

## Minutes PCAP 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

## **Rushall Village Hall 7pm**

Present:

Dawn Wilson (Chair, PCAP Health and Youth, Wilcot, Huish and Oare PC), Margaret Holden (Easton Royal PC), Richard Rogers (CEM, Wiltshire Council), John Brewin (Woodborough PC), Curly Haskill (PCAP Standards Working Group, Pewsey Resident), Peter Deck (PCAP Planning, Pewsey Resident), Hew Helps (Easton Royal Resident), Tom Ellen (Chair North Newnton PC) Cllr Paul Oatway (Wiltshire Council).

1) Introductions were completed for Tom Ellen.

2) Minutes accepted with the amendment below. Proposed MH and Seconded PD.

Curly mentioned Page 3 item D was a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner not a meeting. So nothing to report.

Curly thanked PCAP for all the support while he was Chair at Pewsey PC. PCAP thanked Curly for his support during his years as a Cllr and Chair of Pewsey PC. It is good that both he and others feel able to keep supporting PCAP with their knowledge and experience.

- 3) Apologies: Susie Brew (PCAP Coordinator and Economy and Culture) Carolyn Whistler (PCAP Environment), Colin Gale (PCAP Transport, Rushall PC).
- 4) No Declarations of Interest
- 5) Community Plan
  - a) Economy-ACTION Susie to send out Savernake survey and documents to all again please. For further information see those documents. The Chair reported on the success of the launch of the Pewsey Vale Circular Way and other walking events coming up. New members have joined the Tourism Partnership. Much work and many letters have been sent relating to the Savernake Vision by Forestry England and their lack of consultation with "partners". PCAP has raised this issue with the NW AONB, Visit Wiltshire, Portfolio holder for Tourism at Wiltshire Council and our local MP. We await a response that addresses the concerns we have detailed in those letters.
  - b) Transport See Colin's Report. Add that Colin and Dawn with the Cllrs of Pewsey Area Board (PAB) are meeting with the new Rural Buses project manager, Paul and his manager, Jason Salter April 29<sup>th</sup>. Colins still has an update to complete for the Community Plan. ACTION Susie to send a copy of what we have to Richard Rogers before the May Area Board. ACTION Colin to complete the update.
  - c) Planning- Peter Deck is still involved with Malmesbury re planning and the NDP. Cllr Oatway, reported on the Wilcot, Ladies Bridge planning application by Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) for bollards to stop vehicular access. This bridge is listed and has ornate stonework. Cllr Oatway



will speak to planning unless the CRT discuss this with him it directly it will be called up. The Chair reported that no vehicle has gone over this bridge in over a decade. The landowner has copies of the parliamentary papers detailing that the bridges over the canal are to be maintained by the organisation responsible for the Canal. This is one way to reduce costs on the maintenance but sets a precedent for other bridges in the area.

- d) No more PCSOs operating in Pewsey. They are believed to be in training. A PCSO was called to deal with a rough sleeper in Pewsey. Cllr Oatway spoke about the Police Speed Watch officer who caught 13 people speeding in Oare with one doing over 50 mph. Woodborough speed watch now up and running as well.
- e) See Carolyn's report. The Chair mentioned the new Greener Great Bedwyn (GGB) group had joined PCAP as new members. They will be holding an event to review Electric Cars and more events are planned. They will feed information into the Community Plan. Richard mentioned that there is some support for small actions. WC had a climate group meeting where ideas were shared and some actions were identified. Much was made about a wormery. Richard reported that the Trenchard Camp to Upavon footpath is now clear, waymarked and mapped. The Green Johanna project for composting is still available via WC for £60 with WC paying a contribution.
- f) The Pewsey Heritage Centre and moving the Information Phone Box is to be discussed at their AGM. Paul Cowen will feed back to the Chair of PCAP. A display on the heritage on local pubs at the Pewsey Heritage Centre is interesting.
- g) The Health budget is £7,500. The Chair reported that a meeting had been held. No applications had been received. Arts Together and the Gateway club are struggling with the increased transport costs. Some parishes also have small funds for local needs. Pewsey has a Poor Relief Fund accessed via Terry Eyles. The Chair reminded parishes that the health fund is available for groups supporting older people to live well. The Memory Café and Movement to Music together continue to run in the Bouverie Hall and another Canal Boat trip with the Bruce Trust is booked for June. Richard reported Ukrainian refugees are now coming into Wiltshire. They get a £200 voucher on arrival accepted in local supermarkets such as our Coop. Some shops are not offering the proper support and Richard would like to know of any issues. Pewsey Patient Participation Group (PPG) now has an independent chair, Dee Nix, and is looking at the patient survey.
- h) Local Youth Network (LYN) funds used for Community First (CF) to do cold calling and talking to teens reported back on their findings. Two Pewsey Cllrs were tasked by the LYN to complete a set of steps to set up a "Youth Café" in Pewsey as well as offering one off event's similar to those PCAP have organised in the past. LYN funds have been provided for this work. The Blue Bus was successful in drawing in some teens in Upavon. It is hoped that the team from the Blue Bus can continue the work there in the Camp Community Centre.
- i) See final PCAP accounts for 2021-2022- updated for website. Balance is £9,649.13 of which £3,906 is for Health work, £3,285 is for Shalbourne Connect projects and the remainder of around £2,400 is for PCAP core costs. The Chair noted that the Youth budget last year was overspent by nearly £1,000 due to having to pay VAT on the two big events in the Summer. There is no Youth budget left and this responsibility will, we hope, pass to others. Nothing has been heard about the Great Bedwyn Youth Group. Dawn will investigate.



- 6) PAB updates- Cllr Oatway reported that major road improvements, at Astley Close, Market Place and Marlborough Rd and others including the A345, A342 all scheduled for works. The new Code of Conduct was reviewed at Wiltshire Council Standards and is being shared for views on whether or not to adopt this more robust code. PCAP has lobbied for this to be beefed up and made compulsory across the political spectrum form Parish Cllrs to MPs. The Chair also mentioned that this issue has been raised with MP Danny Kruger and Minister Gove. Wiltshire Councillors are not keen to adopt these. Cllr Oatway will take the review to the Conservative group to test the waters. This is aimed at reducing the number of complaints coming into WC. Training will be offered on this at some point. Katie Fielding has been replaced with Deborah Bourne at WALC on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Email <u>walcenquiries@communityfirst.org.uk</u> Tel 07739 084867. (thank you Margaret for these details).
- 7) Canal issues no works planned. CRT reported. The Chair walked Bedwyn to Wilcot and no issues on the day of the boat race, Good Friday.
- 8) Savernake Forest See Item 5 a) above.
- 9) The Chair noted only one item with Wootton Rivers and one Fly tipping issue reported. ACTION Susie to ask WR if they require assistance.
- 10) 2024 is 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pewsey Bowls Club. They are looking for sponsors. CATG changes to LHFiG with the meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. PAB will be on Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> and will look at the priorities for funding for the year. The Chair gave her apologies for that meeting. Hopefully some progress on transport might have been made by the Summer and the next PCAP meeting at Easton Royal, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8-40pm.