

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 18th July 2019

7pm at Easton Royal Village Hall

With thanks to Easton Royal Parish Council for the donation of the meeting room and refreshments

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 Paul Oatway	Pewsey Area Board, Wiltshire Council
Cllr John Brewin	Woodborough Parish Council
Cllr Margaret Holden	Easton Royal Parish Council
Cllr Carolyn Whistler	PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment
Cllr Bob McDonald	Upavon Parish Council
Cllr Robert Chillcott	North Newnton Parish Council
Susie Brew	PCAP & PVTP Coordinator

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Easton Royal Parish Council for the donation of the hall and some delicious refreshments.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the PCAP Meeting of Thursday 18th July 2019 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Cllr Peter Deck) and signed off.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Hew Helps	Easton Royal Resident
Patrick Wilson	PCAP Economy Sub-group Lead
Cllr Crispin Herrod-Taylor	Grafton Parish Council
Cllr Caroline Dalrymple	Pewsey Parish Council

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

5. Vale of Pewsey Promotional Film

The new video from the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership was shown. Launched on 11th July, the film has taken about a year to produce and was a real community effort. Grant funding came from the Pewsey Area Board, the North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust and Pewsey Coop. Additional short films will also be available.

The archive of filming can be used by other groups or individuals, but would need to be paid for directly with Phil Timm (phil@philtimm.co.uk). Members of the Tourism Partnership can create their own video for a sum of £75 and should contact Phil Timm if interested (Susie has advised them directly).

The launch on the 11th was well attended and the video was extremely well received. Susie has also been on BBC Radio Wiltshire to talk about it.

6. Parish Issues Report, including Fly Tipping Reports

Susie Brew reported that there were no Parish Issues reported and no fly tipping incidents this quarter.

7. Actions arising from review of the PCAP Plan

Dawn Wilson thanked everyone for their final reviews of the PCAP Plan. A new link will be circulated to the PCAP committee.

8. Update on WfCAP

Dawn provided an update on WfCAP (Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnerships - representing CAP's across the county). There are 10 CAP's still in existence in one shape or another. WfCAP was a CIO, operating under the Charity Commission, having 3 trustees plus Dawn Wilson.

On the basis that WfCAP was no longer receiving funding, at the AGM it was proposed to dissolve the charity.

9. Community Area Plan

a. Economy

Susie provided an update regarding the film from the Tourism Partnership and said that progress was being made on the Pewsey Business Group Project. Data has now been collected from the footfall count, the information has been input and statistics are being compiled.

The next step is to run public online surveys and business surveys.

Transport - Colin Gale

Trains

There will be a new timetable in December. The next Pewsey Rail User Group meeting will be in October and hope to have Mark Hopwood, GWR Chief Executive. There is an issue with ticket machines not providing the cheapest tickets. The meeting will be publicised.

There is great representation from Devon and Cornwall and some from Somerset, but nothing from Wiltshire. The holder of the portfolio attends from Wiltshire Council but doesn't contribute or promote Wiltshire's interests.

John Brewin raised the concern that Wiltshire Council does not recognise Pewsey or Bedwyn Stations as commuter stations when they are.

Colin Gale confirmed that the two Pewsey area stations do not even appear in the Wiltshire Council plan - they focus on road rather than rail.

There is a need for more westbound trains and so Colin and Dawn have asked Wiltshire Council to do a survey so that the need can be demonstrated so that changes to the timetables can be made.

Plans for Westbury are being jeopardised by Wiltshire Council's lack of action.

Buses

No update.

Highways

No update.

b. Planning - Peter Deck

Next week there is the Strategic Planning meeting at Trowbridge.

Peter recommended that parishes should read the Reysford Review 2018 - it is an interesting document on the way forward for planning (about 120 pages).

c. Crime & Community Safety - Peter Deck

There is a new facility to report crime online - https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Report_a_crime.

Adrian Hampton provided information on what to do with abandoned or stranded vehicles - you can let the police know, but it can also be recorded via Wiltshire Council - 0300 456 0100 or at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

d. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

Carolyn showed a copy of the Plantlife Good Verge Guide which recommends best practice for healthy verges full of wildlife. North Newnton Parish Council has adopted the recommendations in the guide. PCAP has received a couple of complaints from residents regarding unnecessary and unwanted verge cutting at the wrong time of year, asking whether we can help. The whole community area is also in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and so efforts to conserve grass verges should be made. It was decided that PCAP should circulate the Guide and ask Parish Councils in the Pewsey Community Area to adopt the Guide. We can then collectively let Wiltshire Council know so that discussions on timing and location of cutting can get underway. This is likely to have more effect than each Parish Council going back to Wiltshire Council individually.

