

## PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

7pm at Hilcott Village Hall

With thanks to North Newnton Parish Council for the donation of the village hall

### MINUTES

#### Present

Cllr Dawn Wilson	WfCAP, PCAP Chair Wilcot & Huish (With Oare) Parish Council
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 Curly Haskell	Chair, Pewsey Parish Council
PCSO Paul Whiteside	Wiltshire Police
Cllr Ben Owen	Alton Parish Council
Cllr Gerry Ward	Upavon Parish Council
Cllr Carolyn Whistler	North Newnton Parish Council & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment
Cllr Margaret Holden	Easton Royal PC
Cllr Cedric Hollinsworth	Easton Royal PC
Cllr Fenella Rouse	North Newnton PC
Cllr Caroline Dalrymple	Pewsey Parish Council
Hew Helps	Resident of Easton Royal
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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Cllr Curly Haskell) and signed off. However Cllr Cedric Hollinsworth of Easton Royal PC requested a right to reply to the minutes (item 5, Crime & Community Safety) and this appears in item 5 below.

#### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Patrick Wilson	PCAP Sub Group Lead - Economy & PVTP Chair
PC Jonathan Mills	Wiltshire Police
Cllr Jon Brewin	Woodborough Parish Council
Cllr Crispin Herrod-Taylor	Grafton Parish Council
Cllr Paul Oatway	Pewsey Area Board, Wiltshire Council

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

#### 5. Crime & Community Safety & Police Report

PCSO Paul Whiteside confirmed that there was nothing to add to the Police Report presented at the Pewsey Area Board on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Dawn Wilson highlighted that the increase in burglaries in Easton Royal had come up on the Parish Issues Report. PCSO Whiteside confirmed they were aware of these concerns and stressed the need for people to keep possessions locked up.

Peter Deck raised concerns that for the third or fourth year running, the Police & Crime Commissioner is again asking for an increase in the precept for the police. When it was first done, it was to be a one-off increase, but has continued every year. This was under consultation and so Parish Councils should have made sure they responded.

Cllr Hollinsworth was concerned that the Police are not interested in thefts being reported as they are not serious enough to be dealt with. PCSO Whiteside said that people must report thefts as otherwise the true level of crime is not visible and trends cannot be managed properly. He confirmed there are 16 PCSO's in training so there will be much more resource available soon.

Cllr Haskell was concerned that the Police & Crime Commissioner no longer attends meetings and just sends videos which means that you are unable to ask questions.

Easton Royal Parish Council raised an issue with regard to the minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and have submitted this response:

During the PCAP meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, the representative from Easton Royal Parish Council Councillor Mark de Pass stated during the Police, Crime and Community Report, that he had received complaints from two parishioners who had alleged that the village Speedwatch Team was targeting some individuals whilst ignoring others.

From the first edition of the minutes circulated, there was no mention that Councillor Mark de Pass was speaking in any other role than as a representative of Easton Royal Parish Council and therefore a clear conflict of interest existed. It was only after the matter had been raised at an Easton Royal Parish Council meeting following circulation of the minutes that Councillor Mark de Pass put forward the position that he was speaking as an individual, and the minutes were revised.

The complaints against the Speedwatch Team had not been discussed with Easton Royal Parish Council, either before or after the PCAP meeting. The Parish Council only became aware of the issue when the PCAP minutes were distributed.

Subsequent investigations by the Parish Council have found no evidence to support the allegations. Councillor Mark de Pass and the complainants have been invited to see the Speedwatch Team at work, but as yet they have not taken up the opportunity. Neither of the complainants have been found to be exceeding the speed limits by the village Speedwatch Team.

At the date of writing Councillor Mark de Pass has not withdrawn the accusations which have caused offence to the Speedwatch Team.

Easton Royal Parish Council fully supports the work of the Speedwatch volunteers and is disappointed that groundless complaints have been aired at a PCAP meeting, knowing they would be noted by the police. There is great distress within the Speedwatch Team, all of whom are retired senior professionals. They feel that the work they do on behalf of the community has been undermined, and more importantly their professional standards and personal integrity have been questioned. The fact that the police accepted the complaint, without question, resulting in the comment "It is a training issue", has further concerned the team.

The Speedwatch Co-ordinator has requested a meeting with Wiltshire Police to resolve the situation, but as at the date of writing no response has been received.

## **6. Health & Wellbeing Group - to be renamed**

Dawn Wilson explained that there is an allocation of funds (£7700) for Health & Wellbeing with the Pewsey Area Board, primarily for older people but not exclusively. Due to there not being an Older

People's Champion, the funds have not been used and activities have not been run or, where activities have taken place, the fund has not been utilised. In order to ensure that the Pewsey Community Area utilises the funds available, Cllr Stuart Wheeler is going to take on the role of Older People's Champion and will form a Health & Wellbeing Committee with PCAP (probably Dawn Wilson and Susie Brew) to create a plan and allocate the funds. This is likely to merge with the Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group which is a PCAP group, in order to reduce duplication.

