

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 20th April 2017
7pm at Hilcott Village Hall

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MINUTES

Present

Cllr Dawn Wilson	WfCAP, PCAP Chair Wilcot & Huish (With Oare) Parish Council
Patrick Wilson	PCAP Vice Chair PVTP 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
PC Teresa Herbert	Community Policing Team Pewsey
Cllr John Brewin	Woodborough Parish Council
Cllr Margaret Holden	Easton Royal Parish Council
Cllr Crispin Herod-Taylor	Grafton Parish Council
Gill Coggins	Clerk - Marden Parish Council
Cllr Sarah Withers	Chirton & Conock Parish Council
Cllr Cecil Withers	Chirton & Conock Parish Council
Cllr Stephen Hepworth	Alton Parish Council
Cllr Carolyn Whistler	North Newnton Parish Council & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment
Susie Brew	PCAP & PVTP 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 2nd February 2017 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Peter Deck) and signed off.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Nicola Gilbert	Head of Pewsey Primary School & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Education
Caroline Dalrymple	Pewsey Parish Council
Hew Helps	Resident of Easton Royal

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Crime & Community Safety & Police Report

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

PC Teresa Herbert took the meeting through the Police Report and explained that they are dealing with burglaries using targeted patrols. For the burglary in the middle of Pewsey, they are able to use CCTV. Signs at the worst theft spots are being put up, but have to be placed high out of reach otherwise they are removed.

Teresa also advised the meeting that they would welcome more people on their advisory groups which don't require much of one's time, but provide an important communication channel for the Police. The Canal community are under-represented so if any parishes can help in increasing the numbers, that would be most helpful.

The Police are also very active on dealing with hare coursing. Operation Kraken has been implemented on the K&A Canal, to help reduce boat crime and burglaries through advice and access to resources. For more information see <http://kanda.boatingcommunity.org.uk/wiltshire-police-bring-project-kraken-to-the-ka/>.

Peter Deck raised concerns about anti-social behaviour in Pewsey - in particular in the Scotchel and on the river. Teresa confirmed that they have good intelligence on this and other incidents. Other ASB includes door knocking, cars being scratched, climbing over the fence to access the BMX track and broken glass on the tennis courts.

Cecil Withers said that residents of Chirton had a cold call from a fishmonger which looked suspicious. It was difficult to get the information and by the time they had got through to 101, the van had gone. Teresa confirmed that 999 should be rung in these instances.

At the last Pewsey Area Board, the metal signs the Police had requested for beauty spots had been agreed to be paid by the Area Board. However, the Area Board then approached PCAP for 50% funding towards the cost on the basis of the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership, which was agreed.

Priorities for the next quarter:

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

Action: Dawn Wilson to speak to Holly Hillier, the local youth worker, to request a street walk in Pewsey to combat ASB.

6. Everleigh Household Recycling Centre

Colin Gale updated the meeting on progress since the last PCAP meeting. A letter had been sent to Wiltshire Council stating that the results from Tidworth Garrison and the survey afterwards should not be used (see February minutes). A response from Toby Sturgis was received on the 18th April, after Dawn Wilson had chased a response. The response stated that this was not a formal consultation process and that the surveys were not intended to be used for a consultation and won't be in the future.

Colin also highlighted that in the news currently, there are challenges against the legality of charging people for taking DIY waste to a recycling centre.

Peter Deck reminded the meeting that the site cannot be used for any other purpose due to the burial of carcasses from mad cow disease, although the 25 year wait may actually be drawing near.

Colin confirmed that days and hours have been extended at some of the county's sites.

Action: Colin Gale, Curly Haskell, Dawn Wilson to meet with a parishioner regarding legal advice.

7. Pewsey Vale Volunteer Rewards

Since the last meeting, PCAP has met with Nicola Gilbert at Pewsey Primary School and agreed a rate at which PVVR vouchers can be earned. The meeting with the Children's Centre had to be postponed. We are still waiting for a response from the Army Welfare Service.

