

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 in the Committee Room, The Fairground Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr G Light – Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Cllr Mrs P West
Cllr Mrs P Foster
Cllr Mr S McKay
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Member of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Marsh – Vice Chairman and Mrs R Smith

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

WEYHILL BOTTOM CROSS ROADS – Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that nothing has been done at the Weyhill Bottom Cross Roads to improve safety.

CLANVILLE – The Clerk reported that taller post to accommodate the Flashing Speed Sign is now in place. The post at the Weyhill end of Clanville is to be reinstated at its old position. The hedge that obstructed the sign has been removed.

RED POST LANE – Cllr Mr S McKay gave the following report:

The fallen 30mph sign has been re-erected. Thanks to Julian for reporting it.

Chief Inspector Thorne - Head of Hants Traffic was contacted for camera enforcement. He passed me on to David Taylor - Traffic Management Officer HCC, as certain criteria must be met before camera enforcement is authorised.

A traffic monitor was placed on the 30-mph repeater sign, Red Post Lane, on 29/8/17 for 7 days.

Criteria 1 20% of all traffic break the speed limit was met (in fact it was well over half)

Criteria 2 - 85th percentile of all traffic travels at ACPO enforcement guidelines of 10% above the limit plus 2mph, which equates to 35 mph was met.

Criteria 3 of four separate KSI incidents (Killed or Serious Injuries) was not met. I pointed out my disappointment that the survey was during school and family holidays, when the traffic is significantly lighter, and the monitor was at the exit to a blind bend, slowing traffic at that section. However, even in these circumstances the traffic met the enforcement criteria and the monitor was really a waste of time without the accidents that, ironically, the parish council were trying to avoid.

Mr Taylor kindly forwarded on the data and advised I look at engineering solutions, as the traffic was comfortable at those high speeds now. 20 mph zones would not be entertained without engineering to impede travel for drivers.

The highest incidence of traffic and speeding was between 7am and 9am, with 63% of cars over the speed limit and almost a fifth of cars travelling between 36 and 46 mph. This is completely unacceptable for a road with no pavements, elderly residents collecting newspapers/groceries and young residents walking to the school bus after the holidays. This period of traffic is dominated by southbound Army HQ personnel, easily identifiable by their uniforms. These drivers have been waved at by residents to slow down but have reacted in an intimidatory way i.e. shouting abuse, stopping and confronting or speeding up. I, myself, have had a driver actually swerve towards me, which I reported to the police. The residents are, as a result, reluctant to embark on Community Speedwatch.

Cllr Brooks put me in contact with Andy Wren - ITS and Street Lighting Manager for HCC. I proposed a low cost pilot, placing the southbound traffic lights on red for a longer period at the junction of Monxton Road to encourage Army HQ traffic to continue along the A343. The majority of local traffic exiting Monxton to work would also benefit as a result. Mr Wren quickly rejected this proposal.

There is obviously no funding for more expensive engineering solutions, such as road humps, and it would not be desirable as Red Post Lane is a bus route. Next steps are to contact Lt. Col. Cotton and arrange a meeting at Army HQ to expand awareness of the dangers, contact Highways about a 'pedestrians in the road' sign and kindly request the periodic use of the parish councils' flashing speed sign. On police advice, I will also revisit Community Speedwatch with the residents.

PLANNING

17/02716/FULLN – First Floor extension including rooms in the roof space – Ramridge Dene, Ramridge Farm, Weyhill – NO OBJECTION.

17/02732/VARN – Vary condition 01 to planning permission 14/01982/FULLN. First floor extension to replace one bedroom and provide new bathroom and en-suite. Amendments of design to include height increase of extension roof by 0.5m, enclosing side log store and insertion of window and door to create utility room, removal of rooflight – 3 St Margarets, Flint Lane, Clanville. NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL POSITION – 14th November 2017

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 4,492.27 (27/10/17)
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 17,491.53
10 Day Account	£ 1,917.53
Instant Access	£ 794.98
	<u>£ 24,696.31</u>

PAYMENTS - October and November 2017

R.N. Waterman	Administration – Standing Order - Oct	£300.00
R.N. Waterman	Administration - Standing Order – Nov	£300.00
Aviva	Insurance	£998.18
Lloyds	Bank Charges	£15.65
Unicom	Telephone and Broadband	£206.49
Enham	Church Grave Yard Cutting	£256.60
HCC	Street Lighting	£53.00
BDO LLP	Audit	£360.00
TVBC	Move post for FSS	£391.00
Chris Wilkins	Maintenance	£289.49
TVAPTC	Subscriptions (£15)	£165.00
		<u>£3,335.41</u>

INCOME

½ Precept £4,900.00

PC Refunds £45

The Clerk reported that Enham Trust are to increase their Grave Yard Maintenance fee to £101.25 per visit. This was discussed, and it was felt that £101.25 per visit was rather excessive. The Parish Council agreed that they were not prepared to pay this amount. One of the Church Wardens was present, and he was asked to inform the PCC that they needed to find a cheaper contractor if they wished the Parish Council to continue funding the graveyard grass cutting.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that there is one vacant allotment and no one on the waiting list.

FAIRGROUND TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr Mrs P West reported that the Parish Council have received several letters regarding the need for 4 speed ramps. The speed ramps were put in as the Parish Council have a duty of care to improve safety at the entrance to the fairground site regarding the public footpath. The entrance was narrowed and the 10mph Industry Standard Speed Ramps installed. However, this was a trial!

Cllr Mrs P Foster stated that she has been approached by several of the Fairground tenants who have asked if the Parish Council would review the number speed ramps.

The Parish Council discussed the Speed Ramps and agreed to remove the two middle ramps. These will be installed further down the site in the future to stop vehicles speeding.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that HCC have had a full Council meeting to discuss the £140 Million cuts needed over the next two years to balance the books.

The County Council propose the following measures to cut costs:

- The School Crossing Scheme will no longer be funded.
- 200 staff cuts are planned
- The Community Bus Scheme will no longer be funded
- The free OAP Bus Pass is a Government Initiative and the Council cannot alter this, however they intend to apply to the Government for permission to make a small charge every time a Bus Pass is used.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that she has been in the Parish taking photographs of the signage

CIC INVESTIGATION

Cllr J Osborne reported that the plan is to continue with the interviewing over the next few months and is in hand.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE – Reported that she had no further news to report on the overgrown bush on one of the walkways to the footpath leading from Ancient Lane.

CLLR MRS P WEST – Gave a brief progress report on the progress with Goodman's regarding the ANPR and the Business Park. Cllr Mrs P West, Cllr Mr S McKay and the Chairman are attending a further meeting on the 21st November 2017.

CLLR MR G LIGHT – Reported that he has received a letter from Mr Anthony White the new owner of the Magic Tower Montessori Nursery School. David and Su'en Miller took the hard decision to sell due to personal circumstances.

Cllr Mr G Light suggested that this may be the time to negotiate a new agreement for the hire of the car park when it comes up for renewal in May 2018. The Parish Council agreed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Rev Alex James addressed the meeting and spoke the possibility of moving the annual Church Fete to the Fairground Site, working with the Fairground booths to put on a community event. The added benefit would be the use of the Village Hall if the weather is bad. Rev Alex James will take the role of chairman to lead the fete committee.

The Parish Council thought this a great idea and were sure that the Fairground tenants would get on board. The Clerk, as booking secretary for the Fairground Hall, will forward the dates when the hall is free in 2018 to the PCC. (this was done the following morning).

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9th January 2018 in the Fairground Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm