

## Minutes PCAP 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Rushall Village Hall 7pm

Present:

Dawn Wilson (Chair, PCAP Health and Youth, Wilcot, Huish and Oare PC)  
Colin Gale (Rushall PC)  
Richard Rogers (CEM, Wiltshire Council),  
Peter Deck (PCAP Planning, Pewsey Resident)  
Cllr Paul Oatway (Wiltshire Council)  
Charles Lee Bennet (Upavon PC)  
Tony Gallagher (Upavon PC)  
John Brewin (Woodborough PC)  
Susie Brew (PCAP Coordinator)

- 1) Introductions were completed.
- 2) Minutes accepted, proposed Colin Gale, seconded Peter Deck.  
Matters arising – PCAP has submitted applications for Health & Wellbeing grant fund for the current year – awaiting approval.
- 3) Apologies: Carolyn Whistler (PCAP Environment), Hew Helps (Easton Royal Resident), Bev Helps (Easton Royal PC), Curly Haskell (PCAP Standards Working Group, Pewsey Resident).
- 4) No Declarations of Interest

#### 5) Community Plan

- a) **Economy** – Plans for 2023 for the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership include a new video showing people how to map read whilst promoting the beautiful Pewsey Vale landscape (currently in planning, will require grant funding), accessible walking routes, literary trails and organising a couple of walks for the North Wessex Downs annual Walking Festival. This is alongside the ‘business as usual’ activities, such as social media, monthly newsletters, website maintenance, leaflet deliveries, advertising, blogging and so on. The Pewsey Vale Ultra trail is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – this is a new event using the Pewsey Vale Circular Way as its route. This is being organised by Andover Trails, with a start location of Linkenholt. The race starts at 10am and has a 24 hour cut off. Susie to send more information to Parish Councils.
- b) **Transport** – Colin updated on the £1.2 million Rural Mobility Fund for a NEW Bus Service for Pewsey Vale that the project is going well and that Paul Sanders (project manager) is very much on top of the project. There will be an official launch of the service. The service will have 5 buses, with the initial phase starting at the end of March and May/June for the next stage. They are currently consulting with bus companies to contract out the service. Tony (Upavon PC) asked whether Trenchard Lines are included. Colin confirmed that they are. Tony was concerned that they are only served by the flexible part of the service and that might make it difficult for potential users. Dawn confirmed that it will be important for parishes

to communicate the new service to people. Army Welfare Service, the Together magazine can be used to provide information to residents.

**Trains** – Dawn and Colin attended the GWR Stakeholder Conference in October and a zoom call on Tuesday with Mark Hopwood Chief Executive of GWR. Future strikes will impact the service but GWR managed to provide 80% of the services over Christmas. Punctuality needs to improve. Revenue and passenger numbers have nearly recovered to the levels at February 2020. Devizes Gateway has ticked all the boxes, so they are waiting for Atkins.

- c) **Planning**- Peter Deck updated that the consultation document on the validity of Neighbourhood Plans and proposed changes (from Michael Gove). Statutory bodies (i.e. Parish Councils) have until the end of February to respond. The support of Danny Kruger MP against the proposals has been gained.
- d) **Crime & Community Safety** – Cllr Paul Oatway volunteered to look after Crime & Community Safety for PCAP. He was concerned about the visibility of the police and communication on local issues.
- e) **Environment** – Carolyn Whistler had submitted prior to the meeting that parishes need to ensure that they have flood plans and extreme weather plans in force and a designated Flood Warden appointed. Great Green Bedwyn is very active with regular events to help people go green. They are also working with a new group (Pewsey Green – Jane Brown), which is due to be launched at the end of February. Richard confirmed that a feasibility study will go ahead for solar at the school and the campus. Pewsey Community Land Trust has information about solar schemes.

Susie confirmed that Parish Councils have been sent an email asking if there is interest in EV charging and bike repair stands.

Susie has been in touch with the K&A Canal Trust. Nick has spoken to the Western Manager and the conversation confirmed that they are only able to do the work that keeps the canal open due to scarce manpower and not enough money. However he was assured that the Trust is aware of most towpath issues and one in particular – near Honeystreet – is near the top of the list for attention. It is always the case that the serious stuff gets done first which inevitably means that smaller jobs drop down the list. Dawn raised the issue of Wilcot Bridge having cracks but it does get inspected and the Iron Bridge which is waiting for inspection.

Susie highlighted a volunteer event from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on 25<sup>th</sup> January to plant chalk grassland plug plants on the Pewsey Downs. Contact Steph Payne – [stephanie.payne@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.payne@naturalengland.org.uk).

