

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 23rd July 2020
7pm online via Zoom

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 PCAP Sub Group Lead - Transport
Cllr Curly Haskell	Pewsey Parish Council
Cllr Margaret Holden	Easton Royal Parish Council
Richard Rogers	Pewsey Community Area Community Engagement Manager
Susie Brew	PCAP & PVTP Coordinator PCAP Sub Group Lead - Economy & Culture, Heritage & Leisure

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first since January due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the PCAP Meeting of Thursday 30th January 2020 were approved (proposed Cllr Curly Haskell, seconded Cllr Margaret Holden) and signed off.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Caroline Dalrymple	Pewsey Parish Council
Carolyn Whistler	PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment & North Newnton Parish Council

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

5. Community Area Plan

a. Economy

A number of projects have been identified but grant funding has been hard to come by. A number of applications have been submitted but with no success so far. Cllr Curly Haskell informed that a Member Pioneer Coordinator has been placed at the Coop and may be able to help - Curly will forward the information.

Dawn updated the meeting that the film of Pewsey on ITV This Morning was successful which had been coordinated by the PVTP.

PCAP has applied for a Lottery grant for Emerging Futures which covers a number of projects, including pop-up market stalls, reprinting leaflets, itineraries projects, walking app, getting people online amongst others the result of which is due by the end of July.

Susie has also had a conversation with GWR regarding how we can work with GWR, including possible partnership with the PVTP.

Colin put forward thanks to Dawn and Susie for their work on the grant bids.

b. Transport - Colin Gale

Colin applied for Better Deal from Bus Users which was a fund from central government, putting forward a proposal for new bus services that linked Burbage, Upavon, Marlborough

and Devizes to Pewsey station and possibly including Beckhampton link to Calne. Colin will chase as he hasn't had any updates on it.

Wiltshire Council has a capital fund for transport infrastructure. At the May Cabinet Meeting, Colin asked how they could progress funding plans when they don't have a freight management strategy. They promised a freight management strategy by the end of 2021 which is a long time to wait given the problems on the A345 and A342, as well as the A338 and A346.

At the July Cabinet Meeting, the restructuring has removed the Transport Portfolio Holder which is a great concern. Bridget Wayman will make decisions on transport. This will cause further problems at meetings with GWR where Devon and Cornwall are well-represented. Dawn suggested that PCAP writes a letter to Bridget Wayman to clarify the situation perhaps in conjunction with CPRE and other organisations. Peter Deck suggested contacting the Pewsey Area Board councillors to get their support initially.

GWR are looking for ideas on how we could encourage people back on to the trains - what infrastructure might be needed, etc. Susie informed that GWR are looking at domestic leisure travellers so bike hire and so on could be included.

Colin said that DfT wants to implement a combined ticket to cover all modes of transport - perhaps an Oyster card or just using a debit/credit card.

Dawn has sent a letter to Danny Kruger MP as part of a campaign from Rail Futures.

c. Planning - Peter Deck

There is a big problem with NDP's - firstly NDP's don't hold weight unless they are under 2 years old which creates a huge amount of work, and secondly housing land supply is no longer by housing market areas but countywide. This means that the East where we had a surplus are 'helping' the areas such as the West and South to meet their surplus as they were below the 5 year plan.

This has caused a big problem in Malmesbury where Wiltshire Council contravened their NDP by approving 71 houses outside Malmesbury's development area. Although taken to the Secretary of State, it has been deemed a local matter so is back with Wiltshire Council. This situation will impact any parish that has an NDP older than 2 years - Pewsey being one of them. Theoretically anyone can apply for development outside the settlement boundary which makes the NDP redundant. The Mayor of Malmesbury has taken this up with the 3 Wiltshire MP's and it looks like there might be a fast-track method for refreshing NDP's but this has not yet been confirmed. A meeting with Cllr Toby Sturgis at Wiltshire Council is planned for 10th September.

Dawn asked whether Peter had linked in with CPRE, Peter confirmed that Malmesbury does have a link with them.

Susie suggested contacting Rebecca Davies at North Wessex Downs AONB - Susie to forward contact details.

Colin raised the new legislation for permissive development regarding single and double height extensions. Peter confirmed that this has been on the cards for some time but has only just been enacted, but for conservation and AONB areas full planning permission will still be required.

Carolyn Whistler raised a question about the act and Peter will contact her after the meeting regarding any queries.

d. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

On the environment item, the Good Verges Guide is still on hold for obvious reasons. All the verges were cut by Wiltshire Council in May/June, but in some parishes are growing apace again. (North Newton is not doing a second cut as far as I know).

There is a Great British September Clean Up from 11- 27 September. It is hoped that those who were going to participate in March will join in on the new dates.

