

Minutes PCAP 21st July 2022

Easton Royal Village Hall 7pm

Present:

Dawn Wilson (Chair, PCAP Health and Youth, Wilcot, Huish and Oare PC)
Margaret Holden (Easton Royal PC)
Colin Gale (Rushsall PC)
Richard Rogers (CEM, Wiltshire Council),
Curly Haskell (PCAP Standards Working Group, Pewsey Resident)
Peter Deck (PCAP Planning, Pewsey Resident)
Tom Ellen (Chair North Newnton PC)
Cllr Paul Oatway (Wiltshire Council)
Susie Brew (PCAP Coordinator, PVTP Coordinator, Economy, Culture)
Tony Gallagher (Upavon PC)

- 1) Introductions were completed.
- 2) Minutes accepted, proposed Margaret Holden, seconded Peter Deck. Matters arising – Ladies' Bridge at Wilcot and the proposed installation of bollards to stop vehicular access by the CRT. Dawn confirmed that this has been called up by Cllr Paul Oatway as it is subject to planning and is listed.
- 3) Apologies: Carolyn Whistler (PCAP Environment), John Brewin (Woodborough PC), Hew Helps (Easton Royal resident) and Caroline Dalrymple (Pewsey PC).
- 4) No Declarations of Interest
- 5) **Election of Chair & Vice-Chair.** This was inadvertently missed from the agenda, but it is the annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of PCAP. There were no other applicants for the posts and so it was proposed that Dawn Wilson (Chair) and Colin Gale (Vice-Chair) continue in the posts – proposed by Peter Deck and seconded by Curly Haskell.
- 6) **Community Plan**
 - a) **Economy-** It is subscription renewal time of year, so we are hoping that members of the PVTP will continue to support it. Susie asked for Parish Councils to encourage their local businesses to sign up to the PVTP – the annual subscription is just £55. Peter Deck raised the Towns Programme which Wiltshire Council has kicked off which seeks to distribute £1 million per year for the next 5 years in the transformation of High Streets. **ACTION** – Susie to send out information to all Parish Councils. Peter Deck felt that even though it is aimed at town High Streets, there would be no harm in villages applying for funding. Pewsey Parish Council are looking at applying.
 - b) **Transport** – Colin updated on the £1.2 million Rural Mobility Fund that Wiltshire Council have been awarded for demand-responsive transport schemes. Paul the consultant has done a good job on the survey which ended on 15th July. The next meeting to see the results will be

on 26th July so there will be more to report after that. Tony Gallagher said that Upavon had lost the north/south route Salisbury / Marlborough on Sundays and was also concerned about families at Trenchard Lines. Having worked in transport for many years, Tony felt that by some small adjustments, the network of services could be connected to make it work.

Wiltshire Council has applied to the GWR Community Fund for improvements at Great Bedwyn.

The Pewsey Vale Rail User Group met on 29th June. The number of people using Pewsey is increasing since lockdown. No update on the DfT Access Fund with regard to the application for lifts to be installed at Pewsey. Bedwyn has temporarily lost its off-peak direct service due to DfT moving trains from the GWR line to elsewhere on the network.

The Freight Management Plan for Wiltshire Council has been delayed to 2024. **ACTION** – Colin to write to Wiltshire Council, Highways England and the Department for Transport highlighting the issues on the A338, A345 and A342 because there is no Freight Management Plan in place.

c) **Planning**- Peter Deck had no update other than the full opposition from all councils regarding the proposed bollards on Ladies' Bridge.

d) **Crime & Community Safety** – Police have been seen in cars in the area!

The PEEL (Police Efficiency, Effectiveness & Legitimacy) report has been published and endorses everything that has been said previously at PCAP and Area Board meetings over the last 4 years. [The report can be seen here.](#) [The Wiltshire Police response to the report can be seen here.](#)

e) **Environment** - See Carolyn's report. There has also been fires on Salisbury Plain with the army dealing with them – smoke has been across many villages in the area. Susie updated that Crofton Beam Engines has recently experimented with environmentally friendly coal – overall it was successful but raised a couple of issues they need to resolve.

f) **Culture, Heritage & Leisure** – It is good to see Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engines back in full swing with a Family Fun Day at the windmill on 30th July and steaming at Crofton.

g) **Health & Wellbeing** – Last meeting was in April and so the next one is on 13th September on Zoom. No applications for grant funding has been received as yet. Richard said that Pewsey Library is now ready to do more things such as events. Dawn asked whether the Library could be used during school holidays to provide sanitary products for children.

