

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 2nd February 2017

7pm at Coronation Hall, East Grafton

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MINUTES

Present

Cllr Dawn Wilson	WfCAP, PCAP Chair Wilcot & Huish (With Oare) Parish Council
Patrick Wilson	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
Cllr Paul Oatway	Pewsey Area Board, Wiltshire Council
Cllr Curly Haskell	Chair, Pewsey Parish Council
PCSO Jonathan Mills	Community Policing Team Pewsey
Cllr Gerry Ward	Upavon Parish council
Susie Brew	PCAP & PVTP Coordinator
Hew Helps	Resident of Easton Royal

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 20th October 2016 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Peter Deck) and signed off.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Annie Whitcher	Grafton Parish Council
Carolyn Whistler	North Newnton Parish Council & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment
Peter Bell	Marden Parish Council
Nicola Gilbert	Head of Pewsey Primary School & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Education
Margaret Holden	Easton Royal Parish Council
Caroline Dalrymple	Pewsey Parish Council
	Woodborough Parish Council
Dee Nix	Wilcot & Huish with Oare Parish Council & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Health

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Crime & Community Safety & Police Report

A police report had been sent in time for the meeting.

PCSO Jonathan Mills took the meeting through the Police Report.

Colin Gale updated the meeting on a daytime burglary that took place in Rushall and was concerned that the noise from the firing on the Plain may have masked the noise of the intruders. PCSO Mills thought this was unlikely as windows and doors can be broken down fairly quickly and quietly.

The new Community Policing Model is working well. The briefings are proving to make a big difference, as they are updated as a team with issues, updates and images which then helps them target where to patrol and who and what to look out for.

Stephen Hepworth thanked the Police for their support in the Speedwatch activities in Alton parish.

Peter Deck raised concerns about the Independent Advisory Groups (IAG's) as to whether it is just replacing the PACCS meeting that we agreed to stop in 2016 to save the Police resources for front line activities. Dawn Wilson responded by saying that the format may be similar, but the Police will only be holding two meetings for the whole of the county - East and West - in order to provide a community interface but at a higher level. The IAG's will also include many other groups who would not be represented at a local PACCS meeting. Paul Oatway suggested a wait and see approach and also pointed out that although Pewsey Community Area Partnership is very proactive, other CAP's in the county may not be.

Priorities for the next quarter:

Non-dwelling and dwelling burglaries will continue to be the focus.

6. Everleigh Household Recycling Centre

Colin Gale updated the meeting on progress since the last PCAP meeting. Tracy Carter from Wiltshire Council attended an Area Board on 31st October and confirmed that there was no current plan to shut any Household Recycling Centres in Wiltshire. There are two questions that were left unanswered at the Area Board and Colin is in the process of chasing these. Tracy Carter confirmed there was potential for consultation after the elections in May.

In parallel to this, the Working Group questioned whether the consultation at Tidworth Garrison and the survey afterwards were valid - they were only arranged as Wiltshire Council were forced to hold them. Would they stand up to a judicial review? One of the working group, on a personal basis and representing neither PCAP, the Working Group nor any Parish Council, had the information reviewed by a solicitor who concluded that the framework for holding a consultation had not been followed and therefore the consultation was not fair and reasonable and the data should not be used.

The solicitors have sent a letter confirming this conclusion and the reasons for it and that the results should not be used. PCAP is an addressee on the letter. Colin asked the meeting what should be done with this letter. It was agreed that, even though there may be no further consultations or closures of Household Recycling Centres, the issue about process should be made to Wiltshire Council because of other consultations that may take place, for example on bus services.

There has been no cost to PCAP, all costs for this review have been borne by the individual.

There was general consensus that the letter should be sent to Wiltshire Council, with a covering letter from PCAP summarising that the consultation wasn't lawful and that proper process should be used in consultations in the future.

Action:

Susie to write to Parish Councils with this summary and to offer viewing of the hard copy at Pewsey Parish Council Office with responses in support or otherwise by 9am Monday 20th February.

