

# MINUTES

ITEM NO. 4

**Meeting:** PEWSEY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Pewsey Vale School Hall, Wilcot Road, Pewsey, SN9 5EW  
**Date:** Monday 9 November 2009  
**Start Time:** 7.00pm  
**Finish Time:** 9:00pm

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## In Attendance:

### Wiltshire Councillors

Jerry Kunkler (Chairman), Robert Hall and Stuart Wheeler

### Cabinet Member

Toby Sturgis (Waste, Property and Environment)

### Service Director

Ian Gibbons (Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

### Officers

Caroline Brailey (Pewsey Community Area Manager), Steve Milton (Head of Community Governance) and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

### Parish Councillors

Alton - Charles Fletcher

Burbage - Martin Hamer

Charlton and Wilsford - Mary Gillmore

Chirton - Stef Robertson

Enford Parish Council - S Bagwell and Ken Monk

Grafton - Susie Brew

Great Bedwyn - S Hobson

Ham - Susie Eldridge

Huish - Noel Hardy

Manningford - Bernard Gaskin, Richard Netherclift and David Proto

Milton Lilbourne - Paul Oatway

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Pewsey - Alex Carder and Terry Eyles  
 Shalbourne - Lesley Green and Geoff Tyler  
 Upavon - Robert Bruce  
 Wilcot and Huish - Edward Ferguson and Jack Torrens  
 Woodborough - Jim Fletcher  
 Wootton Rivers - Michael Fair

**Partners**

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Andrew Noble and Inspector Andy Peach  
 Pewsey Community Area Partnership - Judith Deck, Peter Deck and Hew Helps  
 Arts Together - T J Bale, A Fudge Malik and K Fudge Malik  
 Campaign to Protect Rural England - Kennet - Robin Eccles  
 Oare Village Hall - Bob King  
 Pewsey and District Chamber of Commerce - Patrick Wilson  
 Pewsey Vale School - Carol Grant and David Wheen  
 Pewsey Youth Development Centre - Karen Brown  
 PHAB Community Transport Scheme - Pete Akrigg  
 Sustrans - David Leighton  
 Wilsford Village Committee - Robin Vickers and Sally Vickers

**Members of Public in Attendance: 22**

**Total Number in Attendance: 70**

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| <b><u>Agenda Item No.</u></b> | <b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>  | <b><u>Action By</u></b> |
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| 1.                            | <p><u>Chairman’s Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Pewsey Area Board meeting and thanked Pewsey Vale School for hosting the event. The Chairman introduced the Councillors and Officers sitting at the top table.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the meeting that an exhibition on the Wiltshire Core Strategy was taking place on Monday 23 November at Bouverie Hall in Pewsey between 1.00 and 7.00pm. The review of speed limits on A and B class roads had been completed and it was expected that a presentation giving an overview of the review would be made at the next Area Board meeting.</p> |                         |
| 2.                            | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Caroline Dalrymple (Pewsey Parish Council), Jo Howes (NHS Wiltshire), John Powell (Burbage Parish Council), Mike Way (North Newnton Parish Council) and Margaret West (Voluntary Action Kennett).</p>   |                         |

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| 3. | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>   |   |
| 4. | <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Chairman approved and signed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009, with the amendments that Alex Carder (Pewsey Parish Council) and Peter Deck (Pewsey Community Area Partnership) be added as apologies and Patrick Wilson (Pewsey and District Chamber of Commerce) as an attendee.</p>  |   |
| 5. | <p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p>Councillor Wheeler explained how issues had been grouped on the log of issues received and that any closed issues which had been reported via the update would not appear on the next one. All issues could be viewed online: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</a>.</p> <p>Caroline Brailey described Community Speed Watch and the prioritisation matrix for speeding issues circulated at the meeting in more depth. Prioritisation for roads to be considered by the Community Safety Unit was intelligence led and needed to incorporate the collision history of the road.</p> <p>The Camera Safety Unit had twelve sets of survey equipment to survey the roads and the length of time for a survey to be conducted was estimated at 4-6 weeks for roads designated as high priority and up to 8 weeks for roads designated as low priority, but it may take longer than this depending on demand as the initiative was now county wide.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b><br/> <b>To agree the prioritisation matrix tabled at the meeting.</b></p> <p>Caroline Brailey then briefed the meeting on the Highways Assessments information provided with the agenda papers.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b><br/> <b>For the following two areas to be assessed in line with the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Framework and, if they met the criteria, to be put on a list for more detailed feasibility studies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pewsey Station - Pedestrian Access to the Station from the Road</b></li> <li>• <b>Swan Road, Pewsey - Pedestrian Access from</b></li> </ul> | <p>Caroline Brailey to facilitate</p> <p>Caroline Brailey to facilitate</p> |

|    | <b>Manor Court to the Garage and the Village.</b>   |                                       |
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| 6. | <p><u>Waste Harmonisation Improvements</u></p> <p>Councillor Sturgis addressed the meeting about harmonising the waste collection service and its costs across Wiltshire. This encompassed the main points below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rapid rise in landfill tax from £7 per tonne in 1998 to £40 per tonne in 2009. This was predicted to rise to £72 per tonne by 2013;</li> <li>• The Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme;</li> <li>• Reducing waste was better than re-using material which, in turn, was better than recycling or composting. The worst option for waste was landfill;</li> <li>• The original assumption was waste would increase by 3-4% per annum, which was the trend until 2004/2005. More recently there was a reduction in waste of approximately 1%;</li> <li>• Recycling and composting had increased from 31% in 2005/2006 to 40.5% in 2008/2009;</li> <li>• Joint Municipal Waste Strategy targets of 95% kerbside recycling by 2010/2011 and alternate week residual waste collections; and</li> <li>• Planning permission had been granted for a treatment plant at Westbury (a controlled indoor composting process to produce fuel at the end).</li> </ul> |                                       |
| 7. | <p><u>Update from Pewsey Community Area Partnership and Request for Funding</u></p> <p>The Community Area Partnership updated on their ongoing work. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The skateboard park project had been taken on by the Youth Council;</li> <li>• 30mph stickers would be delivered shortly by the transport sub-group; and</li> <li>• The health sub-group were working on ambulance times, dental clinics and services at Savernake, and improving minor injury treatment in the Community Area.</li> </ul> <p>The Community Area Partnership then requested release of the remaining allocation of Wiltshire Council funding for this financial year, being £6,023.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b><br/> <b>To release the remaining allocation of funding to Pewsey Community Area Partnership in 2009/10.</b></p>  | <p>Caroline Brailey to facilitate</p> |