Dawn has submitted an application to the Swindon & Wiltshire Communities Fund to help fund the rewards that will need to be purchased for the PVVR scheme and there will be a decision on 10th May. Rewards that the vouchers can be redeemed for and that will need to be paid for include, the temporary leisure centre facility, Pewsey Butchers, cinema tickets.

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.

Rushall has raised the issue of communications with/by the Parish Steward which continues to be an issue in most parishes. Stuart Wheeler was going to look into this as agreed at a Pewsey Area Board meeting. Susie to chase up with Ros and Stuart Wheeler to find out progress.

Stephen Hepworth highlighted the issue reported by Alton with regard to Broadband and the issues particularly in Alton Priors in that the full speed of high-speed broadband is not being realised. A letter has been sent by Alton PC to John Thompson to request whether there is any funding to assist in a resolution.

Crispin Herod-Taylor raised an issue in Grafton whereby a resident has landscaped an area that has been used as a parking space for some cottages across the lane. This should be reported to Highways (Ian Gibbons) and then Enforcement at Wiltshire Council will carry out the implementation to reinstate the parking area.

Action:

Susie to email Ros Griffiths and Stuart Wheeler to find out progress on Parish Steward communication issues.

9. Community Area Plan

a. Economy - Patrick Wilson

The Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership opened the first of hopefully many Tourist Information Kiosks in the Pewsey Vale at Swan Corner in Pewsey. Pewsey Parish Council kindly provided the box for refurbishment which is what the PVTP has done, completing the box with a map, advertisements and leaflets. The Tourist Information Kiosk was opened by Matt Barnes, Regional Development Manager for the South West at GWR.

We are keen to take on any unused Telephone Boxes or other suitable places as Tourist Information Kiosks so if any parish has a location they would like to discuss, then please contact Patrick Wilson or Susie Brew.

If there are any business changes or new businesses, then please let PCAP know so that the PCAP and PVTP website can be updated.

The Great West Way project by VisitWiltshire is still making progress and so the PVTP are staying close to this project, together with Crofton Beam Engines.

Dawn Wilson raised a question that had come from Peter Bell in Marden as to whether the PVTP website (www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk) could link to local parish websites to provide more in-depth information on the village/parish. Susie said this can be done, and in fact is in the development plan - just links without any content would not be possible, but the idea would be to have a summary information page on the parish/village and then then link from there, also linking to local places of interest.

b. Transport - Colin Gale

Buses

The service lost the contractor at Christmas and so is being run by Real Coaches of Codford. A bus survey is being run by PCAP and the Devizes Passenger Group in the week

commencing 24th April. Data from the last year or so is unreliable as, for example, there were no ticket machines in the latest provider's buses from Christmas up to March. In parallel to the survey, Wiltshire Council will be putting the service out to tender so it is likely the resulting bus service will be reduced and it has already been mentioned that they will reduce from 3 buses to 2.

Trains

Good news that direct trains between Paddington and Great Bedwyn will continue post electrification. Work on extending the siding to enable the trains to switch direction is underway.

When Matt Barnes visited to open the Tourist Information Kiosk, he was interested in running a local survey on the services and PCAP offered to do this for them. Susie to chase up with GWR.

Colin updated the meeting that there are three towns currently looking into creating a station - Wilton, Wootton Bassett and Corsham. Dawn understood that Devizes is also looking into this.

Highways

Peter Deck raised the issue about white-lining and surfacing on the roads in Pewsey and Marlborough, in particular the road between Pewsey and Burbage. The meeting noted that at last the road between Burbage and Marlborough had been resurfaced. Paul Oatway understood that there are sections of the A345 that could be done shortly. Colin Gale stated that there is significant damage from the diversions in Rushall due to heavy goods vehicles.

Action:

Susie to request parishes to identify any major road surface issues so that a consolidated list and communication to Wiltshire Council can be made.

