Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th of September 2025 in the Fairground Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs P Foster – Chairman
Cllr Mr N Blackmore – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs Z Smale
Cllr Mr C May
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – Mr B Funnell and Mr David Robinson.

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Neal, Cllr Mrs J Osborne, Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook, Mr P Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.
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:

RECTORY LANE PAVEMENT – The overhanging vegetation was cut back by the Lengthsman.

FOOTPATH FROM THE RANK TO PENTON ROAD – The encroaching vegetation has been cut back and the footpath is now clear.

FOOTPATH FROM RED POST LANE TO GARGAE – The overgrown footpath has been cleared.

FINANCE.
FINANCIAL POSITION – 9th of September 2025

INCOME.

TVBC 2nd Half Precept	= £ 9,500.00
VAT Refund	= £4,973.70
	= **£14,473.70**

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	Aug and Sept	= £ 960.00
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 22.70
Website	Hosting Fee	= £ 20.64
Lewis	Electric Gate CCTV Monitoring	= £ 50.00
Barclay and Phillips	Architect Fees	= £1,908.00
Elan City	2 x Flashing Speed Signs	= £5,614.80
BDO LLP	Audit Fee	= £ 504.00
MacAfee	Computer Protection	= £ 127.00
		= **£9,207.14**

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds Current Account	£15,757.45
Barclays 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 660.52
	£16,417.97

PLANNING.

25/01322/ADVN – Display of 3 internally illuminated canopy fascia signs, 2 internally illuminated jet pod canopy fascia signs, 4 pump spreader box signs, 4 pump branding signs, 1 internally illuminated single leg 'flag' ID Sign, 1 air/water pole sign, 1 vac pole sign and 4 car wash fascia signs – Weyhill Service Station, Weyhill Road, Weyhill.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that planning permission has been granted with conditions:

- The strip lights under the canopy are not permitted.
- The lights are to be switched on from Civil Twilight and must be turned off at 10.45pm.

Cllr Mrs Z Smael will monitor these conditions.

DRAFT BOROUGH PLAN.

Cllr Mr N Blackmore reported that the Parish Council did an information leaflet drop to households in Weyhill on the development proposals.

There was a public meeting on the Draft Borough Plan hosted by TVBC at the Fairground Hall. The Neighbouring Parish Councils (Penton Grafton, Penton Mewsey, Fyfield, Amport, Appleshaw and Thruxton) have held joint meetings to discuss the Draft Borough Plan and formulate a response. Penton Grafton Parish Council have made comment, and this has been submitted to TVBC. All documentation is available to view on the Parish Council Website.

5 YEAR PLAN – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

With all the work undertaken regarding the Draft Borough Plan and A342 Working Party the 5 Year Plan has not progressed.

CLLR MR N BLACKMORE'S REPORT.

Highways.

The A342 traffic island and pedestrian crossing - The traffic island, and pedestrian refuge need to be re-sited and improved. As HCC are currently refusing to consider this, we have a problem. - Ongoing.

Weyhill Bottom Crossroads – Parishioners have raised a visibility concern regarding the positioning of the Brown "Lion" sign. This has been taken up yet again with County Highways but has not as yet been addressed. - Ongoing.

New Solar powered Speed signs have been delivered but the installation is proving more difficult than anticipated. We have a quotation of £1,780 – 26 ex VAT for them to be installed and set up. Approximate installation from placing order is 8 weeks - ongoing

An A342 Working Group has been formed and is now up and running. Many of our highway issues will now be dealt with through this group.

Weyhill – Nothing to report

Fly tipping - Nothing to report.

Resilience –The generator has been delivered and an initial running test undertaken. A suitably located Housing is currently being constructed where the generator will be operated. As soon as this is completed regular testing will commence. - ongoing

Flooding – The Upper Anton Parishes Flood Forum continue to work towards improving the flooding and sewage problems. The last meeting was on the 31st of July was attended by Southern Water who provided information on their aspirations for improvements in our area. The revised Appleshaw and Penton Mewsey Infiltration Plan is imminent, and work should be commencing shortly. - ongoing

CLLR MRS Z SMAIL'S REPORT.

FOOTPATHS.

- HCC have not yet done any work on clearing the overgrown pavement from the Weyhill Bottom Crossroads to the school.

WEYHILL CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

- Cllr Mrs Z Smale has again reported the stinging nettles/thistles around the edges that pose a risk to unsteady toddlers.
- The climbing net has at long last been replaced along with a new platform and climbing wall due to the wood being rotten.

GENERAL ISSUES.

- Someone is sleeping in the Bus Shelter near the Weyhill Fair Pub.
- Overflowing bins during August by both bus stops were noted, reported and emptied within a day.
- Additional Dog Bins – The Clerk reported that the cost of emptying a dog bin is £283.98. The one-off cost of purchasing and fitting the dog bin will also need to be looked into. The Parish Council will discuss this further when doing the Budget for the next financial year.

CLLR MRS P FOSTER'S REPORT.

- Cllr Mrs P Foster informed the Parish Council that she had received an email from a member of the public reporting that water was being pumped into tankers at Penton Mewsey to top up the Conholt Estate new Lake. This was noted.

CLLR MR C MAY'S REPORT.

- There has been no further flooding at the Clanville Pond.
- Hampshire and Wiltshire Highways have started digging out the roadside ditches and culverts.
- A caravan parked between Clanville and Penton Grafton reported to TVBC Has not yet been moved.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr B Funnell reported that he had received a reply from Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook regarding the £8.8 Million Council Tax debts that TVBC have incurred. Mr B Funnell gave a brief report on the information received.

Mr David Robinson thanked Cllr Mr N Blackmore for the information he forwarded to him regarding the Draft Borough Plan and the work, and response undertaken by the Penton Grafton Parish Council.

Mr David Robinson spoke about the proposed road repairs to be undertaken by the Owner of Conholt Park. There are still a large number of lorries using the local roads visiting the Conholt Estate.

Cllr Mr C May updated Mr David Robinson on correspondence between the Conholt Estate, TVBC Planners and Highways over the months.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.
11th of November 2025.