Peter Dunford, CEM at Wiltshire Council, has sent all the forms through. Susie will be organising a meeting with Stuart Wheeler to kick this off.

It was agreed at the Pewsey Area Board that the name of this committee will not be Health & Wellbeing because it could cause confusion with the Pewsey Health & Wellbeing Centre currently under construction. Suggested names included: Fit for Life; Pewsey Vale Health Group; Pewsey Vale Wellbeing Group; Pewsey Vale Health Forum.

Dawn said that we would plan to run it in the same way as the LYN is run as it reduces the administrative overhead. There will be a cost for administration.

### **7. Parish Issues Report, including Fly Tipping Reports**

Cllr Ben Owen explained the circumstances regarding the issue that Alton Parish Council had raised regarding issues with the Pewsey Surgery following the merger with Marlborough. Issues included flu vaccinations not being available, no appointments, test results not given and no home visits being made. Experiences were shared around the table including the problem when an appointment is offered in Marlborough rather than Pewsey, meaning that it is only accessible to those who have transport.

Cllr Deck said that the Patients' Participation Group meets four times a year and raises issues with procedures, but does not have the remit to deal with clinical issues, such as those experienced by a resident in Alton Parish.

Dawn Wilson said that the Castle Practice in Tidworth implemented a specific number for cancellations so that people could get through in order to cancel appointments. This reduced the number of no-shows by 60% and meant that the appointments could be reallocated to those who needed them. Cllr Haskell and Cllr Deck will take this information to the Pewsey PPG.

Cllr Gale raised an issue from the previous Parish Issues Report regarding Wiltshire Council consultations and noted that the recent car parking consultation was only completed by 1400 people and that Wiltshire Council were not concerned that decisions being made was on the basis of so few residents. Colin Gale identified that the chairman of the WC Environmental Select Committee had received complaints about the consultation questions being loaded and he reminded the WC officers that consultation questions should be neutral.

Cllr Hollinsworth raised a concern regarding the Parish Steward. There are two Parish Stewards, one is fine but the other one is never seen. Despite meetings with Wiltshire Council, there has been no improvement. Adrian Hampton at Wiltshire Council does not want to know about the problem. Dawn Wilson suggested making a complaint to Jane Scott to complain that the parish is not receiving a service. Cllr Ward highlighted that the Parish Stewards are often called away to clear up after road traffic accidents and this takes priority over Parish Steward work. Cllr Whistler confirmed that the service they receive in North Newnton is good and she keeps in contact with her Parish Steward by phone, when he is due to visit.

Flytipping has increased from 2700 in 2015-2016 to 3092 in 2016-2017. Parish Councils have been submitting flytipping incidents to PCAP.

**Action: Susie Brew to find out Parish Steward details for the Pewsey Community Area and circulate to Parish Councils.**

#### a. Services at Everleigh Household Recycling Centre

At the January Pewsey Area Board, Cllr Gale asked for an update on the problems at Everleigh and clarification on the metro count that has been implemented there.

Cllr Gale attended the Environment Select Committee Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January where Tracey Carter, Director of Waste & Environment at Wiltshire Council, stated that in the recent consultation, people were happy to travel further to Household Recycling Centres which was contrary to the results which showed the majority responding with 'No I don't want to travel any further'. Cllr Gale has written to Tracy Carter and she has responded, clarifying the figures which meant that the statement had to be qualified with 'if the HRC had a reuse shop'. It would seem that Wiltshire Council's consultations are designed to achieve a predetermined outcome.

All HRC's have had metro counters installed.

With regard to the drainage problems at Everleigh, the CPRE has submitted a list of questions to both Wiltshire Council Cabinet and to the Environment Agency to get to the bottom of who is responsible for the contamination and mis-management of the site.

It was proposed and agreed that PCAP and Pewsey Parish Council would submit endorsements to the CPRE letter to Wiltshire Council and the Pewsey Area Board.

Cllr Gale confirmed he will attend the next public Cabinet Meeting.

**Action: Colin Gale to endorse the CPRE letter to Wiltshire Council and the Pewsey Area Board**

#### b. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Dawn Wilson highlighted two sources of information on GDPR - Information Commissioner's Office and the Charity Digital News Guide & Getting Ready for Charities and Small Organisations. The link is: <https://www.charitydigitalnews.co.uk/2018/01/05/ico-publishes-gdpr-faqs-for-charities/>

Dawn is attending training on 9<sup>th</sup> March and if anything relevant comes up, she will share it.

Parish Councils must do a personal data audit to identify what they hold, how they use it, how they secure it. Data must be secure and must not be retained if it is not required for the running of the Parish Council. For example, website data (cookies), mailing lists, electoral rolls, staff information all constitute personal data.