7. Spice Time Credits - Now Renamed Pewsey Vale Volunteer Rewards

As previously updated at this meeting, Spice Time Credits have now officially pulled out of Wiltshire because they were no longer supported by Wiltshire Council. As a result, PCAP has been setting up its own version of Time Credits - Pewsey Vale Volunteer Rewards. It will work on the same premise -

attracting hard to reach, non-volunteering groups - but PCAP will now have to find funds to buy access to the Leisure Centre. Other local supporters such as Manningford Trout Fishery and Body & Soul, look as though they will still provide a limited number of vouchers per month as before for free.

Any assistance in raising funds or finding sponsors for the Pewsey Vale Volunteer Rewards would be very much appreciated. The Area Board funds the youth part of this project.

8. Parish Issues Report

The number of parishes submitting issues continues to be low.

Grafton has requested assistance with the issue of the quality of road surface in Wexcombe. It is understood that there are a lot of issues outstanding from last year, so this may not be a priority, but the issue is that Wiltshire Council are not getting value for money.

Action:

Susie to email Adrian Hampton and Peter Binley to raise concern

The other issue which has impacted Alton, Grafton and Pewsey is that of the Parish Steward, lists and communications. This was raised at the last Area Board and Stuart Wheeler said he would speak to the necessary parties.

Action:

Susie to email Stuart Wheeler to clarify that issues are still there.

Dawn provided an update on the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) held by Wiltshire Council on 19th January. The main issue was that it was very formulaic and so the answers were already identified and we just had to agree or not with them. Too little time for discussion.

The film was very good with lots of achievements but there should be a credit screen at the end to identify all the different groups who were involved.

Action:

Susie to request a link to the video from Steve Milton so that Parishes can share it.

Susie to send out the feedback link for the JSA.

9. Community Area Plan

a. Health & Social Care - Dee Nix

Dawn provided an update from Dee. The South West Ambulance Trust has been reselected.

A discussion then took place as to whether this sub-group should continue in its broad remit to look at all aspects of Health & Social Care. In reality, Healthwatch and the CCG do not get involved at a community area level and rarely are seen at Area Boards. It was agreed that this should focus on where we are active and can make a difference, so covering the Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group, particularly as it now links to the Dementia Awareness Alliance (DAA) and Pewsey Older Person's Partnership (POPP). Any other updates or activities can then be dealt with as they arise. Dawn to speak to Dee.

Colin asked whether there is likely to be any issues with the Pewsey Surgery merger with Marlborough that is coming up. Dawn confirmed that Pewsey Parish Council has been working closely with the Surgery to ensure that the merger runs smoothly.

b. Economy - Patrick Wilson

The main focus continues to be the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership (PVTP) which continues to grow, but if any parish councils can encourage their local businesses to join, that would help enormously.

The membership is currently standing at 42.

The Tourist Information Kiosk at Swan Corner in Pewsey is now just awaiting the adverts from partners of the PVTP. An official opening is being organised.

c. Transport - Colin Gale

Buses

Colin Gale and Dawn Wilson met with the Public Transport Unit (PTU) at Wiltshire Council before Christmas.

There have been a number of problems with the Connect2 service.

The Nightbus was removed on some evenings due to lack of drivers - they were unable to recruit and existing drivers didn't want to do such long hours. It was the intention of the PTU to looking at the timetable and then put the service back out to tender.

APL who ran the service then went into administration and so Real Coaches at Codford has taken the service on.

Bus services across Wiltshire are being reviewed and the threshold cost per trip is £3.50 - Connect2 services are above this threshold, according to the statistics from the PTU. However Colin has challenged the figures as there are many reasons as to why the figures cannot be relied on. From experience, it is known that there are certain buses that are used to the point that not everyone can get on the bus - in particular the Devizes market day buses. Marketing of buses to commuters could not be done effectively because the buses were so unreliable in 2016. The main issue is that for much of 2016, replacement hire buses were used because the old fleet kept breaking down. The impact of this is not only additional cost for the hire of the replacement buses whilst the old ones were fixed, but the equipment to capture ticket sales and passenger numbers was not on the hire buses, so any figures from this period are unreliable and likely to be inaccurate. Jason Salter at the PTU has sent a holding email in response to this challenge and so we await an update.

