

**Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 12th of November 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 Z Smale
Cllr Mr J Neal
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook
Members of the Public – Mr B Funnell and Mr C May

Apologies: 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.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr N Blackmore

The problems of the A342 traffic island and pedestrian crossing continue and was brought to a head in early October when a car drove straight across the island demolishing a Keep Left sign, and the lighting pole and its associated light and large Keep Left arrow signs. Whilst County Highways responded quickly through their contractor SSE and effected a temporary make safe on the same day. It has remained like that for over five weeks. As it is the only crossing point in the village this is most unsatisfactory and, in my view, dangerous. This is made more dangerous by their now being no lighting on the crossing with no other street lighting in the area.

I understand that repairs will be undertaken but the improvement/ relocation will not despite the Road Safety Officers recommendation!

Weyhill Bottom Crossroads – Whilst some new signs have been erected. The “No HGV” sign has not been replaced. Old poles not recovered, and no other work has taken place.

Cllr Mr N Blackmore reported that Planning Permission has been granted for an additional 190 dwellings at Empress Way in Ludgershall. With the potential additional traffic this will generate it may be a good idea to set up an A342 Working Party to look at road safety and management. This was thought a good idea.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that repair work has started on Foxcot Road in Charlton.

FLOODING – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

The Upper Anton Parishes Flood Forum has been formed and held two meetings so far. The Parishes of Appleshaw, Penton Mewsey, and Charlton have all joined. Our next meeting is on the 28th of November. Penton Grafton is represented by Councillor Osbourne, and me. We have been supported by Councillor P. Lashbrook, and Councillor Donnelly. Strong links have been established with the Pill Hill Pan Parish Forum. Progress is being made with identifying and detailing the problems with both sewage and surface water. Southern Water and HCC have been approached and are now aware of our existence. Recently I was made aware of a SW Infiltration Reduction Plan. Apparently, this has been in existence since 2014 and is ongoing. It covers our Parish as well as Appleshaw, and Penton Mewsey.

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. The Clerk confirmed that Tony Burden has been asked to remove the whole front of this bus shelter to remove the problem.

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

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.

Resilience – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

A grant application has been submitted to HCC to cover the cost of purchasing a generator and its installation. We await the outcome of this application.

AFTER NOTE: Funding was confirmed shortly after this meeting.

FLY TIPPING – There have been no further reports of Fly Tipping.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION – 12th November 2024

INCOME.

Nil.

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	August and September	= £ 960.00
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 24.70
Website	Hosting Fee	= £ 20.64
P Nelson	Office Cleaning	= £ 48.00
Lewis	Electric Gate CCTV Monitoring	£ 50.00
Transfer VAT to Cottage Charity		= £1,775.60
Transfer VAT to Sitte Account		= £ 5,177.40
		= <u>£8,056.34</u>

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 6,601.20
Barclays 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 660.52
	<u>£ 7,261.72</u>

PLANNING.

24/02265/PDQN – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling (Use Class C3) which may include extension of the building and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion – Well Farm, Penton Park Lane, Clanville – SUPPORT.

24/02398/FULLN – Retention of gazebo – 22 Rectory Place, Weyhill – NO OBJECTION.

The Weyhill Fair – The Chairman reported that she has received an email from the Developer informing the Parish Council that a new Planning Application has been submitted for the site. The Pub building has now been designated as a 'non-designated heritage asset. The existing building will be demolished and replaced with two new dwellings designed at the front to look like the existing pub. An architect's sketch was included in the email and passed around the Parish Councillors. The Parish Council will make comment when they receive notification from the Planning Department.

PETROL STRATION LIGHTS - Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that despite the application being refused on the 13th of September 2024, 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.

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook reported that she has spoken to the Planning Officer and the Petrol Station will be told to turn the offending lights off. Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook will keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mrs Z Smale.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that the overgrown hedge on the corner of Rectory Place is still causing problems, the hedge is now further encroaching onto the pavements making it difficult for pedestrians to use. Highways have been notified.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale stated that she has reported one of the road signs that is only attached to one pole and asked that the Parish Council write to the PCC asking them when they intend to replace the bench that was damaged by a vehicle, it is believed that money was received some time ago for a replacement!

Hanging Bush Lane is getting impassable and in desperate need of cutting back. The Parish Council believed that Hampshire County Council have contacted the Landowner who is responsible the hedging.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelley reported:

- HCC are holding a Flood Forum to look at water courses in Hampshire to identify responsibilities and to enhance their enforcement procedure.
- HCC are looking at their policies on Children with special needs.
- HCC are providing hubs for free school meals and activities during the Christmas Holidays.
- HCC and TVBC are working together to provide help to those struggling with the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel payment. Residents who have concerns should contact Citizens Advice.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS L LASHBROOK.

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook reported:

- Complaints have been received about speeding on Red Post Lane. This has been forwarded to the Police.
- TVBC have a stream of financing for Defibrillators.
- TVBC are working with Citizens Advice to help with people suffering with the withdrawal of the Winer Fuel payments by the Government.

FLOODING IN CLANVILLE.

The flooding problem in Clanville was discussed. Mr C May has been very helpful with providing information and up-dates. Caroline Nokes MP has been busy contacting various agencies and putting pressure on Hampshire Highways.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

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 disappeared. It does not seem to be on the ground and has been reported to Highways.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

14th of January 2025.