

MINUTES

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD
Place: Woodborough Social Club, Smithy Lane, Pewsey SN9 5PL
Date: 12 January 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.25 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman), Cllr Paul Oatway and Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Vice Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Caroline Brailey, Pewsey Community Area Manager
Ian Gibbons, Service Director Law and Governance
Peter Binley – Head of Highways Asset Management
Karen Brown – Community Youth Officer
Blaine Wood – Business Support Team Leader
Kirsty Butcher – Senior Corporate Support Officer

Parish Councils

Burbage Parish Council – Joyce Turner, Steve Colling, Richard Lewis
Charlton and Wilsford Parish Council – Richard Long
Easton Parish Council – Margaret Holden
Grafton Parish Council - Annie Whitcher
Manningford Parish Council – Bernard Gaskin
Marden Parish Council – Peter Bell
Pewsey Parish Council – Terry Eyles, Peter Deck, Alex Carder, Curly Haskell
Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale, John Rogers
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Joyce Hayle, Wendy Tarver

Woodborough Parish Council – John Brewin

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Matt Armstrong

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin

Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) (and Huish and Wilcot PC) – Dawn
Wilson

OPCC – Clive Barker

Develop – Sian Wood

Total in attendance: 45

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members and the Wiltshire Council officers.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <p>Caroline Whistler – North Newton Parish Council Patrick Wilson – Vice Chairman PCAP</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>It was noted that Patrick Wilson's name appeared in error under Pewsey Parish Council and it was agreed that this should be removed.</p> <p>Decision The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 November 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the amendment detailed above.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Board noted two chairman announcements circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes, in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCG Integrated Performance Management • Dementia in Wiltshire: The role of Healthwatch Wiltshire <p>The Chairman announced that Sian Wood from Develop would give a short presentation on the work of Develop under partner updates.</p>
6	<p><u>Wiltshire Police Precept Consultation - 2015-16 & Wiltshire Police - update</u></p> <p>Clive Barker, Chief Finance Officer from the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner, gave a presentation on the policing and crime element of the council tax consultation taking place in January and February of this year. The Commissioner has a legal duty to consult with the public</p>

Overall crime had been reduced by 3% from December 2013 – November 2014. Public confidence measured in the Spring / Summer survey was at 86.6% and victim satisfaction was at 87.7%; this is up to November 2014.

It was emphasised that HM Inspector of Constabulary had rated Wiltshire Police as Good in all categories, and that it is in line with national trends.

It was outlined that increases in costs in combination with a 5.1% cash grant reduction would result in an increasing budget spending gap in future years.

The Commissioner is consulting on a proposed increase to the police precept of 1.9%, or £3.06 per year. This was equivalent to 6p per week based on an average band D property. Even with this increase savings would still need to be made and it was intended that the force would work in partnership with councils and other police forces to deliver better services in single locations and single teams, purchasing and working smarter together.

Without the proposed increase the funding gap over the next 3 years is expected to amount to £13 million, but with the proposed increase it was forecasted at £11 million. This was after the level of savings already achieved had been taken into account.

The Area Board discussed the proposals and were advised that the consultation period is running from the 6th January to the 4th February. All were invited to read more about the proposal and give feedback via the Commissioner's website - www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

Questions raised included:

If there would be a shortfall what were the police not going to do?

- a. *The OPCC is trying to protect frontline services where possible. It was hoped that savings would be made through reviewing the structure of the force and by working regionally in force partnerships.*

Could you come back with another rise in 2016/2017?

- a. *The forecast of £11 million was based on continuing to increase the police precept by 1.9% over the next three years.*

Inspector Matt Armstrong followed Clive Barker and gave a verbal police update. He stated their resolution was to be more visible, and explained that performance was good overall. An increase in violence against the person had been seen, with 10 additional offences seen compared to last year. Officers were working hard with individuals and it was hoped that this would turn into a decrease.

Significant arrests had been made in relation to beauty spot thefts which had resulted in imprisonment and numbers had decreased on last year.

