

**PEWSEY FORWARD – MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012  
NOTES FROM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

<p><b>Top 3 Priorities For Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Level of Policing</li> <li>• Response to Anti-Social Behaviour</li> <li>• Speeding</li> </ul>
<p><b>What we can do to address these priorities</b></p> <p><b>Improve Level of Policing</b> Encourage Street Watch Use community to assist Ask Police to confirm rationale for current level of policing (there has been no reshuffling of staff when people are off sick, no cover)</p> <p><b>Response to Anti-Social Behaviour</b> Press for Street Watch Resurrect Blues and Zoos</p> <p><b>Speeding</b> Increase frequency of speedwatch by getting more speed guns (currently can only do it every 4-6 weeks due to sharing gun with other teams) More flexibility in Speedwatch system – too many constraints, need to pool resources/teams and be able to train our own volunteers</p>
<p><b>Other Priorities for Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updated figures in response times needed</li> <li>2. Question commitment to deployment of special constables who are dedicated SC's</li> <li>3. Farm Crime = quads, significant increase – tracker devices needed but expensive (£400)</li> <li>4. CCTV covered areas in Pewsey not sufficient for ID evidence in court. Is it cost effective – need to explore. Doubts about effectiveness</li> <li>5. Restorative Justice – some work done on this. Has worked well. Need to consider more use of this. Important to deal with quickly. Encourage Parish Councils to do this. There is training available.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Our reactions to the information provided</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encouraging information for Pewsey</li> <li>2. No particular issues stand out</li> <li>3. Housing is expensive</li> <li>4. Crime and Community Protection – review of plan. Is it still accurate/relevant?</li> <li>5. Fear of Crime –</li> </ol>

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<p>- crime survey analysis – history</p> <p>6. Monitoring arrangements have changed</p> <p>7. Level of policing: reduction – 1 PSO covering whole area.</p> <p>8. Neighbourhood watch. Not mentioned in plan. Has fallen into abeyance. Re-start neighbourhood watch; coordinate and resurrect. Parishes run but need Police advice and support.</p> <p>9. Level of Policing – do not have special constables, what can community do to help police – streetwatch? The Police perspective is that they don't consider there is a significant issue for Pewsey. Concerns about female carers working for Leonard Cheshire walking in the area. Police back up on top of neighbourhood team 24/7. Will be up to full strength on 20 Feb.</p> <p>10. Speeding – more flexibility needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Speed detection device / effective</li><li>- Liaise with Vince Logue</li><li>- Why can't we train our own.</li></ul>
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### ARTS, LEISURE, CULTURE

<b>Top Priority For Action:</b>
Collecting and Collating information on all local facilities and activities and resources for sharing and linking clubs, schools, villages for: Sports, culture, leisure and that includes evening classes and indoor, mobile sports and transport
<b>What we can do to address these priorities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinate a list from Wiltshire Council. Take it to parishes for updates at local level</li></ul>
<b>Other Priorities for Action</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closer links for village clubs with schools and work with Extended Schools Coordinator – clubs to be contacting schools and sharing information and resources. Information available for campus for all activities in all locations across the area – sport, art, leisure &amp; culture</li><li>• Community Gallery to invite village schools to visit. Gallery to identify suitable schools and send out invites to work with them</li><li>• Community Ambassadors to collect, share and promote information and identify needs. Community to share mobile facility and evening classes through better communication and information sharing</li></ul>
<b>Our reactions to the information provided</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ladies cricket teams to play against. Pewsey has good clubs. Improve facilities/buildings to encourage females/families to attend. Burbage looking to expand to another site but has issues with moving forward. There is a pitch available but issues with tenant. Owned by Church.</li><li>• Transport services and links to facilities linked and accessible. Cost of fuel is an issue</li><li>• Gallery – artists from further away cannot afford to travel – action to arrange transport for artists in groups to visit. Exhibit in groups.</li><li>• Open studio - may suffer from fuel costs. Open gardens also – information for public access. Link studio and gardens together</li><li>• Burbage village newsletter – hardcopy for those not accessing ICT.</li></ul>

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- Make better use of placing information in Gazette and Herald – things to do
- Make use of local radio – opportunity for digital/ICT radio. Just started in the school
- The Messenger – Parish Magazine
- Parish plans to encourage facilities for coaching and young people in sports.
- 3-4 new artists in Gallery (which is a community interest company) for exhibiting. Schools can visit and make models and draw pictures.
- Action – offer this facility to village schools in the area
- Action - collate a list of local sports facilities, clubs, membership and fees and affordability and accessibility and link in with Schools
- Action – Rugby club run clubs in schools. More proactive in working in schools. Use extended schools service.
- Action – Travelling workshops and exhibitions for rural villages. Rural Arts Wiltshire
- Diversify to offer indoor sports for villages such as indoor bowls and badminton. Cultural pursuits.

