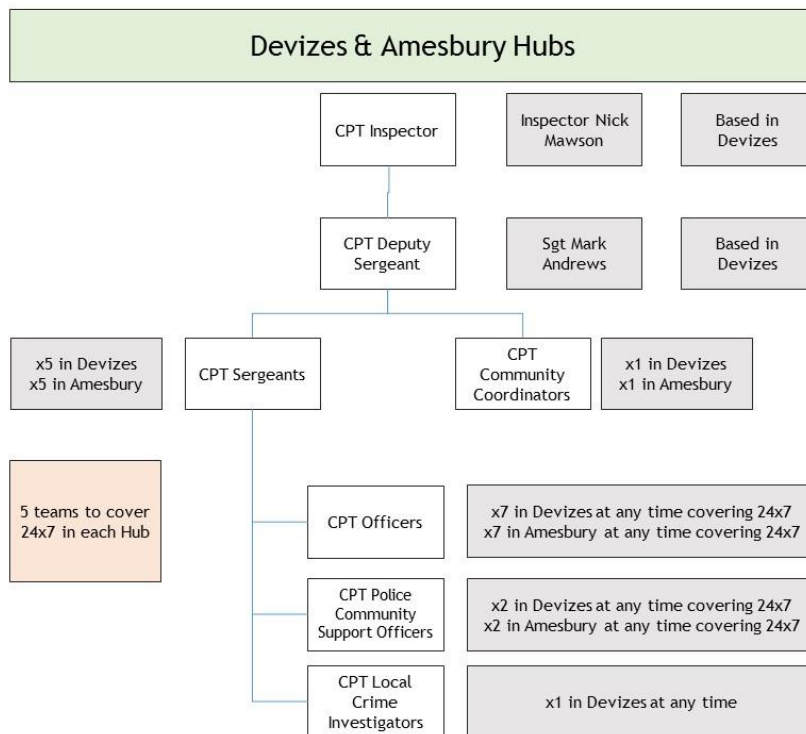


Pewsey providing a constant presence, they would not be able to serve the outlying parishes and villages.

Sgt Wells confirmed that with the new technology, the Police will be much more efficient, reducing the need to write notes then transfer them as well as other manual processes.

The CPT uses a rotation shift pattern which is different to the old model - starting at 7am, it is feasible that following the briefing, officers could be back out in the area by 7.30am. The briefing is important for all officers, not just for team building, but also to enable knowledge sharing and to ensure that everyone is aware of the priorities for the area.

Devizes Hub and Amesbury Hub are the responsibility of Inspector Nick Mawson. The Devizes Hub covers the Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey Community Areas. PC Teresa Herbert will be the coordinator for the Devizes Hub, enabling her to continue her community work. The new model ensures that there are 5 teams covering 24 hours, 7 days a week. This organisation chart was recreated from a document presented at the meeting and discussions during the meeting:



Sgt Wells confirmed that they will be using technology where possible rather than making unnecessary trips, but the requirement for the daily briefing will not change regardless of how it is achieved. Each Sargeant has the mandate to manage resources locally which means that if it is found that unnecessary journeys or poor deployment is occurring, they will be able to change things to improve the situation.

Peter Deck requested clarification on who we should all contact once the new model is in place. Sgt Wells confirmed that the Area Board should have Inspector Nick Mawson as their contact. PCAP should

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liaise with the Sergeants. Parish Councils should liaise with their most local PCSO - Sgt Wells will send a list of contacts.

Sgt Wells confirmed that Wiltshire Police are currently recruiting including Special Officers who normally help at weekends. Twenty officers were at Pewsey Carnival, including 3 new Specials.

Steve Hepworth asked about when they might expect the Police to come to Parish Council meetings and Sgt Wells confirmed that if there was a specific issue that needed to be discussed, they would attend, but otherwise it is likely to a report with discussions taking place at the PCAP meeting.

8. Neighbourhood Police Teams

The report content had largely been discussed in the Burglaries section (above). Priorities for the Police will be set at the PCAP meeting in future.

8.1 Pewsey West

8.1.1 Previous Priorities

Dwelling & Non-dwelling Burglaries

It was agreed that this will continue as a priority.

8.1.2 New Priorities

Dwelling & Non-dwelling Burglaries

8.2 Pewsey East

8.2.1 Previous Priorities

Dwelling & Non-dwelling burglaries

It was agreed that this will continue as a priority.

8.2.2 New Priorities

Dwelling & Non-dwelling burglaries

9. Local Issues

9.1 Youth Issues

There had been some alleged issues over the bank holiday, but these were dealt with locally.

The new half-pipe in Grafton is now up and running and the LYN continues to provide activities for the young people in the area.

The Health & Well-Being Centre, including a wheeled sports area, will open in 2018.

9.2 Traffic Matters

Noisy exhausts continue to be a nuisance around Pewsey and in other villages (Upavon, Wexcombe, Wilcot). Sgt Wells confirmed that people must take the vehicle number and report it if the Police are going to be in a position to help. Numbers can be reported anonymously via 101 or Crimestoppers.

Steve Hepworth reported that they have had 5 overturned vehicles on Alton Hill at Alton Barnes in the last 7 weeks. It is due to excessive speed, the camber and the steepness of the hill. It would be useful for Alton Parish Council to have the view of the Police on these incidents so that action (such as resurfacing) could be prioritised through CATG. Sgt Wells will send this information to Steve.

9.3. Community Parishes' Involvement

There are no Crime & Community Safety issues from the Parish Issues Report.

9.4 Next Canal Meeting

Susie will contact Dee Nix to find out the proposed date and will circulate. Dawn Wilson confirmed it will be at Stanton St Bernard. Current issues include excessive noise at Honey Street at the Barge Inn.

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Boaters have been out litter picking between Pewsey and Wilcot after the Angling Match and it was good to know that the anglers hadn't left much litter behind.

10. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

There was no representation from WFRS and no update. Tom Boland is the new representative and Susie will ensure he is invited to the PCAP meeting. Peter Deck confirmed they need to recruit more retained firefighters in Pewsey as they have been unable to send a crew to a couple of recent incidents.

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The meeting thanked Peter Deck for his strong and dedicated leadership as Chair of the PACCS meeting.

Peter Deck Chairman thanks Susie Brew and is indebted to her for all the hard work and time she has freely given over the years that she has been secretary to PACCS.

11. Next Meeting

This is the final PACCS meeting. The next meeting will be at the PCAP Meeting on Thursday 20th October at 7pm at Marden Village Hall.

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