There was still an issue with burglaries targeting tools in both dwellings and non-

	<p> dwellings, and also targeting dogs.</p> <p> Officers had been working closely with colleagues in Hampshire, with both intelligence and officers shared in a series of events. In November the team completed an exercise with Marlborough PCT, during which 83 vehicles were stopped. 22 fixed penalty notices were issued and one vehicle was seized after being found to have no insurance.</p> <p> Officers were still working on traffic related matters around Woodborough school and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the co-op.</p> <p> Questions raised were:</p> <p> Can patrols be stepped up in areas, as night patrols might put off vandalism? <i>a. We do patrol – if more resources are needed they can be called in</i></p> <p> Non-dwelling burglaries of tools in the Bedwyn area – how do we stop? Is it one or two people? Is it opportunistic? <i>a. In the Burbage area there had been 8 offences in 2 months, targeting heavy work tools. Analytical work was needed, and inroads were being made but we need intelligence – please contact us if you have information.</i></p> <p> It was noted that the Area Board were very pleased and lucky to have an excellent team.</p> <p> The Chairman thanked Clive and Matt for attending.</p>
7	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN) Report</u></p> <p> Karen Brown, Community Youth Officer, discussed the work that the LYN has been doing within the community and their forward plan.</p> <p> They were currently working with a company called B8 from Swindon on a Pewsey media mash-up, working on an animation around road safety. Another taster day was due to be held on the 5th February, with further workshops being held throughout February and March on Thursday evenings in Pewsey. Monthly Saturday sessions would continue thanks to Simon Shaw and Pewsey Parish Council.</p> <p> On the 22nd January Moonrakers will be hosting ‘The Zone’ from 8pm-10pm. Pewsey Youth Club will be on Friday evenings from 6 February run by Holly Hillier and funded by Aster Communities.</p> <p> At its meeting on 15 December 2014 the LYN proposed to bring an ice skating rink to Pewsey to provide a positive activity for young people, promote the youth network and provide an exciting community engagement event for young people and families.</p>

	<p>Karen explained that the 14th February had been identified as the possible date. The event will run from the afternoon into the evening, and a 10m by 10m rink would be located outside the Co-Op, with additional activities available. Pewsey Parish Council were happy to support the event and had agreed to contribute £100.</p> <p>The Board was asked to approve the proposal for the community initiative involving the ice skating rink and to approve the budget of £1000+VAT with transport costs of £60. In response to a question it was confirmed that if approved the money would come out of the youth budget.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pewsey Area Board approved the proposal for the community initiative involving the ice skating rink • Pewsey Area Board approved the budget of £1000+VAT and transport costs of £60 to enable the booking of said event <p>The Chairman thanked Karen for attending.</p>
8	<p><u>Local Highways Investment Fund - 2015/16</u></p> <p>Peter Binley, Head of Highways Asset Management discussed the 6 year programme of investment fund in highways maintenance which started in 2014/15.</p> <p>Roads in the worst condition will be targeted by the investment and include minor roads as well as main roads. The standard timeframe for resurfacing roads was every 7 months; however recently, this had been every 10 months. The council had confirmed that highways are a priority and with a budget of £21million for highways maintenance per year and an additional £3million for bridge maintenance, this 6 year programme aims to significantly improve the roads and highways within Wiltshire.</p> <p>The Board was asked to note the progress being made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report; to consider the proposed highway maintenance schemes in the community area for 2015/16 detailed in Appendix 3 to the report and agree the list for implementation, and to suggest any sites for consideration for inclusion in future year's highways maintenance and resurfacing programmes.</p> <p>It was important to know as soon as possible as it could take up to 3 months to get road closure orders.</p> <p>Some questions raised were:</p>

