

PEWSEY AREA CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (PACCS) Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17th February 2016

Present:

Cllr Peter Deck (Chairman)	Pewsey Parish Council & PCAP
Susie Brew (Secretary)	PCAP Coordinator
Steve Hepworth	Alton Parish Council
Mike Roberts	Bradford on Avon Town Council
Ros Griffiths	CEM Wiltshire Council
Paul Mills	Chirton & Conock Parish Council
Cedric Hollinsworth	Easton Parish Council
Karen Brown	Pewsey Community Area Local Youth Network
Alex Carder	Pewsey Parish Council
Terry Eyles	Pewsey Parish Council
Colin Gale	Rushall Parish Council
Dawn Wilson	Wilcot & Huish with Oare Parish Council
	PCAP Chair
Jerry Kunkler	Wiltshire Council
Lee Braithwaite	Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service
Inspector James Brain	Wiltshire Police
Inspector Nick Mawson	Wiltshire Police
PC Dave McCalmont	Wiltshire Police
PC Mark Hough	Wiltshire Police
PC Teresa Herbert	Wiltshire Police
PCSO Jonathan Mills	Wiltshire Police

Apologies:

Rowena Lansdown	Wiltshire Council Public Protection
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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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th October 2015 were approved.

3. Overview of the new Control Strategy & Community Policing Model with Inspector Nick Mawson

Peter Deck thanked the Inspector for coming to the meeting to provide information on the new Community Policing Model that is currently being piloted in the west of the county. Concerns had been raised previously about the reduction in staffing levels of the Neighbourhood Police Team and the Parishes were keen to understand how this new way of working will improve resourcing in the area.

Inspector Mawson provided the backdrop of funding cuts which have contributed to the need to change the way the service works.

Currently, there are separate teams for different parts of the process which means that a crime will get handed between teams, important knowledge is potentially lost, the point of contact changes

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multiple times and the ownership is unclear. Under the new model, there will be one team, with responsibility for an incident remaining with the same person.

There will be a number of teams to operate a shift pattern that provides 24 x 7 coverage for the area. Each team within the shift pattern will begin their shift with the briefing which is key to handover and understanding the priorities. The two PC's from Pewsey NPT will become part of the Devizes teams and the PCSO will likely continue to be based in Pewsey. This means that all the teams from Devizes, not just the two PC's we currently have, will be available for priorities in the Pewsey Area.

The level of staffing in the Pewsey Community Area is on a par with other community areas.

It is understood that there may be issues with remote working and technology (e.g. mobile signals).

Inspector Mawson stressed that this new way of working is currently being trialled and still has the review and consultation to be done before it will be rolled out elsewhere. It is likely to be several months - perhaps the end of the summer - before it progresses further.

PC Mark Hough talked about his role as Coordinator. This role was created as there needed to be some cohesion across the teams and to provide a person the parish and town councils could contact if there were issues with priorities. Reports and meeting attendance are also done by Mark.

Councillor Mike Roberts, from Bradford on Avon Council, confirmed that the new way of working means that there are in fact more resources available to them locally than before. Mark provides good coordination for events that are run in the town.

Concerns were raised that the priorities from the briefing in Devizes may not be the priorities for the parishes in the Pewsey Community Area. Inspector Mawson and PC Hough confirmed that once the priority work is done, the officers are expected to be out and about in the community. Mike Roberts confirmed that this is the case and that they seem to have more officers around more often than before.

PC Teresa Herbert confirmed that the new way of working means better job satisfaction as they are very isolated in the Neighbourhood Police Teams in the way the service is currently set up. The new model will improve the feeling of being part of a team and will provide opportunities for learning new skills.

Running a briefing in Devizes if the officers were going to have to come back to Pewsey was of concern as it seems to waste valuable time. Inspector Mawson confirmed that the location of the briefing isn't yet confirmed but is the most important part of a team's shift. Jerry Kunkler also raised the point about multi-use buildings - for example, the Fire Station in Pewsey could be used for Police briefings.

Concerns about the size of the Pewsey Community Area were raised and Inspector Mawson acknowledged it is a big area but they are still benchmarking the current performance so he wasn't in a position to comment.

Inspector Mawson then provided a short explanation of the Control Strategy which had been referred to as 'urban' at previous Area Boards. Inspector Mawson demonstrated the links between the priorities. For example, High Risk Offenders refers to dangerous drug networks which may not be a

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priority in the Pewsey Community Area, but people in these networks are often the perpetrators of beauty spot thefts and cross-border thefts, which are a priority to the area.

Local priorities will still be important to identify.

4. Neighbourhood Police Teams

Reports were not available for this meeting.

4.1 Pewsey West

4.1.1 Previous Priorities

Speeding in Rushall

This is being monitored.

Non-dwelling burglaries

4.1.2 New Priorities

Speeding in Rushall

Continue to monitor.

Hare coursing and poaching

Looking to use the Pewsey East approach and work with farmers and landowners to prevent access by installing gates and digging ditches.

4.2 Pewsey East

4.2.1 Previous Priorities

Non-dwelling burglaries

Burbage and Great Bedwyn continue to suffer burglaries. The team has been working with local groups, the Bobby Van and doorstep visits to encourage prevention.

Beauty Spot Thefts

4.2.2 New Priorities

Non-dwelling burglaries

Continue targeting Burbage and Great Bedwyn burglaries.

Speeding on the B3087

Issues are being experienced in Easton Royal and Milton Lilbourne and so this needs to be monitored. There may be a case for reducing the speed through Milton Lilbourne which is currently 40mph but perhaps should be 30mph, given the new houses on the roadside.

The following issues on Speedwatch were raised and noted for action by Inspector Mawson:

- Training courses need to be more frequent - it just takes too long to get someone trained and out helping the Speedwatch team.
- It needs something more than just a warning letter - Speed Awareness Courses would be a good deterrent.



5. Local Issues

5.1 ASB at the Co-op Car Park

ASB seems to have gone down, partly due to the Co-op manager asking anyone in the sheltered area to move.

5.2 Youth Issues

The Outback Centre at the school is being used on Friday evenings for the young people. As evenings get lighter, more young people will go up there - it is too dark and so off-putting for them to walk up there in the middle of winter.

Pewsey BMX course is in progress and the fences have been installed. The BMX Management Group are managing the site.

Karen confirmed things are generally going well, with a trip to Freedog and Adrenoline Alley taking place during the half term. The young people are also getting involved in developing the indoor wheeled sports area in the Pewsey Health & Wellbeing Centre.

The Pewsey Community Area youth groups are also joining up with other areas for trips - for example Tidworth to go and see War Horse.

5.3 Traffic Matters

No issues.

5.4 Community Parishes' Involvement

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

5.5 Next Canal Meeting

The Canal Meeting is not yet organised but Matt Symonds from the Canal & River Trust is no longer in a position to chair this meeting. It is therefore being run by Wilcot & Huish with Oare Parish Council, Chair Dee Nix. Everyone agreed this is an important meeting to ensure cohesion of the multiple communities and users of the K&A Canal.

6. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Lee Braithwaite apologised for the lack of continuity whilst the Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Services merge.

The merger has seen a new control room in Potterne. The Fire & Rescue Service is now under the Home Office, so the same organisation as the Police which should give more opportunities for the two services to work together.

The merger has meant a reduction in back office support staff, but not front line staff. The Integrated Risk Management Plan will be reviewed in light of the merger.

Pewsey recruitment is now at 11 people - ideally they would like 2 further retained staff.

AOB

No AOB was raised.

7. Next Meeting

The Parish Office, Pewsey - Thursday 16th June 2016 at 2.30pm

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