Susie to chase Matt Barnes at GWR for survey information and plan.

c. Planning - Peter Deck

Peter highlighted government consultations that he has been reviewing - [Fixing our broken housing market](#) and [Planning & Affordable Housing for Build to Rent](#), both of which are part of the [Housing White Paper](#). Responses should be in by 2nd May 2017.

d. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

Locally, many parishes were out and about in March doing the Big Tidy Up. There have been a couple of local instances of fly-tipping on farmers' land. If it is on private land, then the council does not record it, so many instances do not get included in official figures.

Wiltshire Council is now only cutting verges in most villages once a year. North Newnton has increased the precept by £400 to pay for further work throughout the year. Colin confirmed that Wiltshire Council will cut verges at junctions more than once a year.

Dawn highlighted the information on fly-tipping from Wiltshire Council:

Period from February 2016 to January 2017

Fly-tipping reports = 42 (all investigated)

Fixed Penalty Notices= 1 (paid in full)

Formal Interviews= 2 (case closed)

Warning Letters= 24 (issued due to insufficient evidence present for further action)

Dawn requested that Parish Councils record any instances of fly-tipping on private, public or MOD land that they are aware of so that we have statistics and information to back up any further actions that could be taken.

Action: Susie to request Parish Councils to record any fly-tipping in their parish, whether on private, public or MOD land, to be reviewed at the next PCAP meeting.

e. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant

Fairy Walk & Fayre on Sunday in Pewsey and Bluebell Walk in Wilcot on Sunday.

f. Vice-Chair Management Group - Patrick Wilson

Patrick Wilson confirmed that he has stood down as Treasurer, but will continue as Vice-Chair of PCAP until June and Chair & Acting Treasurer of the PVTP. Dawn confirmed that as previously planned, an independent review of the accounts will be undertaken.

- g. WfCAP (Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnerships) Report - Dawn Wilson**
Deviz CAP had a recent meeting to understand more about PCAP and how we operate as they want to be more proactive.
WfCAP is still providing CAP insurance for 12 CAP's - 14 CAP's in all are still operating.

10. Area Board & Council News - Precept Planning for Parish Councils- Paul Oatway

Paul provided the background of Wiltshire Council spending and responsibilities, including the move of Public Health to local government at a cost of £40m; £84m on roads over 4 years; Social care budget in 2013 was £13m per annum and is now £130m; Wiltshire Council having to make cuts of £25m from the 2017/2018 budget with a view to central government funding reducing eventually to zero.

Despite this, there are local projects that have been achieved or are underway, such as the Health & Wellbeing Centre in Pewsey.

It is clear that certain services are going to be reduced. For example, the Parish Steward responsibilities such as ditch and gully cleaning, road sweeping and public rubbish collection services may be removed. We have had recent discussions about the wooden fingerposts that are across the Vale and are an important part of the scenery, but are no longer maintained by Wiltshire Council.

It is already part of CATG that where funding from Wiltshire Council is required for highways work (for example signage), then match funding from the Parish Council is required.

Children's play areas are already being offered to Parish Councils on the basis of 'take it over or close it'.

There was general consensus that Parish Councils don't necessarily mind taking on the responsibilities, but if they do, then Wiltshire Council must stop interfering and trying to run things that they aren't responsible and don't pay for.

Crispin Herod Taylor suggested that local handymen could work collectively for a number of Parishes on the road sign / verges / type of work, in the same way the SID's are now collectively shared.

Paul Oatway congratulated the Parish Councils who have already increased precepts in readiness for new responsibilities and would urge Parish Councils who haven't done so, to consider this in their precept planning.

Paul also confirmed that precept capping will not be an issue for the next year or two (although there is nothing in writing) and that proactive parishes are unlikely to be capped. Swindon is setting up 4 new parish councils so that responsibilities can be delegated.

Dawn thanked Paul Oatway for his advice.

11. Items for Next Agenda

Review of fly-tipping incidents.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

**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