

## Pewsey Area Board

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### MINUTES OF THE PEWSEY AREA BOARD MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2022 AT WOODBOROUGH CLUB, SMITHY LANE, WOODBOROUGH, SN9 5PL.

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Also Present:**

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling – Cabinet Member for Public Health and Public Protection, Leisure, Libraries, facilities Management and Operational Assets

#### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Richard Rogers – Community Engagement Manager  
Nic Thomas – Chief Planning Officer  
Dom Argar – Technical Support Officer  
Stuart Figini -Senior Democratic Services Officer

#### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Easton Royal Parish Council – Margaret Holden  
Rushall Parish Council/PCAP - Colin Gale  
Woodborough Parish Council - John Brewin

#### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson, PCSO Jon Mills

#### **Others**

PCAP – Dawn Wilson, Susie Brew

**in attendance: 25**

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### 30 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling the Cabinet Member for Public health and Public Protection, Leisure, Libraries, Facilities Management and Operational Assets, Nic Thomas the Chief Planning Officer and Philip Wilkinson the Police and Crime Commissioner and introduced the Area Board Members.

### 31 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from:

- Insp Al Lumley – Wiltshire Police
- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

### 32 **Minutes**

#### **Decision**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

### 33 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 34 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman drew attention to the following announcements which were noted by the Area Board:

- Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer
- Annual Canvas
- Building Bridges Update
- Wiltshire Independent Living Centre

### 35 **Public Health Issue**

The Area Board considered a public health issue introduced by Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, in relation to the spreading of sewage sludge onto agricultural land. Cllr Oatway spoke about his concerns that the spreading of the sewage sludge created unbearable odours, especially with the very hot summers and prevailing winds carrying the odours some distance across fields and into residential areas. These concerns were echoed by those attending the Area Board meeting.

Cllr Oatway referred to a briefing note prepared by Public Protection on the issues that was attached to the agenda pack. He noted that a Public Protection officer was unable to attend this meeting of the Area Board, so he asked that the officer be invited to attend the next meeting so that a more in-depth discussion could be held.

#### **Resolved:**

**To invite Public Protection to the next Area Board meeting to discuss the issues raised by Cllr Oatway QPM about the spreading of sewage sludge and its impact on local residents.**

36 **Shared Lives and Shared Days Initiatives**

The Chairman informed the Area Board that Amy Smith was unable to attend this meeting and he summarised the work of Shared Lives as detailed in the presentation slides. The Area Board asked that Shared Lives provide a more comprehensive presentation of the day support they offered at the next meeting.

**Resolved:**

**To receive a presentation from Shared Lives on the day support offered for vulnerable adults at the next meeting.**

37 **Partner Updates**

(a) Wiltshire Police

The Area Board received a written update from Insp Al Lumley, Wiltshire Police, which included detail about the Community Policing Team, Wiltshire Police performance to June 2022, hate crime overview and local priorities and updates in relation to the Pewsey area.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Philip Wilkinson commented on the recent inspection of Wiltshire Police in January 2022 by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services and the overall service provided to the public requiring improvement. The PCC highlighted the Wiltshire Police response and the commitment to demonstrating the progress being made against the recommendations.

The PCC, PCSO Jon Mills and John Derryman – co-ordinator of Wiltshire Speedwatch, responded to questions about a recent stabbing incident in Pewsey; How the PCC identified a number of issues during his tenure that were also identified during the inspection; vehicle speeding and restructuring of the speedwatch team; concern at the level of anti-social behaviour; the provision of PCSO's dedicated to the Pewsey area, the desire to increase in neighbourhood officers; plans to rotate two mobile police stations across the County, to meet needs; attendance at Parish and Town Council's meetings; the relationship between Wiltshire police and the British Transport Police and the transfer of intelligence;

The Chairman thanked the PCC, PCSO and Co-Ordinator of Wiltshire Speedwatch for attending the Area Board meeting and responding to questions.

