

PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (PCAP)

Thursday 19th October 2017

7pm at Marden Village Hall

With thanks to Marden Parish Council for the donation of the village hall

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 Curly Haskell	Chair, Pewsey Parish Council
PC Teresa Herbert	Wiltshire Police
Cllr Ben Owen	Alton Parish Council
Cllr Gerry Ward	Pewsey Parish Council
Cllr Steve Napier	Woodborough Parish Council
Cllr Bernard Gaskin	Manningford Parish Council
Cllr Carolyn Whistler	North Newnton Parish Council & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Environment
Cllr Ann Hogg	Pewsey Parish Council
Cllr Mark Depasse	Easton Parish Council
Susie Brew	PCAP & PVTP Coordinator

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the PCAP Annual Meeting of Thursday 20th July 2017 were approved (proposed Cllr Colin Gale, seconded Cllr Peter Deck) and signed off.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Nicola Gilbert	Head of Pewsey Primary School & PCAP Sub Group Lead - Education
Patrick Wilson	PCAP Sub Group Lead - Economy & PVTP Chair
PC Jonathan Mills	Wiltshire Police
Cllr Caroline Dalrymple	Pewsey Parish Council
Cllr Stephen Hepworth	Alton Parish Council

4. Declarations of Interest

None received.

5. Crime & Community Safety & Police Report

A police report had been sent prior to the meeting.

PC Teresa Herbert highlighted the current priorities - Theft from Motor Vehicles and Dwelling & Non-dwelling Burglaries. There have been 11 incidents since the beginning of August and they have had witnesses but have not yet caught the perpetrators. Signage is due to go up in the most common areas (beauty spots).

With regard to burglaries, sheds and garages continue to be targeted and enquiries are progressing regarding the Great Bedwyn incident.

A new priority of Hare Coursing & Poaching has been raised for all areas in the east of Wiltshire. The police have received 23 reports since the beginning of August and one incident on the day of the meeting in All Cannings with a green Honda CRV.

PC Herbert explained that they try to get officers out to support local Speedwatch groups, but it doesn't often happen - it is frustrating to the Police and the Speedwatch groups, but it has not been possible to help as much as they would like to.

Cllr Peter Deck queried whether the now available officers from the Edward Heath enquiry could now be deployed to the understaffed areas.

Cllr Dawn Wilson raised the issue of domestic violence and urged people to call the Police if you have concerns.

No Cold Calling Zones can be set up in villages - more information on this can be found here - <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s73576/Guide%20and%20Toolkit%20No%20Cold%20Calling%20Dec%202013.pdf>.

Cllr Mark Depasse raised concerns that (from a personal point of view rather than that of Easton Parish Council) individuals in Speedwatch groups may be targeting or ignoring some road users. PC Teresa Herbert said this is a training issue and will send Cllr Depasse some information on this.

6. Parish Issues Report, including Fly Tipping Reports

Cllr Dawn Wilson reported an incident of flytipping in Wilcot. Susie Brew reminded the meeting to let her know if flytipping takes place in their parish so that we can keep a record for future use.

Concerns were raised about the recent closure of some services at the Everleigh Recycling Centre. The reduction in permitted recycling due to a drainage issue identified at the time of the site being handed over for the new contract, means that people are not using the site, but are going elsewhere (for example Marlborough) where they can get everything done in one go.

Cllr Paul Oatway had been raising concerns at Wiltshire Council with Tracy Carter. The issue was found through the survey process at handover from Hills to FCC Environment. The same process was followed at all transfer sites. The survey was done in August and identified that one secured area did not drain into the tank. The cost for the remedial work is being worked on currently. Cllr Oatway said that it is a positive that Wiltshire Council are investing money into Everleigh.

Cllr Peter Deck asked how long the remedial work will take and whether it will return to accepting everything.

Cllr Paul Oatway said there may be services that aren't offered in the future because practices change - for example car batteries. Cllr Curly Haskell expressed concern that the services aren't reinstated at Everleigh but are available elsewhere.

One issue was submitted this quarter, from Rushall Parish Council. Cllr Colin Gale highlighted issues with the way in which consultations are being run by Wiltshire Council, for example with the Connect2 bus service where the timetable was changed before the consultation had been completed. There were a number of points and it was agreed that PCAP would submit a communication to the Pewsey Area Board.

7. Community Area Plan

a. Economy - Susie Brew

PCAP is working with the Pewsey Area Board and the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership on the possibility of setting up a Heritage Action Zone for the Pewsey Community Area. There will be a workshop on Tuesday 24th October from 7pm to 9pm at the Pewsey Heritage Centre. Please let Susie know if you would like to attend for planning purposes. Any encouragement from Parish Councils to local businesses to join the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership would be greatly appreciated - it is £50 per year, with a number of benefits.

