

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** PEWSEY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey SN9 5QE  
**Date:** 5 March 2018  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.45 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM and Cllr Jerry Kunkler

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Marc Read – Community Engagement Manager  
Jan Bowra – Local Youth Facilitator  
Tracy Carter - Director of Waste and Environment  
Stuart Figini – Democratic Services Officer

### **Parish Councils**

Burbage Parish Council – Steve Colling  
Charlton and Wilsford Parish Council – Bob Montgomery  
Easton Parish Council – Margaret Holden  
Pewsey Parish Council – Alex Carder, Terry Eyles, Peter Deck, Marvyn Hunt, John Ford, Curly Haskell, Mrs Dalrymple  
Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale  
Upavon Parish Council – Gerry Ward

### **Partners**

Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) – Dawn Wilson, Colin Gale, Susie Brew  
Pewsey Vale School – Neil Pritchard

### **Others**

Resident Easton Royal - Hew Helps

Bouverie Hall – Martin Clifton  
Charmian Spicherwell – Campaign to Protect Rural England  
David Evans – Age UK Wiltshire and Cherhill Parish Council  
Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling – Wiltshire Councillor  
Richard Schofield – Savernake Forest Scouts  
Becca Schofield – Savernake Forest Scouts  
Jennifer Totney – Vale of Pewsey Churches

**Total in attendance: 45**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
81	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members, the officers, Tracy Carter – Director, Waste and Environment, Councillor Tom Rounds, Portfolio Holder for Waste and Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling.</p>
82	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from: Carolyn Whistler - Newton Parish Council and Acting Sector Inspector James Williams – Wiltshire Police.</p>
83	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
84	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
85	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chair drew attention to the following announcements available in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Wiltshire website</li> <li>• Real Change Wiltshire.</li> </ul>
86	<p><u>General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from Cllr Oatway about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the impact on Parish Councils.</p> <p>It was noted that the intention of the GDPR was to strengthen and unify data protection for all individuals within the European Union (EU). It also addressed the export of personal data outside the EU. The GDPR aims primarily to give control back to citizens and residents over their personal data and to simplify the regulatory environment for international business by unifying the regulation within the EU. It was adopted on 27 April 2016. It becomes enforceable from 25 May 2018, after a two-year transition period.</p> <p>Cllr Oatway explained that the potential for serious financial implications were high for Parish Councils, and they were encouraged not to take any action on GDPR until they had received a further update. It was noted that the Leader of</p>

	<p>the Council would be raising concerns about GDPR in the House of Lords and it was understood that the local MP's were not supporting its implementation.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Oatway for his report.</p>
87	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>The Area Board received and noted the following updates from key partners:-</p> <p>(a) <b>Healthwatch Wiltshire</b> The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(b) <b>Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</b> The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(c) <b>Wiltshire Police</b> In the absence of Acting Sector Inspector James Williams, Cllr Oatway introduced the Police report and highlighted the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes within the force leadership</li> <li>• Safer schools internet day</li> <li>• Community Policing Teams boundary changes</li> <li>• Thefts from work vans and oil</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board noted the outstanding and tireless work undertaken by farmers in the Pewsey Vale area during the recent heavy snow falls across the county. The Chair, on behalf of the Area Board, thanked them for helping to clear blocked roads, towing trapped vehicles and providing supplies to stranded villagers.</p> <p>(d) <b>Dorset and Wiltshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> The written report was received and noted.</p> <p>(e) <b>Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)</b> Dawn Wilson and Colin Gale, presented the PCAP update. In particular the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great West Way</li> <li>• Historic Maps Project</li> <li>• Film of Pewsey Vale available to purchase from the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership.</li> <li>• Great Western Rail franchise consultation</li> <li>• Extension of the current GWR contract for one year until April 2020, followed by a new two year contract with GWR up to April 2022.</li> <li>• The promotion of new railway stations at Wilton, Corsham and Devizes.</li> <li>• An application submitted GWR and Network Rail about an application for new five coach sets running out of Pewsey that</li> </ul>

	<p>would reduce the journey time to London.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern at the lack of gritting on strategic routes A345 and A346 and the impact on the local residents.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council’s Environment Select Committee discussing how the Council worked with operating companies, however there did not appear to be a recognition of Pewsey or Bedwyn railway stations being commuter stations.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair indicated that the three Area Board members would write to the Chair of the Environment Select Committee highlighting the importance of the railway stations at Pewsey and Bedwyn and confirming that they are recognised by the residents of the area as commuter stations.</p> <p><b>Resolved: That the three Area Board Members write to the Chair of the Environment Select Committee highlighting the importance of the Railway stations at Pewsey and Bedwyn and a recognition by local residents that they were considered as commuter stations.</b></p>
88	<p><u>Report back on Great British Spring Clean events, 2-4 March</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager explained that the Great British Spring Clean scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 had to be cancelled due to the amount of snow fall during that period. The Area Board noted that the event had been rescheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018.</p>
89	<p><u>Future of the Everleigh Household Recycling Centre</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a presentation about the Everleigh Household Recycling Centre (HRC) from Tracy Carter, Director of Waste and Environment, following a request at the last Area Board meeting which highlighted the concerns about the conditions and operation of the Centre since its transfer to FCC Environment.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted the current status of Everleigh HRC, the usage of the HRC sites in Wiltshire, the impact of the Ministry of Defence re-basing personnel to the County, the Council’s statutory duty with regard to disposal of waste and comparisons with other Councils. During the presentation the Director of Waste and Environment acknowledged that the site had suffered from a lack of maintenance of the infrastructure and periodic inspections by the Council over a long period of time and any decision on the future of Everleigh would be the subject of a new specific consultation.</p> <p>Following the presentation, the Director of Waste and Environment responded to the following issues and questions raised by Area Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions submitted by Pewsey Community Area Partnership and Pewsey Parish Council prior to the meeting not receiving a response at</li> </ul>

the meeting.