The current Wiltshire-wide review may end up with 1 or 2 buses providing the Connect2 service rather than 3. There is an assumption for any service where the frequency is impacted that users would use the next bus, however there are no alternatives to the Connect2 service and it is questionable that people would wait for two hours for a bus. The service would then become pointless and would eventually dwindle to a level that would see closure. Call Centre savings were not realised because the Call Centre is used for other services. The only statutory duty for the PTU is to provide school buses.

d. Planning - Peter Deck

Wootton Rivers and Burbage draft NDP's are out and on line and both look good.

e. Education & Lifelong Learning - Nicola Gilbert

Dawn updated that Nicola Gilbert struggles to attend due to her responsibilities and workload and so suggested that Education is closed as a theme, but will continue in the agenda and will still remain in the PCAP Plan.

Action:

Dawn to speak to Nicola to confirm.

f. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

Carolyn had provided an update:

As far as the report is concerned for Environment (Agenda item 9 f), there is not much to add to the JSA notes of 19th January, other than the results of the priorities:

Fly tipping and litter	57.3%
Improving rights of way	51.69%
Protecting the countryside	44.94%

which we will have to address for the whole of the Pewsey Vale and work into the PCAP plan.

North Newnton Parish Council is doing the Great British Tidy Up on 4th March, following on from the success of Clean for the Queen last year. Dawn confirmed that Wilcot & Huish with Oare Parish will also be doing the Great British Tidy Up on the 11th March, and will invite those who live on the canal to join them. Curly Haskell requested a copy of the minutes from the last Canal Meeting.

Flytipping - fixed penalty notices related to flytipping - table a question to the Area Board, Ros Griffiths for information on instances of flytipping, number of investigations, number of fixed penalties issued, as this information was not available for the JSA. For the 6th March Area Board meeting if possible.

Action:

Susie to send minutes to Curly and Alison at Pewsey Parish Council.

Susie to request flytipping information from Ros.

g. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant

Patrick Wilson updated the meeting on feedback from VisitWiltshire regarding the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership (PVTP). It was interesting that David Andrews, the Chief Executive, did not expect the PVTP to last - mainly because it has no funding from a Town Council or other similar body. What this demonstrates is the importance of working and engaging with local businesses and doing things that they need and value (e.g. leaflet delivery, Tourist Information Kiosk).

h. Vice-Chair Management Group - Patrick Wilson

Overall funds are decreasing, but still some Parish Council donations are yet to come in as they are all on different cycles. Most work is project based so 80% of funds are ringfenced.

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

See item 6.

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

DW running wfcap on voluntary basis,

Trustees agreed to continue at the meeting at Christmas.

WfCAP continues to run the CAP insurance policy with 14 CAP's across the county. Each runs differently - some focus on arts, others are broader based. In terms of funding, each is again different, for example Tidworth has funding from the Army and both Ludgershall and Tidworth Town Councils, Trowbridge is funded by the Town Council.

10. Area Board & Council News - Paul Oatway

Paul met with Robin Townsend regarding the Campus on Friday and everything is on course, with no changes.

There is further money for broadband. There are 13 cabinets in the Vale and a 44.92% take up of the new service.

Preparations for May's elections are in progress.

11. Items for Next Agenda

Gerry Ward thought that a meeting on precepts for Parish Councils had been mooted before and wondered whether it could be done at the next PCAP meeting. This topic would cover things that are not statutory for Wiltshire Council to deliver and that Parish Councils may then have to cover, which may in turn increase their precept. Paul Oatway agreed to run this at the next PCAP meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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