

## PEWSEY AREA CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (PACCS) Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014

### Present:

Cllr Peter Deck (Chairman)  
Susie Brew (Secretary)  
Rowena Lansdown  
Dawn Wilson

Pewsey Parish Council  
Grafton Parish Council & PCAP Coordinator  
Wiltshire Council Public Protection  
Wilcot & Huish (with Oare) Parish Council, WfCAP &  
PCAP Chair

Cllr Terry Eyles  
Paul Oatway  
Caroline Brailey  
Neil Rattigan  
Mike Franklin  
Jerry Kunkler  
Alex Carder  
Hannah Hould  
Richard Barratt

Pewsey Parish Council  
Wiltshire Councillor  
Community Area Manager, Pewsey  
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Wiltshire Councillor & Pewsey Area Board Chair  
Pewsey Parish Council  
Wiltshire Council Licensing  
Wiltshire Police

### Apologies:

Karen Brown  
Jason Underwood  
Lisa Grant  
Sgt Vincent Logue  
Teresa Herbert

Youth Development Service  
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Wiltshire Council Licensing  
Wiltshire Police  
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### 1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made and apologies received.

### 2. Matters arising and approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Peter updated the meeting that the planned pedestrian crossing that will be installed close to the Post Office in North Street is currently deferred due to costs and a feasibility study.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were approved.

### 3. Kennet & Avon Canal Forum Update

The first meeting took place on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and it was a very positive step forward. Peter Deck advised that groups and parishes who are involved with the canal should be encouraged to attend.

Dawn Wilson advised of the Angling Club which uses the K&A Canal. Peter Deck mentioned the Pewsey Boat Club which is based in Pewsey Wharf. Susie Brew to contact these groups to make sure they are aware of the meeting and to request their involvement.

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## 4. Neighbourhood Police Teams

### 4.1 Pewsey East

#### 4.1.1 Previous Priorities

##### Theft from vehicles

Teresa Herbert has been using fixed and movable signs to notify people of a Police operation. There have only been 2 thefts at beauty spots in the last 3 months. In addition, suspects in the south of Wiltshire have been charged for a number of thefts and it is likely that the removal of these people from circulation has impacted this significantly. Priority closed.

##### Criminal damage to farms and poaching

The Police have worked closely with Thames Valley Police and farmers in the area to get it under control. In the last quarter, there has only been 1 instance of damage to a fence. Priority closed.

#### 4.1.2 New Priorities

Two new priorities were agreed:

##### Burglaries to dwellings

There have been 3 burglaries in Great Bedwyn since 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year and so this was proposed and agreed to be a priority.

##### Speeding in Milton Lilbourne and Easton Royal

A number of complaints have been received from villagers in both villages about speeding through traffic. Proposed and agreed to be a priority.

### 4.2 Pewsey West

#### 4.2.1 Previous Priorities

##### Use and possible drug dealing in Wilcot

Additional operations were put in place, including spot checks and developing intelligence. This was very successful as a vehicle was stopped and drugs were found. The driver was arrested and charged. One of the Wilcot residents who reported the suspicious behaviour originally has confirmed that it is no longer a problem. This priority is therefore closed.

##### Parking blocking lanes in Woodborough

Due to other pressures, the team has not been able to focus on the traffic issues at Woodborough, however as it is school holiday time, it hasn't been the right time of year to do this in any case. Proposed and agreed that this priority should carry over to the next meeting.

#### 4.2.2 New Priorities

##### Drugs in Pewsey

This issue has been raised by members of the public to the Police and some drug paraphernalia has been found in a playground. Intelligence gathered from the Wilcot work would suggest that this is the case. Peter Deck will ensure that the Parish Councillors in Pewsey are aware of this and that they will report any findings to the Police immediately. This priority was agreed.

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## 5. Local Issues

### 5.1 ASB at the Co-op car park

Peter Deck reported that over the last 2 months there have been a few reports of low level anti-social behaviour in the car park, for example noise from music and from revving engines. Jerry Kunkler said that he has been out in the car park most evenings and there hasn't been anything really to report - he has engaged with the youth who are there and everything seemed to be ok.

Peter Deck was disappointed that the Co-op had confirmed that they had installed CCTV cameras in the car park and that in fact that has proved not to be the case. Jerry Kunkler and Caroline Brailey will contact the Co-op manager. Rowena Lansdown will also make contact.

Youth who have been moved on from the Co-op now congregate by the garages in Broadfields and this was confirmed by Richard Barratt. An incident was reported recently where a couple of youths had set light to cardboard and moved it to the fence by the Children's Centre which could have had serious consequences.

Jerry Kunkler reported that there have been some reports of anti-social behaviour in Goddard Road which is being monitored by the Housing Association. Richard Barratt confirmed that an ASBO has been placed on the occupants of one house in Goddard Road. With regard to the recent assault in Goddard Road, Richard Barratt confirmed that someone has been arrested and charged.

### 5.2 & 5.3 Youth Issues and SHAK report

Karen was unable to attend as she is at Oxenwood with some children. However, Peter Deck confirmed that there are going to be some big changes in how the Youth Services are delivered from September this year.

Caroline Brailey explained that the Area Board will allocate funds. The young people will be asked what they want to do and all funding will be made on activity based projects. There will be a person in place to coordinate the ideas and manage the programme of activities, as well as requesting the funding from the Area Board.

There will be a new version of the Shak in the new campus, but the existing building will close temporarily and so alternative facilities are being sought for the interim period.

Jason Underwood confirmed that there is a free FRS facility that can be booked and will let Caroline Brailey have the details.

Caroline confirmed that the activities can be held anywhere in the Community Area, rather than just being Pewsey based.