	<p>With regard to the timescale for getting road closures, was it possible to get emergency notifications within a week</p> <p>a. <i>The aim was for a managed programme across the year.</i></p> <p>Will The Crescent, Broadfields definitely be done?</p> <p>a. <i>If it was pushed back it would be done as soon as possible</i></p> <p>What is the difference between surfacing and surface dressing?</p> <p>a. <i>Surface dressing is when tar is laid down and chippings embedded using a roller, commonly used on rural roads. Resurfacing is replacing the entire road surface using black asphalt, commonly on main roads.</i></p> <p>The Area Board discussed the proposals, with some concern around priorities however after further discussion and consultation with the CATG members, the Chair confirmed that this should be agreed in the meeting to avoid any delay.</p> <p>It was noted that if any of the Parish Councils have specific roads they would like to be done this could be fed back to Peter Binley’s team through the CATG.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pewsey Area Board noted the progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15 • Pewsey Area Board approved the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in the community area for 2015/16, as seen in appendix 3 to the report, for implementation • Any sites for inclusion in future year’s highways maintenance and resurfacing programmes would be suggested through the CATG <p>The Chairman thanked Peter for attending.</p>
9	<p><u>Nomination of Crown & Anchor Public House, Ham as an Asset of Community Value</u></p> <p>The Area Board was asked to consider the nomination of the Crown and Anchor Public House to become an asset of community value. It was noted that it was the only pub in Ham and was strategically located on the village green.</p> <p>When asked how to nominate for assets of community value it was agreed that Caroline would circulate further information.</p> <p>Action – Caroline Brailey</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Pewsey Area Board agreed to support the nomination of Crown and</p>

	<p>Anchor Public House, Ham as an asset of community value.</p> <p>Further information regarding the community right to bid for assets of community value can be found via the link below:</p> <p>http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningcommunityrighttobid.htm</p>
10	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The following partner updates were given:</p> <p>(a) Wiltshire Police</p> <p>The verbal update provided by Inspector Matt Armstrong was reported under item 6 – Wiltshire Police Precept Consultation.</p> <p>(b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</p> <p>Mike Franklin circulated a written report which is attached to these minutes. Recruitment of firefighters in Pewsey is moving forward; there are new recruits at various stages of training. In November, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue agreed a proposal to merge with Dorset Fire and Rescue and there was currently an open government consultation on this proposal. PCAP had been approached with a proposal to buy equipment to enable fire safety advice to be targeted at canal boat users and dwellers.</p> <p>(c) Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>No update received.</p> <p>(d) Pewsey Community Area Partnership</p> <p>Susie Brew, Coordinator of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) drew attention to the update contained at page 29 of the agenda.</p> <p>The next meeting of the PCAP is to be held on the 30 April and not 26 February as stated in the written update. Attention was drawn to the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership with a meeting held on the 17th December to kick things off.</p> <p>The bus consultation finished on 10 December but results were not yet known. A working group would be convened to look at the consultation results when available.</p> <p>The Network Rail train consultation is due to close on 9 January – PCAP had submitted a response.</p>

(e) Parish Councils

No updates received.

(f) Pewsey Area Campus Team

The Vale Community Campus was launched on 15 September 2014. Plans have been submitted and will be determined by 5 February 2015. There had been 8 expressions of interest received from contractors but two did not fulfil the criteria. Tender documents were sent to 6 bidders and are due to be returned by the end of April 2015, with an appointment made around May/June 2015. The leisure centre was still open.

All were reminded that the old tennis courts behind Pewsey Vale Academy were now a multi-use games arena and those wishing to use this facility could register their interest at the leisure centre.

The campus team's priority was communication and they offered to attend parish meetings where wanted and possible. They are also working on back up facilities for the leisure centre for when it is closed for building the new campus.

(g) Good Neighbour Scheme

Mary Soellner has left and we are awaiting her replacement.

(g) Army Rebasing

The project was moving on with well prepared plans on estate design. A delay in Larkhill was due to work on the A363. More would be known about Upavon in 2015. Traffic concerns about the A345 and A342 had been emailed on and a response would be provided to the enquirer.

(h) Develop

Sian Woods gave a presentation on Develop and how the service can support and work with the local area. They provide support to non-profit organisations in Wiltshire. They can supply support to individuals or groups, and also advise on equalities and funding. They run training in areas such as social media, first aid, mentoring, measuring impact, food safety and marketing and offer networking opportunities and events for the sector. They also run Volunteer Centre Wiltshire which offers help and information to support and maintain volunteering opportunities.

The Chairman thanked Sian for attending.

11	<u>Urgent Business</u> There was no urgent business.
12	<u>Future Meeting Dates</u> The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board is scheduled for Monday 16 March 2015 at Pewsey Vale School The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.
13	<u>Close</u>