Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th of June 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 J Neal
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Members of the Public – Mr B Funnell and Mr T Giblette

Apologies: Cllr Mr C May and Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook.

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.
Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Fairground Hall.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.

FINANCE.
FINANCIAL POSITION – 10th June 2025

INCOME.

TVBC ½ Precept	£9.500.00
	= **£9.500.00**

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	April and May	= £ 960.00
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 22.70
Website	Hosting Fee	= £ 20.64
Lewis	Electric Gate CCTV Monitoring	= £ 50.00
HCC	Street Lighting	= £ 65.29
Amazon	Digital Telephone + Cartridges	= £ 134.75
Generator		= £ 1,599.00
		= **£2,852.38**

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds Current Account	£ 9,029.41
Barclays 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 660.52
	£9,689.93

PLANNING.
25/00774/FULLN – Removal of garage and erection of two storey side extension to provide master bedroom with outside balcony on the first floor and kitchen/family room on ground floor and the addition of an oak framed 'lean to' on the side – Hanover House, Appleshaw. NO OBJECTION.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MRS Z SMALE.
Cllr Mrs Z Smale reported that the overgrown vegetation from the plot of land on the corner of Rectory Lane and Rectory Place is now blocking the pavement. Efforts to contact the landowner have been exhausted. The matter has been reported to Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council. The Clerk suggested that the Lengthsman is asked to cut back the vegetation and place it on the land in question. This was thought a good solution to keep the pavement open.

Cllr Mrs Z Smale spoke about the Children's Play Area that belongs to Test Valley Borough Council and the field surrounding it, the field is full of rabbit holes, and it has been noted that there is a lot of dog mess. This will be reported to TVBC.

The village is suffering from an increase in dog mess and having an additional Dog Bin will be looked into.

CLLR MR N BLACKMORE.

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.

With all that is happening along the Hampshire section of the A342 and in particular the large housing proposals in the Ludgershall area it is my view that serious consideration should be given to improving this road to improve safety. HCC are not doing anything including their traffic monitoring points not being operational. As I have suggested before I think we need a working group of all the Councils involved to look at this.

Weyhill Bottom Crossroads was closed between 0800 and 0930 on Friday the 23rd of May to allow Police to carry out further investigations of an accident from May 2023,

TVBC workmen have tidied the Traffic Island in the Red Post Lane junction with the A342, and made an excellent job. It is a pity that HCC cannot do the same for the adjacent Traffic Island on the A342.

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

The Clanville/Chute road is being worked on by HCC and Wiltshire Council. My understanding is that these are temporary repairs prior to permanent repairs once the Conholt Park development is completed. - ongoing

Weyhill –
The bus stop pole on the South side of the A342 has now had the furniture and timetable installed.

New Bus Shelter on South side of A342 – This is now being pursued directly by the Parish Council. It is hoped that we can get some financial assistance towards

the cost from TVBC and/or HCC. I have circulated a report on proposals and costs for installing a bus shelter. - Ongoing.

Fly tipping -
Nothing to report.

Resilience –
The generator has been ordered, and should be delivered tomorrow (Wednesday the n11th). Testing and commissioning will be undertaken ASAP. Ongoing.

To complete the Resilience Project we need to install Broadband into the Fairground Hall, and on the standby power circuit. This is being looked into. Ongoing.

The CEP is under review to reflect our current capabilities, and within the insurance coverage. We now need to progress the plan into an active state. Ongoing.

The recruitment of volunteers for the CEP is ongoing, and now even more important. I would like to put an information sheet on the Parish web site, and invite volunteers. ongoing

Flooding –
The Upper Anton Parishes Flood Forum continue to work towards improving the flooding and sewage problems. The last meeting on the 1st of May was attended by Southern Water who provided information on their aspirations for improvements in our area. It is early days but I am cautiously optimistic. - ongoing

Clanville Pond – The problems with this pond overflowing are being addressed. HCC have dredged and enlarged and deepened the pond. As to their detailed intentions they have not informed us. Ongoing

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE.
Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that the Busy Bee's Montessori have held a practice evacuation and have used the Weyhill Bottom Car Barn as a safe place. The exercise went very well.