Dawn asked whether rubbish collection could be arranged if villages do a clean up. Richard confirmed that this should be possible **but parishes MUST organise well in advance.**

Richard also confirmed that Area Board funding could be used for equipment if needed. Dawn confirmed that Wilcot also has equipment that could be loaned.

e. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Susie Brew

Nearly everywhere has reopened across the Vale. The Pewsey Heritage Centre, Pewsey Vale Community Craft & Tea Room and Wilton Windmill are all still closed mainly due to the age group who volunteer for them being in the isolating group. You can visit Wilton Windmill for picnics and walks but guided tours and refreshments will not be available. Peter Deck said that local cricket is starting this weekend - Peter will be umpiring.

f. Pewsey Vale Health & Wellbeing Group - Dawn Wilson

Memory Café is closed for the time-being (last one was in March at the Bouverie Hall). Dawn will be speaking to the insurance company and hoped that the Café will resume in September or October.

PCAP had received money from Marlborough Lions for boat trips. One boat trip with Bruce boats was booked and paid for but not run due to lockdown - the funds were left with Bruce Boats to help with cash flow and it will be reorganised. Two further trips will be booked when it is safe to do so.

Curly was keen that carers are nominated for the Bruce Boats Caring for Carers scheme which will provide free day trips in 2021. For more information, contact Susie Brew.

Movement 2 Music - started in the Bowls Club but it soon outgrew the venue so they were moving to the Bouverie Hall. During lockdown, the group has been available online - once a fortnight it is a live class with Hen plus a library of recorded sessions. It has highlighted the issue of IT connectivity and should we be successful with the Lottery grant, part of it is to supply people with technology and do some training.

Dawn has also contacted a grant fund with regard to funding to help with additional costs whilst we transition back to real classes, as well as resetting up the Memory Café.

PCCA - has done sterling work in the community during lockdown (prescriptions, buying food, food parcels, hot meals, etc). Their role is now changing with a reduction in shopping and they will be moving to the Scout Hut. The library will still run as Pewsey Library is still closed. They are currently redefining their role in the community and have a number of projects in the pipeline. Dawn is encouraging them to focus on youth.

The Buddy scheme that Dawn has been running is now winding down. Sylvie Clayden has been distributing health leaflets during lockdown once a month to vulnerable adults (dehydration, healthy eating, being active in your own home, plus a crossword) 1250 leaflets printed and delivered and cost £177. This was funded by the Pewsey Vale Health & Wellbeing Grant fund.

Peter Deck confirmed that Jerry Kunkler had been to a meeting on libraries. Pewsey Library is currently closed as the volunteers are isolating. However, the ambition is to reopen for 2 days a week. Richard says that discussions have been looking at the role libraries play in the future and there may be a possible move to more of a community hub where services could be accessed as well as book lending. Richard suggested the library potentially being the base for the PCCA in the future. Dawn insisted that access to the internet must be retained.

g. Children & Young People - Dawn Wilson

Fun Day in conjunction with The Vale, moved from April to August, but can not go ahead with it on that date. Dawn has been trying to contact King Ramps to let them know, but has not had confirmation. It will be reorganised once it is possible to run it safely.

Dawn may be able to get funding for Blue Bus to visit Pewsey. Richard confirmed that the service isn't running at the moment but there may be issues with capacity to be able to do this. There are problems with drugs and county lines in Pewsey so the youth must have access to professional youth workers. Some activities can be delivered by volunteers, but the access to professional youth workers is paramount.

h. Treasurer - Dawn Wilson

Final accounts for year ending 31st March 2020, PCAP ended with a balance of £7942.57. Income was £4329.71, expenditure was £5935.09. Some funding was ringfenced and spending was spread over several years, so it is not unexpected that more was spent than received. Most income came from grants towards health projects and contributions from Parish Councils for core costs.

The balance currently stands at £7509.53.

6. Area Board & Council News

Colin Gale provided an update on Wiltshire Council - cabinet meetings are still taking place online. A Pewsey Area Board took place during lockdown online just to re-elect the Area Board. At the most recent cabinet meeting, there were issues with figures presented which didn't add up. One was regarding the Special Education Needs school in Rowde, where the original costs were £20 million but are currently £33 million - with no indication of how this had happened. Construction costs had not changed much, risks and contingencies had risen but this still did not account for the difference.

Another case was the Covid update where the totals did not add up. It was a late item to cabinet so could not be answered on the day, but should have been included in the minutes but wasn't. Colin is following up. Dawn asked Colin to resubmit the questions. Peter Deck suggested it is taken up with the auditors next April. Richard confirmed that there is a lot going on currently with funding, so it is an ever-changing situation with agreed funding not necessarily coming through. Curly said the other issue with Rowde is that the increase in spending has not gone back to cabinet for authorisation and confirmed that the pressures from lockdown have been immense for the Council.

7. Parish Issues Report, including Fly Tipping Reports

Susie Brew reported that there were no Parish Issues and two reports of fly tipping.

8. Items for Next Agenda

None.

9. Any Other Business

Next meeting is 22nd October - Margaret Holden offered Easton Royal village hall subject to availability.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Future Meeting Dates

If you are able to host a meeting, then please let Susie know – pcap@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 22nd October 2020 - Woodborough Parish Room

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

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Dawn Wilson, Chair PCAP