

**Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 10th of September 2024 in the Fairground Hall at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs P Foster – Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Cllr Mrs Z Smale
Cllr Mr J Neal
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook
Members of the Public – Mr Brian Funnell and Mr C May.

Apologies: Cllr Mr N Blackmore – Vice Chairman, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Fairground Hall.
Cllr Mrs P Foster declared an interest in the Fairground Site and the Fairground Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Cllr Mrs Pat
Kinnersley-West. The Clerk will inform TVBC of the vacancy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION – 10th September 2024

INCOME.

TVBC ½ Precept	= £ 7,500.00
VAT Refund	= £ 790.08
TVBC Business Rates Refund	= £ 256.01
Lloyds Bank A/C Charge Refund	= £ 105.72
	= <u>£8,651.81</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	August and September	= £ 960.00
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 22.32
HCC	Street Lighting	= £ 72.89
Website	Hosting Fee	= £ 20.64
PMPC	½ Share new noticeboard	= £ 230.00
Chris Wilkins	Maintenance	= £ 201.79
P Nelson	Office Cleaning	= £ 24.00
Lewis	Electric Gate CCTV Monitoring	£ 25.00
Barclay Phillips	Stage 1 Payment – FGP	=£1,908.00 (VAT £318.00)
Wel Medical	Defibrillator Pads	= £ 294.90
		= <u>£3,759.54</u>

Bank Account Summary.	
Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 14,657.54
Barclays 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 660.52
	<u>£ 15,318.06</u>

PLANNING.

24/01951/FULLN – Raise roof to create two storey dwelling, to include new porch, Balconies, solar panels, air source heat pump – 28 Rectory Place, Weyhill. – NO OBJECTION

WEYHILL FAIR PUB.

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had an informal meeting with Rivendale Developments Ltd to discuss their proposals for the Weyhill Fair.

The Parish Council were shown sketches of the new proposal for the site after discussions Rivendale Developments Ltd had with the TVBC Planners. It was noted that at this stage a Planning Application has not been submitted.

The following was noted:

- The existing Pub will be converted into two dwellings.
- There will be a mix of three and four bedrooms detached and terraced homes.
- More rural designs for the new homes incorporating dark-stained weather boarding.
- A mixture of garages and car ports, reducing the level of parking to increase the level of landscaping, whilst still meeting parking standards.
- Soft landscaping would include native small trees and plants to address the requirements for ecological enhancement.
- Retention of the boundary hedging, including the roadside boundary hedge which is adjacent to a "Road Verge of Ecological Importance".
- The "Weyhill Fair Public House" sign will be donated to the Fairground Hall.

The Parish Council looked at the information provided and thought this a better scheme for the site. The Parish Council were pleased to see that the Weyhill Fair Public House would be retained and converted into two dwellings.

The Chairman stated that Rivendale Developments Ltd will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress with the Application.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Mr N Blackmore will up-date the Parish Council via email on highways issues in due course.

WEYHILL BOTTOM CROSSROADS.

The Parish Council were very disappointed that Hampshire Highways have not done any of the actions agreed at the meeting with the HCC Highways Safety on the 6th of June. The actions that were to be taken were improvements to road markings, Solar powered warning signs, and cutting back vegetation. Also improved signage to deter HGV's using Rectory Lane.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that the grass has grown so high on the verge that it is now impossible to get a good view of oncoming traffic along Penton Lane when exiting the junction from Clanville direction.

CLANVILLE POND – FLOODING.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs J Osbourne reported on a meeting they have had with Mr Graham North to discuss the problems with the Clanville Pond and Flooding.

Mr North confirmed that the majority of the road surface water comes from Wiltshire direction. To his knowledge Wiltshire County Council have not maintained the gullies and drainage ditches for many years. Some years ago, Wiltshire Highways installed a pipe beneath the road to take road surface water from one side to the other (the camber of the road meant that water could not drain away and a large puddle spread across the road after heavy rainfall). This pipe has never been cleared and is blocked.

Mr North was adamant that there is not a great deal of water coming down Duck Street or from St Margrets in relation to the water that congregates at the pond.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council raise the issue with Caroline Nokes MP with the view of Hampshire putting pressure on Wiltshire to take some action. The Parish Council agreed.

The Parish Council felt that with out the cooperation of Wiltshire County Council the problem of flooding at the Clanville Pond could not be addressed. Mr Chris May thanked the Parish Council for their continued efforts to try and sort out the flooding problem. The Parish Clerk will continue to liaise with Mr C May.

CYCLE PATH.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that in places the Cycle Path between the Weyhill Fair and Barust House is very narrow due to the grass growing over the path. This is strange as the remainder of the Cycle Way has been cut. Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook will report this to Test Valley Borough Council.

GENERAL HIGHWAY ISSUES.

County Councillor Mr C Donnelly has written to HCC Highways reminding them of their responsibility to clear out the ditches and to carry out a two-year inspection. The issue of overgrown trees on the verge has also been raised with HCC Highways.

BUS SHELTER.

The Clerk has asked Mr T Burden to quote to remove the two brick piers in front of the Bus Shelter that are constantly being vandalised. These two piers have no structural purpose and will open up the bus shelter.

FOOTPATHS.

The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council have written to a local landowner informing them that it is their responsibility to cut Hanging Bush Lane. The Landowner has spoken to the Clerk and Cllr Mrs J Osborne and raised the following issues: There are bollards at both ends blocking access for vehicles (installed by HCC at the request of PMPC and PGPC some years ago), some 40 years ago a large number of trees were planted, these are now very mature and large and would again make it impossible for machinery to travel the whole length of the track for maintenance.

The Parish Council will investigate further before they take any action.

RESILIENCE – Cllr Mr N Blackmore will up-date at the next meeting.

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BOROUGH CONCILLOR MRS L LASHBROOK.

Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook reported that she is checking the planning permission with the Planning Officers regarding the additional lighting that seems to have been installed on the Garage Canopy.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MRS Z SMALE – Reported that Sue, the lady that tends to the cemetery has had problems with someone tipping out the Green Waste and taking the TVBC Green Bag. There is also the problem of no water and the difficulty of keeping water butts filled. This was noted. It was suggested that the Parish Council could give a grant to pay for Green Wheely Bins instead of the Green Bag.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr C May asked for clarification on the visiting Flashing Speed Sign. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council own a ¼ share of the two flashing speed reminder signs and they visit the Parish every 9 weeks for a 3-week period.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

12th of November 2024.