### HEALTH & WELL-BEING

#### Top Priority For Action:

- Dementia
- Intergenerational awareness
- Access to GP appointments
- Access to Health Visitor
- Delayed discharge from hospital

#### What we can do to address these priorities

1. Campaign to reduce stigma (Sylvie Clayden). Highlight dementia not just Alzheimers
2. More social interaction for older people
3. No local nursing/care homes
4. Support to carers
5. Difference between social & health care
6. Bring the generations together
7. 0845 number for appointments is expensive
8. Link to Children's Centre (access to health visitor) – not being used.
9. Understanding teams/organisations/roles etc. Communication – Hospital, GP – community team

#### Other Priorities for Action

1. Diabetes – increase in incidence. Need earlier diagnosis
2. Health Checks – supermarkets, workplaces, pubs etc. Currently targeting working people. Needs to target lower social economic groups.
3. Talk to neighbouring CAPS

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4. Access to specialist cancer treatment. Mobile chemo unit. Come to Pewsey. Too many still going to Oxford rather than Swindon
<b>Our reactions to the information provided</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need more information on local dementia prevalence and services, and;</li> <li>2. Comparisons between Pewsey and other CAB areas are not always useful. The community should be able to prioritise based on the size or existence of an issue and not its relative size.</li> </ol>

### TRANSPORT

<b>Top Priority For Action:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solve pedestrian access problems to Pewsey rail station</li> </ul>
<b>What we can do to address these priorities</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engage network rail. Trains are more popular, the number using them is increasing each year. Local transport group needs to at least try to get the pedestrian access to the Pewsey railway station back on people's agenda rather than just giving up. Need to establish by a survey run by local people – usage of the railway station in Pewsey, to provide evidence to help get the footway to the station improved. This could be done by local people freely rather than council highways pay for it from a consultant. Phil Morgan happy to work with local groups to sort out a questionnaire to give to commuters etc.</li> <li>2. The presumed cost of a solution to the narrow road access under the bridge next to the station could be solved by traffic lights – cost estimated at 80k but this doesn't seem a lot to pay for a final solution to a long running problem.</li> </ol>
<b>Other Priorities for Action</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⤴ Speeding traffic – need for more speed gun access and better coordination of the speed gun between various groups in different community areas – too many of the speed guns are out of action being recalibrated by the police. Could area board purchase a speed camera – cost around £2k - could be hired out to other groups. Need to get equipment or interest and volunteers will give up.</li> <li>⤴ Freight on A342/A345. Better signage and better overall County plan to move HGVs through the county</li> <li>⤴ Buses, how to get people into Pewsey as a service centre especially with new campus – needs to be looked at to make campus a success</li> </ul>
<b>Our reactions to the information provided</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⤴ A342 – high number of deaths – Rushall – Devizes. Drivers overtaking on bends. Poor surface friction on bends.</li> <li>⤴ Perhaps educate local people – mums and commuters particularly Rail Commuters – Great Bedwyn and Pewsey Station. Council will introduce new arrangements at Great Bedwyn but Pewsey has real problems. Not enough spaces to park and it is too expensive. As a result commuters park in residential areas which causes problems. Rail becoming more popular – somehow local councils have to find more parking places. Pavement, pedestrian safety at station. Still very poor at Pewsey and cost of solving the bridge problem is about £80k and there are no funds. Still issue in some areas of Pewsey High Street. Network rail to be approached for station solutions.</li> <li>⤴ Buses, need better programming so link to stations.</li> <li>⤴ Buses, such as connect 2 – have a very limited service – needs some form of a subsidy. Wiggly bus came and went.</li> <li>⤴ Buses don't always connect properly. Not going to the right places at the right times. Could local link scheme drivers just ferry people from remote villages to small</li> </ul>

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hubs where they could then catch a bus? Refurbishment of bus stops at least on A345. Bus shelters etc. Could we look at similar ideas to the Seend Shuttle? Investigate.