Peter Deck asked about the survey for Pewsey Surgery that was due to take place. Dawn said that it was abandoned as the surgery had a CQC inspection so resources have been redirected to that. There were a number of improvements to systems and new systems that they are having to implement as a result of the inspection. Peter suggested that the survey be run by the PPG. There are resourcing issues at the surgery, with half the practice nurses off with covid and not fully staffed. One doctor is on sabbatical at this time. There is no pharmacist in Marlborough surgery even after weeks or recruiting. The surgery has a new phone system but it is difficult to reach the service that you need.

The PCA, now a CIC, has been invited to attend the next Pewsey Area Board.

h) **Children & Young People** – Pewsey Parish Council is running a youth engagement event on 6th August which has been circulated to Parish Councils.

The building at Pewsey School that could be used as a youth café has been allowed to run down, so there will be nothing there in the short term. Would it be possible to run at Pewsey Fire Station or at the Bouverie Hall?

The Blue Bus has had some success and Tony wasn't sure what funding is available for it from September but Upavon remains committed to it and expect to continue it. Richard confirmed that the funding for the Blue Bus was provided to start it off and build up the numbers, but after the initial phase the funding would need to come from elsewhere. ACTION – Richard to organise meeting with Community First to identify way forward.

Dawn said that she had been to Pewsey School to see the triage process for mental health in place and was very impressed by the wellbeing hub and the staff training. There is in-house counselling for urgent cases on two days of the week. Dawn confirmed that the school is very grateful for the funding from the Pewsey Community Area.

- i) **Treasurer Report** – Dawn provided a summary of the accounts, confirming that the insurance with Zurich had been renewed. Shalbourne Connect has been updated with their balance after the installation of the hearing loop system. Marlborough Lions are contributing funds for the costs of the Memory Café for hall hire.

A reminder has been sent to Parish Councils for a donation to PCAP core costs and thank you to those Parish Councils who continue to support us.

- 7) **Pewsey Area Board Update**- Cllr Oatway expressed his concern that the PCA did not come to the previous Area Board meeting but hopes they will attend the next one. Cllr Oatway was also very frustrated with the decision to defer the Freight Management Plan.

The British Horse Society (BHS) has applied for changes to rights of way across Wiltshire for routes where it can be proved that the route was once used for travel by horse.

The Code of Conduct has progressed, with the document needing to go to full council. All Parish Councils will then be asked to adopt the code.

Speedwatch groups are unable to enforce 20mph limits as this needs to be done by the Police – Cllr Oatway said that the legislation is in place but has had no response from the Police & Crime Commissioner.

8) Canal Issues

Dawn updated that 18 months ago the Canal & Rivers Trust promised an audit of the towpath between Hungerford and Devizes. The audit had started 4 years earlier. The images that the CRT uses shows a pristine towpath with plenty of room for walkers and cyclists to co-exist. This sets the expectation of the public at an unrealistic level. There has been a small amount of work at Wootton Rivers and at Wilcot. Cllr Oatway was concerned that the CRT is failing to fulfil its responsibilities but simultaneously are trying to do unnecessary work at Ladies' Bridge – their priorities are wrong.

Susie provided the report which includes issues from parishes across the Pewsey Community Area (plus Little Bedwyn).

Peter suggested that we send this to the CRT and invite the CRT to the next Pewsey Area Board.

ACTION – Richard to invite the CRT.

ACTION – Susie to find the right contact at the CRT to send the report and for Richard to send an invitation.

There were 58 boats counted between Pewsey and Wilcot including permanent moorings and continuous cruising boats and so funds raised from the licences should be allocated to this stretch.



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9) **Parish Issues Review** – no issues reported.

10) **Any Other Business** – Dawn said that Marlborough Health & Wellbeing will attend the next Pewsey Health & Wellbeing meeting to see if can partner on any initiatives.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and Margaret Holden for the use of the hall and refreshments and closed the meeting at 9pm.