Colin highlighted that May and August are months when most cutting goes on as the Parish Stewards are unable to visit during these months.

e. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant

Susie updated that there are lots of events going on across the Vale at this time of year and can be found on the Visit Pewsey Vale website - www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk.

f. Pewsey Vale Health & Wellbeing Group - Dawn Wilson

The recent meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Group went well. One of the current projects is the set up of a pilot for chair and standing gentle exercise, which is progressing and will also be taking place at the September Memory Café.

The Pilot will run from October to December every fortnight, targeting the isolated, those new to exercise, the elderly and with memory issues. We will be visiting GP surgeries to try and get them to refer people to the sessions. The idea is to make them self-sustaining, although the pilot is being paid for by a grant from the Health & Wellbeing fund.

The Memory Café Canal Trip in June was extremely successful - everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We have had new members at the Memory Café.

The Vale Community Campus is running Live Well sessions - please promote on your websites and noticeboards - <https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/tidworth/live-well-sessions-the-vale-community-campus-pewsey/>.

Peter Deck said that one of the Pewsey doctors had recently retired and patients had been reallocated to a Marlborough based doctor. He understands that you can request to see a doctor in Pewsey regardless.

Colin Gale said that the Community Café in North Newnton and Upavon is going really well - helped by seed-funding from the Health & Wellbeing Fund.

Dawn updated that PCAP is now supporting walking groups at Great Bedwyn through our insurance cover.

g. Children & Young People - Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson said that she is hopeful that she can get the Blue Bus (mobile youth workers and youth activities) to visit Burbage and Upavon later in the year.

Pewsey has a lot of activities - for example scouts, army cadets, sports clubs, so that is why the bus will be at Burbage and Upavon where there are fewer things to do. If it's successful, then it can also go to Pewsey potentially.

Curly Haskell updated the meeting that the outdoor skateboard area at The Vale is not going ahead. Pewsey Vale School had been approached for a more suitable location, but the governors said no. The Environmental Officer rejected the planning application for the skateboard area based on noise.

h. Treasurer - Dawn Wilson

Dawn Wilson confirmed that PCAP has a balance of approximately £8500, of which £4000 is ringfenced. The remainder is available for core costs and overheads. £1600 for the exercise classes pilot has not yet arrived. Dawn thanked all the Parish Councils who have provided funds to PCAP, enabling it to continue.

10. Area Board & Council News - Paul Oatway

There are plans to have another ice rink in Pewsey - proposed for 14th December when the Christmas Fair is on. This was run 3 years ago and was very successful. A better skating surface is being sought and tickets in advance didn't work so well which will be addressed.

Paul Oatway confirmed that the leadership of Wiltshire Council has changed and things are remaining pretty much the same as before. Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (Netheravon) is now in cabinet. There have been concerns about Highways and lack of progress on problem roads (e.g. Alton to Woodborough) - Colin Gale suggested emailing Adrian Hampton and copying in Malcolm Bevan.

11. Items for Next Agenda

None.

12. Any Other Business

John Brewin confirmed that, subject to weather, the RAF will be using a Chinook helicopter to move 46 bags of chalk from the bottom of the hill up to the Alton Barnes White Horse for rechalking of the horse. Everyone is welcome - it starts at 10am.

Dawn announced that due to his commitments on the Pewsey Community Land Trust, Patrick Wilson has decided to step down from his role in PCAP as Lead for the Economy. Dawn thanked Patrick for the years of work that he has done for PCAP and the great contribution he has made during that time, in his role as a Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Sub-group Leader, as well as his leadership on the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership. Patrick has worked tirelessly over a period of about 14 years. Dawn wished Patrick all the very best for the PCLT and looks forward to seeing the first houses built. Dawn proposed that PCAP will write a letter of thanks to Patrick, which the meeting agreed should be done.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Future Meeting Dates

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

Thursday 17th October 2019 - Shalbourne Village Hall

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