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| <p>8.</p> | <p><u>Community Area Grants Scheme</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the five funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b><br/> <b>Burbage Village Hall were awarded £1,000 for replacement of old glass window frames and door with double glazed units in the hall kitchen;</b></p> <p><b>Manningford Parish Council were awarded £440 for essential repairs to playground equipment;</b></p> <p><b>Arts Together were awarded £930 to recruit and train a team of volunteers to support Arts Together groups in this Community Area;</b></p> <p><b>Oare Village Hall were awarded £5,000 for production of Oare Millennium Book, conditional upon written confirmation that income generated from sale of books will be ring-fenced by the Village Hall for future refurbishment; and</b></p> <p><b>Shalbourne Parish Council were awarded £5,000 for installation of a play area for 0-8 year olds.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b><br/> <b><i>The above applications met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman underlined the importance of getting bids for projects submitted. Friday 27 November was the deadline for receiving applications to be considered at the next Area Board meeting on Monday 11 January. If funding was still available after the January meeting, bids received by Friday 12 February would be considered for determination at the Area Board meeting on Monday 29 March, if all was in place for the project to commence immediately.</p> |  |
| <p>9.</p> | <p><u>Performance Reward Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance, reminded the meeting about the Performance Reward Grant Scheme, as explained at the previous Area Board meeting.</p> <p>£2.8 million was available from the Government over the next 2-3 years for Area Boards to bid for in order to do good work. The first tranche of £250,000 had been available from October 2009 and thereafter a tranche of funding would be</p>   |  |

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|                      | <p>released every quarter.</p> <p>Community bids should meet local needs, address priorities in the Local Area Agreement and help with difficulties related to the recession. Examples of projects were a youth outreach bus, the purchase of Community Speed Watch equipment and additional resources for the Community Payback Scheme.</p> <p>Expressions of interest in the grant scheme could be registered by contacting Caroline Brailey or online at the Wiltshire Council website: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk">www.wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>An expression of interest had been received from Pewsey Vale School.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b><br/> <b>To put an application forward for £25,000 towards a purpose-built dining room for Pewsey Vale School for consideration by the Performance Reward Grant Scheme Panel.</b></p> | <p>Caroline Brailey to facilitate</p> |
| <p>10.</p>           | <p><u>Update from Pewsey Vale School</u></p> <p>Carol Grant, Headteacher of Pewsey Vale School, shared the achievements of the Arts Specialist School over the last few years. This included improvements made in behaviour, attendance, the number of pupils enrolled and academic success. Pewsey Vale School became the best school in Wiltshire, in terms of progress made by pupils, this year.</p> <p>Improving the dining hall area and the perception of the School in the community were identified as priorities for the near future. Mrs Grant stated that donations towards work on the dining hall would be gratefully received and asked for suggestions for improving the local image of the School. Members of the community were invited into the School to see classes in action.</p>   |                                       |
| <p>11.</p> <p>a)</p> | <p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Andrew Noble provided an update from Wiltshire Police. The Pewsey Community Area had been largely unchanged by Neighbourhood Policing Team boundary changes. The target of keeping Neighbourhood Policing Team Beat Managers on their local areas more than 80% of the time was being met with a comfortable margin. There had been recent improvements made to the Wiltshire Police website, with a new Crime Mapping facility:<br/> <a href="http://www.wiltshire.police.uk">www.wiltshire.police.uk</a>.</p>  |                                       |

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|     | <p>The Inspector returned to the subject of Community Speed Watch. He underlined that where a parish had a problem they needed to raise it through their Neighbourhood Policing Team or the Area Board.</p> <p>b) The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted.</p> <p>c) The written update from NHS Wiltshire was noted.</p> <p>d) The written updates from Manningford, Upavon and Grafton Parish Councils were noted.</p> <p>e) Tessa Cozens, Area Library Manager North and East, provided good news about the new Pewsey library to be built on the site of the existing library. The existing library was to close at 8.00pm on Friday 4 December and there would be a short break in service while the building was cleared. A new temporary service would resume on Thursday 17 December from a mobile library, which would operate from the corner of the car park. During the period of temporary service, evening opening would be replaced by Saturday morning opening. The new library service would open in early Autumn 2010.</p> <p>Consultation would be carried out on the new library services. This would run from Monday 16 November to Friday 4 December 2009 and survey forms were available from the library or online at: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/newpewseylibrarysurvey09">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/newpewseylibrarysurvey09</a>. Library staff would also be available outside Pewsey Co-op on Saturday 21 November from 10.00am until 1.00pm to distribute forms and answer any questions.</p> |  |
| 12. | <p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked all those who had attended. The next Pewsey Area Board meeting would take place on Monday 11 January 2010 at Burbage Village Hall.</p>   |  |