- f) **Culture, Heritage & Leisure** – PVADS annual pantomime - Aladdin – is currently on at Bouverie Hall. There is currently (until end of March) a £2 bus fare cap to encourage use of public transport.
- g) **Health & Wellbeing** – Next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> January on Zoom. Grant funding has been applied for the Memory Café (venue costs). Christmas Lunch in Pewsey went well.

Dawn is on the PPG for KAMP and has made contact with the primary care network, social prescribers, occupational therapists, health trainers.

Richard confirmed that Pewsey Library now serves drinks on Thursdays so it is a Warm Space during the day. Other applicants include Woodborough Gateway, Arts 2Gether, Friendship Club for warm spaces. There is about £2k - £3k left.

Dawn confirmed that PCAP now has a Cost of Living Crisis Fund having been successful in getting a grant from Wiltshire Community Foundation of £1k. This is for emergencies such as a broken washing machine, stairgates, etc. Primary schools and social prescribers are aware of the fund. An applicant must have a referee and cannot have cash. PCAP has applied for match funding from the Area Board.

- h) **Children & Young People** – This initiative has been handed over to Cat Ellis and Lisa Brindley, but it may have stalled. A further meeting is required to use funding for outreach work.

Richard said that there should be activities during the summer at Upavon – could do a Fun Day. Wiltshire Football Association does coaching and this would be popular.

The Blue Bus has had some success and funding is available for it for September for Upavon for now. Upavon PC need to find more funding for the service to continue. Burbage announced that the Parish Council would fund it for further months. Pewsey Youth activities – Cllrs have provided some day activities but are struggling with a regular venue for the proposed youth café. Community first continue to work with volunteers on all three projects.

- i) **Treasurer Report** – Dawn provided a summary of the accounts.

By Project	Income	Expenses	Crd frwrd From last yr	In this yr Leaves		Carry Forward 2023
Health	£ 525.00	£ 1,495.37	£ 3,906.57	£ 2,936.20	Health	£ 2,936.20
Unrestricted	£ 1,555.00	£ 1,526.60	£ 2,457.48	£ 2,485.88	Unrestricted	£ 2,485.88
Shalbourne	£ 761.25	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,285.08	£ 1,046.33	Shalbourne	£ 1,046.33
PVTP	£ 500.00	£ 536.00	0	-£ 36.00		-£ 36.00
Footpath Projects	£ 2,528.80	£ 2,528.80	0	£ -		£ -
	£ 5,870.05	£ 9,086.77	£ 9,649.13	£ 6,432.41	£ -	£ 6,432.41

*Health – is for the Memory Café and Movement to Music sessions PCAP run and support in Pewsey. The PVTP project was funds from Tesco to advertise the new long distance walking and cycling route, the Pewsey Vale Circular Way, launched last March.*

- 6) **Pewsey Area Board Update**- Cllr Oatway Met with the K&A Canal Trust regarding Ladies' Bridge. The proposal from K&A was rejected by the landowner. K&A to come back with another proposal.

Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct – every Parish Council will receive it and he encourages Parish Councils to adopt the Code which will standardise expectations and make investigations much easier to perform.

Cllr Oatway has a meeting with Highways Managers next week – the roads in the Pewsey Vale are not in a good state.

The Swindon & Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership meeting – a Community Speedwatch Enforcement Officer role has been set up so information on stops, etc can be seen. The Commissioner said that data will be available for Community Areas, so potentially comparisons can be made.

- 7) **Parish Issues Review** – North Newnton reported 3 issues, 2 of which are not progressing. One is regarding road surfaces (See Cllr Oatway update) and gully clearance.

Grafton Parish has an abandoned vehicle and wasn't sure how to report it. You can do this on the My Wilts app or on the website - <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-abandoned-vehicle>.

- 8) **Any Other Business** – Wiltshire Council has notified parishes that they will recover the cost of elections from parish councils. The cost will be between £200 and £1100 per parish. If there is an uncontested election, the you should not be charged. Dawn suggested that PCAP should sne a letter regarding lack of consultation and the information was too late for the coming budget round.

Dawn updated that Pewsey Community Land Trust is going ahead with the development of the Police House in Pewsey. It will be known as King Alfred's Court. There will be a further consultation on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.30pm at the Bouverie Hall.

Pewsey Parish Council has submitted plans for a wheeled sports facility in Broomcroft Road site. There will be a Carnival Fun Day at Pewsey Leisure Centre to celebrate 120 years of Carnival – Dawn is assisting with Heritage Lottery Grant application.

The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) held a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Their main responsibility is to provide training to Parish Councils and they are not delivering this. The level of membership fee is £400 whereas Somerset is just £200. Parish Councils should consider whether this is good value for money.

PCAP is looking for venues for the following dates (6.30pm set up – 9.30pm dismantle)

20th July 2023

19th October 2023

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and Colin Gale for the use of the hall and refreshments and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.