Peter Deck enquired what is happening with the breakfast and lunch clubs which are well-attended. Caroline confirmed that Pewsey Vale School is going to provide one person and the Youth Service funds from Pewsey Area Board will fund the second person so that both clubs can continue and they will be run at Pewsey Vale School for the interim. This funding from the Pewsey Area Board will be proposed and voted on at the next Area Board meeting.

Peter Deck suggested that the prices charged at breakfast and lunch be reviewed to see if it is possible to raise more funds to sustain these activities without pricing the food out of the

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market. Caroline Brailey confirmed that this may be looked into at some stage. Peter Deck also wondered whether access to and use of the temporary area at the school which is being used for the clubs could be moved forward by 12 weeks in order to avoid a gap in the provision of an area for the youth.

#### **5.4 Traffic**

Caroline Brailey confirmed that the Tour of Britain bike race will be coming through Pewsey and through most of the parishes in the Pewsey Community Area. She will be setting up a committee to look at how we can make the most of the event and the coverage in the area. Richard Barratt will check what actions the Police are taking with regard to public safety and road closures.

Peter Deck was concerned about the road markings at Pewsey Bridge by the statue of King Alfred whilst the temporary road surface is in place. People who don't know the junction are using it as a mini-roundabout rather than a series of T junctions. Paul Oatway to find out what the plan is for the markings and resurfacing.

Dawn Wilson reported that traffic at Cross Hayes crossroads is ignoring the new signage and a Give Way sign has already been demolished.

#### **5.5 Community Parishes Involvement**

Nothing was raised.

#### **5.6 Bad driving at Broadfields**

Peter Deck confirmed that issues continue at Broadfields particularly with regard to noise (e.g. modified exhausts) and bad driving. Richard Barratt confirmed that the Police can issue tickets for a defect on a car which is a better route to go down rather than an ASBO. Rowena Lansdown confirmed that having a noisy exhaust is not an offence and so Environmental Health cannot deal with it. However, Rowena has found some success when they write to the registered owner of a reported vehicle and point out the vehicle can be seized. They have had only two repeat offenders when they have used this process. Rowena will send over some anti-social driving signs. She also confirmed that if you are to report a car, then you must submit the registration, the type of car, the colour and what the anti-social behaviour was. This can be phoned through to the Police 101 number. Richard Barratt will ask traffic officers to visit randomly - there is no set time of day when the anti-social behaviour takes place.

#### **5.7 Advertisement Fraud**

Following the recent advertising fraud that took place where a number of local businesses paid for a business directory which was not then created, the incident is now with the Trading Standards Office, which has the powers to investigate.

#### **5.8 Recent traveller issues**

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Travellers set up camp at the Woodbridge Inn on their way to the Appleby Show. There was some criminal damage to a car in Rushall, which cannot be followed up as there was no evidence as to who was responsible. Chainsaws, generators and other equipment were being sold out of the back of vans, people felt threatened and the Woodbridge Inn had to close over a weekend.

### 5.9 Facebook & Neighbourhood Watch

There are a number of Facebook and Twitter 'notice board' type pages for local villages and towns and these can be a source of information for the Police, for example when the travellers were in the area, there were a number of posts about where the travellers were selling from vans. At the time, Teresa Herbert said that they didn't have time to monitor the social media sites, but Susie Brew suggested that perhaps this is something Neighbourhood Watch coordinators could do and alert the Police as necessary. Richard Barratt thought that this might be something that could be combined with the new Community Messaging system that is currently being rolled out. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### 6. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service - Joint initiative for canal safety

This initiative has come about as a result of the recent Canal issues meeting and set up of the regular canal forums. It proposes that the Wiltshire FRS could do boat safety checks, along the lines of those that are done for houses. In order to do this, there would need to be some safety equipment (e.g. alarms) and a couple of bikes for the FRS officers to use to go up and down the canal. This would also be a positive activity to help with isolation and community cohesion.

Mike Franklin and Susie Brew met a couple of weeks ago to discuss a grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner's grant fund that had recently been announced, as it 'ticked all the boxes' in terms of eligibility criteria. However, this grant scheme is being administered by the Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation and they have an explicit exclusion for Community Area Partnerships, as they have them (incorrectly) identified as a statutory body. WfCAP has had on-going disagreement with the W&SCF on this point and the W&SCF will be having a meeting in September where the exclusion will be reviewed. In the meantime, in order to move this forward, Susie has asked Matthew Symonds at the Canal & River Trust whether they would be the lead party in this grant request as they are a charity and so should be eligible.

WfCAP are continuing to get the incorrect classification of Community Area Partnerships corrected as it will have an on-going impact on CAPs' access to grant funding as many pots of grant money are now administered via this channel.

Further update at the next meeting.

Mike Franklin also pointed out that the consultation on the future organisational structure of the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is now open for comments and he urged people to get involved and to publicise it. The link is: <http://www.wiltsfire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs> .

### 7. Bus Service Consultation

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Peter Deck noted that according to a recent communication from Kate Freeman (Devises CAP), there will be no evening service from Pewsey. Susie Brew clarified that because the review by Alan James had to work within the resource constraints that the Wiltshire Council Public Transport Unit had originally worked within, it meant that an evening service was excluded from the scope of his proposal. However, Wiltshire Council has acknowledged that no evening service is unacceptable and that an evening service on say Thursday, Friday, Saturday may be a solution (although this is no guarantee it will be included). In addition, an early evening service to meet the busiest train at Pewsey station from London means that there is an early evening service at about 7.30pm/8pm which there wasn't before.

#### **8. AOB**

Susie Brew informed the meeting that the PCAP website is now online and available. All meetings and documentation will be on here going forward. The website is at [www.pewseycap.org.uk](http://www.pewseycap.org.uk) and a communication was planned to go out to everyone.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The Parish Office, Pewsey - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 2.30pm

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