

**Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 9th of July 2024 in the Fairground Hall at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs P Foster – Chairman
Cllr Mr N Blackmore – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Cllr Mrs P West
Cllr Mrs Z Smale
Cllr Mr J Neal
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook
Members of the Public – Mr Brian Funnell

Apologies: Borough Councillors 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.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

FLY TIPPING – Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that the Fly Tipping behind the Weyhill Fair Public House has not been removed. It was thought that this was probably due to it being on private land.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION – 9th July 2024

INCOME.

Egg Child Care – Car Park Rent = £ 1,200.00

Bank Interest = £ 2.46

= **£1,202.46**

EXPENDITURE.

Administration June and July = £ 960.00

Lloyds Bank Account Charge = £ 19.95

Amazon Printer Cartridges = £ 71.55

Website Hosting Fee = £ 20.64

M Shill Website – Webmaster Fee = £ 233.25

Chris Wilkins Maintenance = £ 221.54

P Reynolds Audit Fee = £ 445.00

Mr G Light Thankyou Gift = £ 113.35

Barclay Phillips Stage 1 Payment – FGP = £1,908.00 (VAT £318.00)

Simon Nightingale FSS ¼ Share for 2024 = £ 587.16

= **£4,580.44**

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account £10,335.50

Barclays 10 day Account 1.5% £ 660.52

£10,996.02

ADOPT REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS.

The Clerk had distributed the revised Code of Conduct and Standing Orders prior to the meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT – Cllr Mr N Blackmore proposed that the Parish Council adopt the revised Code of Conduct. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs P West. All Agreed. The Revised Code of Conduct were adopted.

STANDING ORDERS – Cllr Mr N Blackmore proposed that the Parish Council adopt the revised Standing Orders. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs P West. All agreed. The revised Standing Orders were adopted.

PLANNING.

The Planning Application for the Weyhill Fair Public House site has been withdrawn.

It was noted that the Bell Public House interiors have been stripped out. Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook will speak to the TVBC Enforcement Officer to ensure that all is in order.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that she has received no further information from the TVBC Enforcement Officer regarding the Petrol Station Canopy. Environmental Health have also been contacted regarding the Light Pollution.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

A meeting was held with HCC Highways Safety on the 6th of June. A very useful meeting which determined a number of actions to be undertaken to improve safety at Weyhill Bottom Crossroads. Actions include improvements to road markings, Solar powered warning signs, and cutting back vegetation. Also improved signage to deter HGV's using Rectory Lane.

Attention was also drawn to the state of the traffic island (keep left) and pedestrian refuge on the A342 adjacent to Red Post Lane. The Safety officer has raised this with County Highways.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported the following on the Weyhill Bottom Crossroads:

- The Clanville Sign is still missing.
- The 7 ½ Ton sign is still missing.
- The grass has been cut but only a strip about 3 foot wide, not as promised at the site meeting. Hence the sight lines are just as bad.
- The hedge on the left- and right-hand sides of Rectory Lane are very overgrown and encroaching onto the road making it narrower.
- 60 large HGV's were counted going towards Clanville in one day – their destination was not known but it was thought it may be the Solar Farm. Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook mentioned that there is a lot of work being done at the Penton Sawmill site. Cllr Mr N Blackmore stated that he will investigate.

WEYHILL – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

The bricks that have been displaced from the front wall of the bus shelter adjacent to Hardy Fair close await repair. (ongoing)

Whilst flooding on the North side of the A342 has been significantly reduced, the bus stop area still floods. (ongoing)

There is still no news from County Highways regarding the extension of the footpath/cycleway and replacement, and new bus shelters I understand that County

Highways intend to hold a meeting regarding this. I have approached Councillor Donnelly to be included in that meeting. (ongoing).

A Penton Grafton parishioner reported a number of HGV's traversing Penton Lane through Penton Grafton en route to or from the Hatherden Farm Solar Farm site. Details were ascertained and the appropriate authorities informed. TVBC Planning Enforcement responded promptly and have dealt with the issue.

RESILIENCE – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

A grant application has been submitted to HCC to cover the cost of purchasing a generator and its installation. The CEP is under review to reflect our current capabilities, and the insurance requirements. The recruitment of volunteers is ongoing.

FLOODING – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

The Parishes of Appleshaw, Penton Mewsey, and Charlton have been approached with a view to forming an "Upper Anton Parishes Flood Forum" (name to be confirmed). A positive response has been received from all Parishes and the initiative has been supported by our County Councillor, Chris Donnelly. It is hoped to hold the first meeting towards the end of July. Date to be determined.

The aim of the forum will be to coordinate the requirements, and actions required and the resultant approaches to County, The EA, Southern Water, and other agencies, organisations, and Landowners.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mrs Z Smale.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that she had reported the overgrown hedge on the corner of Rectory Place to HCC Highways. The hedge is now encroaching onto the pavements making it difficult for pedestrians to use.

HCC have also been and cut the path leading from Ancient Lane, the footpath is now clear and walkable.

It was suggested that Cllr Mrs Z Smale speaks to Mr Tony Giblet our local Ramblers Officer about the footpaths as he also keeps them clear and walkable. Cllr Mrs Z Smale was thankful for the suggestion and will make contact.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS L LASHBROOK.

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook reported that the temporary exit from the Car Boot Sale site on the Penton Road has been closed and the exit is now from its original position.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR J NEAL – Reported that work has commenced on the clearing of the overgrown allotments.

CLLR MRS P WEST - Reported that she had forwarded the information received from Cllr Mr N Blackmore to the ARC Editors.

CLLR MRS Z SMALE – Enquired on the position of the damaged bench by the entrance to the Graveyard. The Chairman confirmed that the PCC are dealing with the matter and the lady who caused the damage has agreed to pay for a replacement.

CLLR MR N BALCKMORE – Reported that Contractors working on the church are parking on the grass verge behind the back wall of the Fairground Café. The Clerk

reported that the verge belongs to Highways and they and the PCC have been made aware.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Brian Funnell reported that the left-hand side 30MPH sign when entering Red Post Lane under the A303 has been reinstated and has been up-right for over 4 weeks!

Mr Brian Funnell spoke about the two recent accidents in Weyhill on the A342. One by the Nursing Home and the other by the Garage.

The double parking in the layby opposite the garage does not help the situation.

Cllr Mr N Blackemore will speak to the Hampshire County Council Road Safety Team.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

10th of September 2024.