- ⤴ Buses from outlying villages Chirton to Pewsey 2 buses a day takes 2 hours each way!
- ⤴ Freight traffic – needs coordinating. One town puts up signs to divert traffic along A342/A345 not fair. A345 not even on the local transport plan! The south side of Devizes needs more info for lorries going north.
- ⤴ Road Maintenance – quiet lanes – edges going, lorries, farm traffic. Are the verges being damaged by recycling trucks? Need to approach waste section and educate. A lot of it is lack of courtesy people not prepared to give way. Problems with over run. Larger farm machinery doesn't help. Solution – used to have a plough to cut back the edges. Highways looking at experimenting with this.
- ⤴ Cyclists –pothole problem

### HOUSING

<b>Top Priority For Action:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local people for local houses</li> </ul>
<b>What we can do to address these priorities</b>
Put S106 restriction on social housing – if possible
<b>Other Priorities for Action</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximise use of social housing stock. Best use of stock. Encourage use of fixed term/flexible tenancies</li> <li>2. Write neighbourhood plan for Pewsey.</li> <li>3. Providing more suitable housing to make downsizing more attractive.</li> <li>4. Fuel poverty. Map mains gas availability. Map fuel poverty.</li> <li>5. Scheme for key workers to afford to live locally</li> <li>6. Improve number of private homes not in decent condition</li> </ol>
<b>Our reactions to the information provided</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affordable housing throughout vale varies. Each area does vary. Less in villages – prices especially high.</li> <li>2. Definition of “needs for housing”. Definition of housing banding inc housing needs e.g. disability and changing circumstances</li> <li>3. Discussions around 106. Demand for affordable housing to be built. E.g. three generations in a village. Youngest generations not allowed local house but it went to incomers who now cause trouble in the area. Feeling in Pewsey of local use and not people brought in. Does transport affect demand for housing in Pewsey? About choice based letting depending on need. People normally want to stay in their own normal place.</li> <li>4. Are developers coming in to build these new homes? AONB is unhappy about this number coming in due to capacity of services in Pewsey. Number informs development not the land available. Worried housing about numbers and will be on inappropriate land. Ability to put covenants to restrict market value of homes.</li> <li>5. Allocation of 600. 300 already built and 60 under construction. Are there key worker housing schemes? Esp Police not really aware of scheme. Problem. Especially</li> </ol>

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- problem for teachers in local rural schools. In West Wilts – not much interest in scheme. Could be for housing associations to build these new properties.
6. Must have housing need to register on housing register but situation can change before on register.
  7. Neighbourhood development plan and local direction of new housing very much based on current/future infrastructure. Pewsey put 50% affordable into plan and covenant on private homes/sales looking to include local parishes.
  8. Transport is key to encouraging more house building roads and buses esp E&W,
  9. Fuel poverty. 10% of income spent on heating/fuel. To do with not being on mains gas and big houses. Solutions better insulation.
  10. Has planning in Pewsey CA been suitable in terms of the AONB? Old doc ok but new/current one not so good.
  11. Not enough social/affordable housing. Villages are able to put restrictions on incomers to area.
  12. Providing more suitable housing to eg the elderly to encourage them to downsize/move to better quality home.
  13. Great Bedwyn has a S106 agreement for local people.
  14. Whatleys new development in Pewsey that will be especially for older people.
  15. Number of houses in Pewsey for elderly is suitable according to JSA stats. Aging population – needs to be enough choice to allow this. This is the sort of thing that could be in neighbourhood plan.
  16. Fixed tenancy cannot force this downsizing
  17. Under localism becoming flexible tenancy – 5 yr, 10 yr, 15 yr to allow homes to be freed up.

### Post meeting statement from Oliver Cripps AONB:-

AONB is unhappy about this number of housing coming in due to capacity of services in Pewsey. The North Wessex Downs AONB is concerned at Wiltshire Council's proposals for new housing sites with a high reliance on greenfield urban extension sites into the countryside of the nationally protected AONB in the Pewsey area as demonstrated in Wiltshire Council's recently published Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. Without proper consideration and screening out of the worst of these housing sites, there is a significant risk of serious loss of character and landscape impact in the Pewsey Area. Without the removal of the worst of these sites it also creates a false expectation to landowners and developers that their sites are acceptable. The North Wessex Downs AONB have already written to Wiltshire Council and raised this matter at District Councillor level. It is also in the process of preparing its own landscape impact assessment of the proposed housing sites including in the Pewsey area, something the Council has yet to have done themselves. Once this report has been completed the North Wessex Downs AONB will make comments on the recently published Wiltshire Core Strategy both in terms of landscape impact but also in respect of the impact of new development on existing infrastructure and service provision.