Full information can be found here - <https://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/business-information-partnership/>.

b. Transport - Colin Gale

Buses

Cllr Colin Gale confirmed that the Joint Transport Group (with Devizes) had worked to get a good bus service - more reliable and better integrated with the trains.

However, Wiltshire Council's Public Transport Unit (PTU) has implemented cuts without proper consultation, incorporating:

- A cut from 3 buses to 2
- The 100 Service cut
- Night Service cut
- 103 Service cut to 3 days per week
- Broadfields Service cut to 1 bus per day
- Reductions on the 101 and 102 Services

PCAP asked the PTU to justify the cuts made which amount to about 40% of the services and how they can reconcile this with a statement they made saying 97% bus services have been retained when this area of Wiltshire has lost significantly more.

On top of all of these reductions, there has also been a fare increase, again without consultation.

After Easter, the Joint Transport Group did an 'on the bus' consultation with passengers and the results of this consultation could not possibly have been taken into account before the changes had been decided upon. Passengers said that what has been implemented would not meet their needs.

Cllr Colin Gale requested that the PTU attend the next Pewsey Area Board to answer questions.

Cllr Paul Oatway confirmed that he had submitted questions to the relevant Cabinet Member, including what the percentage cuts across Wiltshire in each Community Area are. Cllr Colin Gale to submit the questions for the PTU in advance so that the questions will be answered.

Cllr Dawn Wilson pointed out that the Executive Summary alludes to the fact that other services would be available where services are cut - there are no alternative services in the Pewsey Vale. She also stated that the Joint Transport Group had been poorly treated by the PTU.

Action: Colin Gale to submit questions on the Connect2 Bus Service to the Pewsey Area Board.

Trains

No updates.

Highways

It was agreed that the traffic control on the A345 whilst the works have been underway is working well.

c. Planning - Peter Deck

Wootton Rivers is progressing with their NDP and will shortly go to referendum.

North Newnton and Woodborough are also progressing. Cllr Peter Deck advised parishes to refresh their Village Design Statement if they are not doing an NDP.

d. Environment - Carolyn Whistler

Cllr Carolyn Whistler reported that Wiltshire Council only cut verges once per year. Some Parish Councils pay for a second cut. Hedges are the responsibility of landowners and doesn't seem to happen in some places. Hedges (unless they are at a road junction or opening, blocking the use of a pavement or road, or are obscuring a road sign) can only be cut between the end of August and the end of February. Cllr Carolyn Whistler suggested that the Parish Steward can be requested to do small clearance. If road signs are obscured, you can log this as an issue with Wiltshire Council and they will deal with it.

e. Culture, Heritage & Leisure - Position Vacant

Cllr Carolyn Whistler reported that she had been to Professor Jim Leary's talk at Alton on the dig at Cat's Brain and Mardenhenge. He described the find at Cat's Brain as the most exciting find in all his career. Items from the dig are going to Wiltshire Museum in Devizes.

f. Vice-Chair Management Group - Position Vacant

No update.

g. Treasurer - Colin Gale

Much of the funds are ring-fenced (Volunteer Rewards, Youth, Cheer Team, Dementia) but the unrestricted fund sits at about £2.3k. Cllr Dawn Wilson thanked the Parish Councils for their support.

8. Area Board & Council News - Paul Oatway

Wiltshire Council has been directed to do a boundary review, reducing the current 97 wards to around 60.

The Core Strategy is being refreshed.

The viability of Upavon School is currently being reviewed as well as the impact it would have on other schools if it were to close.

Cllr Colin Gale raised issues about how consultations are performed and communicated by Wiltshire Council. For example, the Waste Management Ten Year Plan in which only 2000 people across the county have responded so far. It took 4 weeks for Wiltshire Council to get hard copies available in the libraries. Cllr Dawn Wilson also felt that the amount of time to do a consultation is insufficient. Cllr Colin Gale was concerned that the current consultation systems aren't working. It was agreed that PCAP would create a statement with the concerns, circulate this to Parish Councils and then present it to Wiltshire Council.

Action: Colin Gale to submit issues on the consultation process to the Pewsey Area Board.

9. Items for Next Agenda

None

10. Any Other Business

None

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Future dates and venues are available on the website - www.pewseycap.org.uk/events

We are still looking for a venue for the July and October meetings in 2018

Contact: Susie Brew - PCAP Coordinator pcap@hotmail.co.uk

Signed _____ Date _____
Dawn Wilson, Chair PCAP