

## PEWSEY AREA CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (PACCS)

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Present:

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

Pewsey Parish Council  
Grafton Parish Council & PCAP Coordinator  
Wilcot & Huish (with Oare) Parish Council, WfCAP &  
PCAP Chair  
Pewsey Parish Council  
Wiltshire Police  
Youth Development Service  
Pewsey Parish Council

Cllr Terry Eyles  
PCSO Jonathan Mills  
Karen Brown  
Alex Carder

### Apologies:

Rowena Lansdown  
Gavin Ketchen

Wiltshire Council Public Protection  
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Pewsey Community  
Area

### 1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made and apologies received.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved. Peter Deck informed the meeting that the Village Warden for Pewsey was being progressed with Peter White from Wiltshire Council.

### 3. Progress Updates:

#### 3.1. Bike Security Marking - Pewsey NPT

Following an update from Sgt Claire Wallace, this initiative was not possible to do in Pewsey.

#### 3.2. Resourcing

Richard Barratt's replacement is not confirmed. There will be handover, but probably only 1 or 2 weeks.

Lucy Stonestreet will replace the vacancy for PC Joe Sadd, but will be on maternity leave very shortly and will come back part time.

PC Teresa Herbert is now on part time working.

This will impact the level of support that the Neighbourhood Police Teams can provide to the parishes.

#### 3.3. Pedestrian Crossing in Pewsey

This is not on the priority list for CATG and does not have funding so will not be going ahead. Dawn Wilson confirmed that there is a petition against the proposed position of the crossing signed by over 700 local people.

#### 3.4. Canal Meeting

Peter Deck confirmed that another Canal Meeting, run by the CRT, had taken place and that it was a good opportunity for people to get issues out in the open to find resolutions, and that

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it seemed to be working. Dawn Wilson confirmed that the latest meeting (13<sup>th</sup> May) had also included an opportunity to socialise and that the Angling Club were also there. Susie Brew confirmed that the Canoe Club were planning to come to the next meeting and be involved. The CRT meeting attendees were being encouraged to report issues to 101 or the CRT depending on the type of problem.

#### **4. Neighbourhood Police Teams**

##### **4.1. Pewsey West**

###### **4.1.1. Previous Priorities**

###### Speeding through Oare

Although the equipment is now back and in operation, it has meant that not as many speed checks had been done as had been hoped. They will continue to monitor but the priority was agreed to be closed.

###### Anti-social Behaviour in Pewsey

There have been only 8 out of 60 responses to the NPT's survey of ASB in Pewsey. The issues seem to have reduced and so it was agreed to close this priority.

###### **4.1.2. New Priorities**

###### Speeding in Rushall

There have been a number of complaints - mainly due to the roadworks taking place there.

###### Non-dwelling burglaries

Although these have fallen in the last month, there are still things that could be done, such as providing advice to prevent the crimes.

##### **4.2. Pewsey East**

###### **4.2.1. Previous Priorities**

###### Great Bedwyn Non-dwelling & Vehicle Thefts & Drug Use

Work here included target hardening and crime prevention. Agreed to close.

###### **4.2.2. New Priorities**

###### Non-dwelling burglaries

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###### Beauty Spot Thefts

People are still leaving property in their vehicles and so they get broken in to. Even leaving things in the boot of a car is not safe nowadays. This is a perennial problem in the area, in particular around Crofton.

PCSO Mills then updated the meeting on the latest Police Report for June 2015.

Unfortunately many issues are not reported to the Police via 101 or 999 but are often put on the local Notice Board pages on Facebook. By typing '@Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team' in the comment or sharing to the Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team's page, they can then act on the problem if they aren't already aware of it.

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## 5. Local Issues

### 5.1. ASB at the Co-op Car Park

There have been no problems logged since the last meeting and patrols are done there regularly. Peter Deck said there have been problems at the Tennis Club with the nets being broken and bikes being ridden over them. The Tennis Club is debating whether to put locks on the gates, but fear that damage may then be done to the fences and it also generates logistical problems for those who use it. The Neighbourhood Team will keep an eye on the Tennis Club.

### 5.2. Youth Issues

At The Grove in Pewsey, which is a wooded area where cycling is permitted, there have been problems with abuse of the conditions of use - for example building ramps, cutting trees, digging holes. The rules had been agreed, but over time have been forgotten. Dawn Wilson suggested doing an awareness session at Pewsey Vale School. PCSO Mills will consider this and perhaps incorporate it into the Year 9/10 general information sessions that they do.

Karen Brown provided an update on the Local Youth Network (LYN). There are monthly activities taking place in East Grafton and at the Great Bedwyn Youth Group. Work is also underway with Upavon for youth activities.

The Magna Carta event went well, but was poorly supported on the day and so Karen had to boost numbers from people from outside the Pewsey area.

Karen confirmed that The Shak is now empty and closed up.

PCSO Mills confirmed that the local Police may not relocate at the Campus.

Karen confirmed that the Friday Fire Station Youth Meeting still takes place but the numbers are low because the weather is good and the youth prefer to hang out at the Playing Field instead.

The next Pewsey LYN meeting is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm at the Pewsey Parish Office. Dawn confirmed that the LYN, with PCAP, is planning to use Spice Time Credits to get more young people involved in the LYN and volunteering.

### 5.3. Traffic Matters

Noisy vehicles in Broadfields still cause issues. PCSO Mills advised that having a defective (modified) exhaust is a criminal offence and can also void an insurance policy. Again, these issues are not being reported because people are worried of reprisals. These types of problems can be reported anonymously and the reporter is not required to do anything or get involved. The Police just need to know when there are problems as they can make a difference in getting the modifications on the vehicles corrected. The Police require an offending vehicle's number reported to them in order to act.

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There have been further incidents recently of traffic going in the wrong direction in Wilcot Road which is a one-way street.

#### **5.4. Community Parishes' Involvement**

The Parish Issues Report didn't highlight any new Crime & Community Safety issues.

Dawn Wilson reported that there is some concern as to certain activities in what was the village pub, which is now closed. PCSO Mills noted her remarks.

#### **6. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service**

There was no update from the Wiltshire FRS.

#### **7. Smartwater Project**

Susie provided information on a project that Melksham CAP did to raise funds for the running of Crime & Community Safety in their Community Area Partnership, now that central funding from Wiltshire Council was no longer available.

Smartwater is a kit which you use to paint a substance (that is unique to every property and is invisible) on things of value in your home. Should a burglar steal the items, and the Police subsequently locate them, they can be reunited with the owner. The Police also immediately check any person who is arrested on suspicion of burglary or theft because the Smartwater comes off on the item and on to the burglar, so provides important evidence in order to obtain a conviction. Often, just having the notice visibly placed that you have Smartwater is enough to deter burglars.

The scheme involves smaller Smartwater packages, suitable for most residences, at a discounted rate, particularly to be aimed at vulnerable people, partly funded by a Police & Crime Commissioner grant.

The issue with this scheme is the distribution of the Smartwater packs once people have bought them. It was suggested that Pewsey Library could be used and to contact Neighbourhood Watch to see whether that network could be used. Any other ideas are gratefully received. Susie Brew to progress.

#### **AOB**

It was emphasized that reduced police resources make it difficult for a member of the local force to attend all Parish Council meetings unless there is a serious problem. It was pointed out that the PACCS meeting exists to enable parish representatives to interact with the Police over routine matters and Parish Councils in the Community Area are to be encouraged to attend. Peter Deck said that it was still important, considering the volume of activity, that the police attend Pewsey Full Parish Council meetings as they have always done.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

The Parish Office, Pewsey - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 2.30pm

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