(b) Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

There was no update report for this meeting.

(c) Health

The written report attached to the agenda pack was noted.

(d) Health & Wellbeing

Dawn Wilson reported on the following: the Memory Café and Movement to Music continued to run in the Bouverie Hall; supporting Shalbourne and Great Bedwyn Parish Council's for insurance and banking services; help being offered during the cost of living crisis; warm spaces scheme during the winter months; community fridges and the increasing use of foodbanks.

The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager (SEPM) encouraged groups that could offer warm spaces to sign up for the Warm Spaces Scheme, and confirmed that there may be some financial support available to groups that join the scheme from the Health & Wellbeing fund.

(e) Pewsey Community Area Partnership

Colin Gale provided an update on the DfT Rural Mobility Scheme and the £1.2m secured for service improvements in Pewsey. He confirmed that Paul Sanders, Rural Buses Project Manager, was leading this project following his appointment by Wiltshire Council. Colin also reported on a recent survey of the service with 495 surveys returned.

Colin commented on the disruption and impact on rail users of the recent rail strikes. He reported on Pewsey Station being nominated by GWR for accessibility improvements under a DfT scheme and a conference for GWR stakeholders would be held shortly.

Dawn Wilson reported that PCAP had a meeting this month and welcome a number of new members, although there was a concern at the number of more mature members who were no longer volunteering. New volunteers were encouraged to contact PCAP. PCAP had recently visited Pewsey Vale School, who had received a grant from the Area Board towards a calm and safe place for pupils within the school, and there were plans for this space to remain.

Susie Brew commented on the delivery of the Itineraries and Walkers are Welcome projects with some revisions in the pipeline.

The Chairman thanked Dawn, Susie and Colin for all their hard work and the work of PCAP.

(f) Parish Councils

Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale provided an update which included detail about Rushall winning the Best Kept Small Village again. He was sad to report a recent theft of a safe from the village church and a burglary in the village.

Woodborough Parish Council – John Brewin provided an update on community speedwatch and the recent statistical information being made available, with over 1080 vehicles being reported to Wiltshire Police for speeding offences and the appropriate action being taken.

(g) Other

Youth – The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager indicated that an update would be available for the next Area Board meeting.

Engagement and Partnership Team

The Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager (SEPM), Richard Rogers, provided an update on the new staffing structure of the Engagement and Partnership Team which came into place on 1 September 2022. He also reminded the Area Board about their priorities for the coming year and a couple of items to be discussed at the next meeting of the Area Board including the cost of living and demand bus services.

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Planning Officer, Nic Thomas, and Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling Cabinet Member and explained their role in attending future Area Board meetings to provide the link with the Council.

38 **Community Area Grants**

The Area Board considered one application for Community Area Grant funding. The Chairman invited a representative of the applicant to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.

**Resolved:**

**1. To approve the following application for Community Area Grants:**

**Hilcott Village Hall - £1470.20 towards Hilcott Village Hall Trust Barnard Meadow erection of boundary fence and gates.**

39 **Local Highway and Footpath Improvements Group (LHFIG)**

The Area Board received the notes of the first LHFIG meeting held on 20 July 2022, with the recommendations being presented by Colin Gale.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To close issue 5998 and 10-20-4 (items linked) Rushall**
- 2. To add issue (with funding) 6374 and 6541 (items linked) Upavon signing and lighting (£3,400) to the Priority Schemes List.**
- 3. To defer issue 10-21-9 Pewsey Fordbrook Bus Shelter (3,000) for further consideration at the next LHFIG meeting.**
- 4. To add issue 10-22-10 North Newnton Footway (Phase 3) to the Priority Schemes List (currently without funding).**

40 **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

41 **Future Meeting Dates and Close**

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board is scheduled for 28 November 2022, 7pm at Great Bedwyn Memorial Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

(Duration of meeting: 7.00 - 8.30 pm)

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