- Use of sealed bins to overcome drainage issues potentially in the short term.
- Impact of the transfer of operations to FCC Environment and issues identified to improve sites.
- The role of the Environment Agency during the transfer of operations to FCC Environment.
- The future use of the HRC.
- Materials not currently accepted at the HRC.
- Concerns about the increase in fly tipping in the area and associated costs.
- The need for alternative statistics regarding the usage of the Everleigh HRC.
- Site inspections at Everleigh HRC.
- Value of recyclable materials and potential revenue sources.
- Timescales for providing information to local residents about the works required at Everleigh HRC.
- The clear message from the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Board is that the Everleigh HRC should remain open.

The Director of Waste and Environment informed the Area Board that some of the questions received were complex and further information and clarification was being sought from the Environment Agency. Outstanding questions would be responded to as soon as possible. She also explained that a report was being prepared for a future Cabinet meeting, however it was not known at this stage which meeting it would be considered at.

The Area Board noted that the Cabinet would make any final decision about the proposals arising from the Household Waste Strategy Task Group, following the Task Groups final report being considered by the Environment Select Committee. If the Cabinet decided that the Everleigh HRC should close, that decision would then be subject of a separate consultation.

The Director of Waste and Environment offered to meet with parish council representatives to discuss their concerns about the Everleigh HRC in more detail.

**Resolved:**

- 1. That a meeting be arrange between the Director of Waste and Environment and Area Board attendees, to discuss concerns surrounding the Everleigh HRC.**
- 2. That Pewsey Area Board Town and Parish Councils and partners be invited to nominate a representative to attend the meeting.**
- 3. That representatives from Tidworth and Amesbury Area Boards be invited to attend the meeting about Everleigh HRC.**

90	<p><u>Joint Strategic Assessment and End of Year Budget Report</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from the Community Engagement Manager (CEM), about the progress being made to address the priorities previously identified by the community at the 'Our Community Matters' Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) event held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.</p> <p>The CEM explained that the JSA brought together the results of research conducted by the major agencies and public sector bodies in Wiltshire over the last six months. The project was initiated by the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Wiltshire Assembly. These bodies will use the priorities emerging from the events to focus and support strategic projects, activities and services across Wiltshire.</p> <p>The Area Board were reminded that they had adopted these priorities and would focus on supporting and facilitating local actions to tackle the priorities. The CEM highlighted the main actions achieved between April and October 2017 for each of the priority areas.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the CEM for his presentation.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>(1) To note the JSA update report.</b></p> <p><b>(2) To express the Area Boards thanks to the organisations, groups and partners that had contributed actions to address the local priorities set by the community.</b></p>
91	<p><u>Update on The Vale Health and Wellbeing Centre</u></p> <p>The Area Board received a brief update about the Pewsey Vale Health and Wellbeing Centre from Cllr Paul Oatway. The main issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The building works to deliver the Centre were progressing well and construction of the roof was taking place.</li> <li>• The wheels sports area would now be a larger outside area, rather than inside as originally planned. The plans for this area were currently being prepared.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Oatway for his update.</p>
92	<p><u>Update on Working Groups</u></p> <p><b>a. Savernake Forest Scout Group (Equipment for 2 day hiking expedition) for £1,699.50;</b></p> <p>David Butler, a representative of the Scout Group, introduced the application to fund the purchase of equipment for a 2 day hiking expedition and future use by the Group. The Group then responded to a number of questions from the Area Board. Cllr Stuart Wheeler proposed the award, seconded by Cllr Paul Oatway QPM.</p>

	<p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>The Board agreed unanimously to award the funds of £1,699.50.</b></p> <p><b>b. Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) - Health and Wellbeing Projects (Combined bids for Pewsey Vale projects) for £7,700:</b></p> <p>Dawn Wilson, representing PCAP, introduced the application to fund a number of combined projects for the Pewsey Vale area to include (i) transport, (ii) the Gateway Club Arts Project and Memory Café, (iii) Transport leaflet, (iv) Transport for access to the new leisure centre and Dr surgeries etc.</p> <p>Cllr Stuart Wheeler proposed the award, seconded by Cllr Paul Oatway QPM.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>The Board agreed unanimously to award the funds of £7,700.00.</b></p> <p><b>c. Community Area Transport Group</b></p> <p>Cllr Kunkler reported that an update for the group was not currently available but that he would be able to provide a report to the next meeting.</p>
93	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered three applications for Community Area Grant funding. The Chairman invited the application representatives to give a brief overview of their project and an opportunity to respond to questions from the Area Board.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>1. That the following grant applications be agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Bedwyn Memorial Hall (Promotion and restoration of rights of way in the parish of Great Bedwyn) for £497.00;</b></li> <li><b>b) Burbage Parish Council (Pewsey Vale Tourism Kiosk) for £600.00; and</b></li> <li><b>c) Councillor Led Initiative (White Horse Interpretation Boards) for £500.00</b></li> </ul> <p><b>2. That the remaining £150 held in the Community Area Grant fund be transferred to the Community Area Transport Group for use on future projects.</b></p>



94	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
95	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board was scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, 7pm at Burbage Village Hall.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>