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

<b>Top Priority For Action:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Older people cannot access benefits or get to jobs (NEETS) and courses</li><li>• 8-11 year olds, need more provision for this age gap</li><li>• All 26 villages in the community area have their own Olympic Games!.</li></ul>
<b>What we can do to address these priorities</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Could we support the link schemes or/and community buses more?</li><li>2. Promote organisations and clubs that exist including the Sports Centre. Need to look at costs at swimming e.g. the pool is available on Fridays but there are no sessions for</li></ol>

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under 5's,
<b>Our reactions to the information provided</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Vulnerable survey not representative of all children, just under 5's</li><li>2. One of the difficulties is the need to travel to services – linked to this is the lack of transport which leads to expensive option of taking to villages</li><li>3. Pewsey Primary School has a lot of deprivation which affects results which then puts others off.</li><li>4. People travel to go to best schools – resulting from choice agenda</li><li>5. Woodborough (no services) and Pewsey South deprivation but families don't take advantage</li><li>6. Funding criteria makes it hard to think outside the box</li><li>7. Too many barriers to innovation and doing things – especially red tape.</li><li>8. Better use of social media to get information and messages out</li><li>9. Perhaps look at vouchers and a look at things to do in the area</li><li>10. Can we make it easier to volunteer and increase numbers</li><li>11. Educational levels – Pewsey Vale School has one of the best added value in Wiltshire. Need to put a more complete statistical analysis together as figures do not represent the real picture</li><li>12. How do you support 11+ years age group? It is not about putting things on for them but providing a safe place for them to be teenagers.</li></ol>

### ECONOMY, JOBS & SKILLS (INC RESILIENT COMMUNITIES)

<b>Top Priority For Action:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training for job skills/Apprenticeship (work readiness for youth employment)</li><li>• Increase employment sites/improve awareness of available employment</li><li>• Tourism opportunities/provision of visitor facilities/business accommodation to catch national interest/marketing of tourism provision</li></ul>
<b>What we can do to address these priorities</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Employment survey of up to date employment land use and business occupier database</li><li>2. Create synchronised internet based marketing campaign</li></ol>
<b>Other Priorities for Action</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Financial support for start-up businesses</li><li>2. Availability of finance for business expansion</li><li>3. Available skills base and marketing of skills pool</li><li>4. Lack of high speed internet network</li><li>5. Transport provision of integrated delivery of transport network</li><li>6. Credit Unions provision for business finance – investigate community first.</li></ol>

## ENVIRONMENT

<p><b>Top Priority For Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving access to the countryside, footpaths and rights of way, including prevention of 4x4 activities and general awareness of countryside activities especially for young people</li> <li>• Monitoring impact of Great Stones Way and ensuring the scheme is managed in a way sympathetic to the needs and concerns of local communities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Priorities for Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abstraction and water management (Thames Water). Lobby agencies, bring together partners to examine problem</li> <li>2. Action on K&amp;A levels – Action to return levels on K&amp;A to allow use</li> <li>3. Sustainable lifestyles. Introduction of water meters for domestic dwellings (greywater)</li> <li>4. Off road vehicles (illegal) – develop local monitoring measures/enforcement management</li> <li>5. Commuter car parking at the stations (tricky issue) – Time restrictions to prevent all day parking, more spaces</li> <li>6. Walking &amp; Cycling – encourage greater use of paths – promote local routes</li> <li>7. Landscape and Countryside information – better signposting and coordination of information by agencies involved</li> <li>8. Local Produce – “Buy Local” initiative</li> <li>9. Recycling – plastics, tetra packs</li> <li>10. Litter in Pewsey Village – litter picking</li> <li>11. Great Stones Way – Environmental Impact Assessment</li> <li>12. Countryside awareness – introducing young people to countryside. Landscape and ecology management and agriculture</li> <li>13. Renewable energy – encourage greater use of renewable, solar panels etc.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Our reactions to the information provided</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 4x4 damage and noise/disturbance to Ridgway and local paths</li> <li>2. High quality environment and landscape</li> <li>3. Need to encourage people to enjoy the local countryside</li> <li>4. Landscape and countryside organisations could be better coordinated</li> <li>5. Better information about access and countryside issues</li> <li>6. Anti social parking near Great Bedwyn station damaging verges etc</li> <li>7. Increasing commuter parking – congestion and parking problems</li> <li>8. Bio digester in Pewsey – link to campus</li> <li>9. Solar panels on village halls</li> <li>10. Health benefits of cycling and walking to work</li> <li>11. Abstraction levels a cause of concern on Kennet &amp; Avon</li> <li>12. Sustainable lifestyles – need to encourage</li> <li>13. Localised flooding issues – not a great problem</li> <li>14. Good footpath network and routes, focus on maintaining and improving</li> </ol>



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15. Pedestrian safety – lack of footways along roads
16. Litter in Pewsey Village
17. More young people introduced to countryside/environmental management
18. Off gas grid – reliance on oil