### 8. Community Area Plan

#### a. Economy - Patrick Wilson

Patrick sent a report to the meeting as follows:

Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership continues to new members, but has also experienced the departure of a couple of original partners who have determined that their operations do not fit well with a visitor economy promotion. This is an inevitable development as the Partnership matures. Credit for the widening of the Partnership appeal has to be handed to Susie Brew.

There will be a small change in the executive group with the acceptance by Frank Knight of the role of Hon Treasurer, which will improve financial management and allow Patrick Wilson to concentrate more on the strategic direction and interface with other organisations.

Susie Brew in conjunction with Trevor Neal is instigating a Vale of Pewsey promotional video which will allow for Partners to have enhanced exposure of their businesses alongside video of the Vale's attractions. Background music will be included from The Crofton Stokers.

PVTP will be holding its next Partners' meeting at suitable times on either 21st or 22nd February to canvass ideas for promotion and development (see below) of a co-ordinated plan for 2018 at Pewsey Heritage Centre.

#### Heritage Action Zone

PCAP organised a successful Workshop that highlighted the relative success of the Vale. HAZ status is for areas that have already suffered economic decline, not merely possess significant historical assets. It is our challenge to

ensure that the the Vale remains an area of sustainable economic activity, even if this means that we do receive financial support from English Heritage. Remember that with all grants there comes conditions and restrictions of operation. One of the very clear messages from EH, was to avoid tailoring our output to meet the HAZ criteria. An immediate benefit of the Workshop was the drawing together of disparate individuals and organisations and that has led to new members to the Tourism Partnership.

#### Great West Way

This remains the primary focus of work by VisitWiltshire and during the early part of 2018, VW will be showcasing the Visitor opportunities associated with the A4 London to Bath & Bristol route. We continue to seek participants for “bookable” holidays from international visitors. In working towards this goal we will be establishing Tourism offerings to national and regional visitors. It remains essential that we remain focussed in securing inward investment through the establishment of desirable destinations, overnight accommodations and daytime activities across a broad spectrum of interests.

#### **b. Transport - Colin Gale**

##### **Trains**

Cllr Colin Gale whilst at the Environment Committee meeting at Wiltshire Council, spotted a Rail agenda item. The item discussed how they were working with operating companies but there was no mention of either Pewsey or Bedwyn stations.

Cllr Gale asked why they were omitted and was told that they are not regarded as priorities and are not commuter stations. This is clearly not the case and undermines the importance of the two stations to the county. If they are not regarded as a priority, then there will be no funding nor any action to maintain or improve services.

There is a Department for Transport consultation currently underway and Parish Councils are encouraged to provide input to it -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/great-western-rail-franchise> which ends on 21st February. Cllr Gale stated that from the DfT briefing on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the DfT advised that the current GWR contract would be extended for 1 year until April 2020. A new 2 year contract would then be let with GWR up to April 2022 which would take account of the feedback from the current consultation.

Cllr Gale is working with the Bedwyn Passenger Group and TransWilts on this. He would welcome any assistance from Parishes. Pewsey Parish Council to put out a notice requesting help.

##### **Buses**

Cllr Gale has sent an email to Jane Scott regarding the 97% of services claimed to have been maintained in the recent review.

Dawn Wilson confirmed that PCAP is still waiting for the new timetable from the PTU.

##### **Highways**

No issues.

#### **c. Planning - Peter Deck**

The site allocation consultation is on-going. The Housing Management Areas divide the county into smaller areas. Pewsey used to be in the east but is now in Chippenham. Pewsey Parish Council has raised a complaint.

The Pewsey Health & Wellbeing Centre is coming on well. On course for delivery and the contractors have worked with the community.

#### **d. Environment - Carolyn Whistler**

Cllr Carolyn Whistler reminded the meeting that the Wiltshire Tidy Up is the first weekend in March. Cllr Haskell confirmed that because they have a very large, active group of residents who clear Pewsey on the first Saturday of every month, they probably won't do anything for this annual event.

#### **e. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant**

No update.

**f. Vice-Chair Management Group - Position Vacant**

No update.

**g. Treasurer - Colin Gale**

Dawn Wilson confirmed that not much has happened on the financial side, with just over £10k being held in the bank account, £2k is unrestricted, the remainder is restricted. Grafton Youth Group have recently used some of the youth funds to run a trip. It has been difficult to get the Pewsey Youth Group to decide what they want to do and organise anything.

Dawn Wilson thanked all the Parish Councils for continuing to support PCAP financially and all the donations soon mount up.

**9. Area Board & Council News - Paul Oatway**

No update.

**10. Items for Next Agenda**

None

**11. Any Other Business**

Cllr Gale raised concerns about how young people will be able to get to the Health & Wellbeing Centre in the evenings now there is no night bus. Cllr Haskell suggested that a community bus may need to be implemented.

The meeting ended at 9pm.

**Future dates and venues are available on the website - [www.pewseycap.org.uk/events](http://www.pewseycap.org.uk/events)**

**Thank you to all the Parish Councils who have offered their halls for our meetings.**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Wilson, Chair PCAP