5 YEAR PLAN.
Cllr Mr N Blackmore had distributed details about a proposal for the Parish Council to have a 5 Year Plan prior to the meeting.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to putting together a 5 Year Plan. Proposed by Cllr J Neal and seconded by Cllr N Blackmore.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY
Cllr Mr C Donnelly report on the following:

- Roadworks are scheduled for 100-acre roundabout, and re-surfacing is to be undertaken during the nighttime.
- Donna Jones, the Police and Crime has vowed to crack down on rural crime and will be holding a rural crime conference later in the year.
- The Governments reorganization of Local Government is continuing with little report at the moment. The splitting up of Hampshire has not yet

been confirmed, HCC have submitted their recommendations. Hampshire County Council are looking at what services will be passed on to Parish Councils.

- Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that he is taking part in the task of reforming the constitution of HCC with a view to making it more accountable.
- The County and Borough Councils are looking at their assets to see what could be handed down to local Parish Councils prior to devolution.
- HCC are undertaking an Employment Training Program as there may be an impact on staff under the re-organization of Hampshire.
- Cllr Mr C Donelly is exploring if there is a route for funding for a new traffic island through CIL and has Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook's support.

- Mr B Funnell asked if there was a time frame for devolution. Cllr Mr C Donnelly stated that as far as he knew May 2026, this is when the New Hampshire Mayor is to be elected.
- Mr T Giblet asked if there is to be a Public Consultation on the changes under devolution? Cllr Mr C Donnelly explained the process handed down by the Government and the lack of consultation, However, he has been assured that there will be a Public Consultation at some point.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
Mr Tony Giblet stated that he also had noticed the increase in Dog Mess in the village. The Brick Built Bus Shelter is full of rubbish, bottles and leaves. The Clerk will add the cleaning of the Bus Shelter to our maintenance contractors list of tasks.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.
8th of July 2025.

Minutes of the Annual Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th of June 2025 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs P Foster – Chairman
Cllr Mr N Blackmore – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs Z Smale
Cllr Mr J Neal
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
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Apologies: Cllr Mr C May and Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook.

WELCOME.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.
CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs J Osborne proposed Cllr Mrs P Foster as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr N Blackmore. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mrs P Foster was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs P Foster proposed Cllr Mr N Blackmore as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Z Smale. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr N Blackmore was elected Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.
The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for all that they did for the Parish. The Chairman stated that she had not prepared a report as she felt that everything is covered in the minutes of each meeting. The Chairman felt that the Parish Council worked well together, and each Councillor brought their strengths to the team.

The Parish Council did feel that an annual report from the Chairman was desired as it is a precis of what has been achieved over the year. This would be most helpful to any member of the public that did not read the minutes. The Chairman took note.

VICE CHAIRMANS REPORT.
A busy and productive year with progress in several areas as follows: -

Highways – A number of improvements including Weyhill Bottom Crossroads. Maintaining both paved and rural footpaths. A significant concern is ongoing over the state of the A342 pedestrian crossing point. There is also concern regarding the increasing traffic volumes and speed on the A342. Thanks to support from Councillors Smale and Osbourne

Resilience – The Community Emergency Plan is progressing well with the Fairground Hall resilience project being completed this week with the standby generator arriving.

Fairground Project – This has progressed from Planning Permission being achieved in late 2023 to a Project Sub – Committee being formed, and that Committee progressing the project to the current situation of being close to

being in a position to tender when adequate funding is secured. An open session for the public following a leaflet distribution was held on the 17th of May. Thanks to Brian Funnel for his support.

Flooding – The Parish has actively engaged and participated in the Upper Anton Parishes Flood Forum. The Forum has achieved active engagement with Southern Water and HCC Flood Water Management. Both Flooding and Sewage problems are being actively progressed. Thanks to support from Councillors Osbourne, and May.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

PENTON GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS.

	£
Precept	15,000.00
Bank Interest	9.76
VAT Refund	20,247.43
Services Charged to Other PC's	1,023.74
Site Income	72,105.90
SSE Wayleave Street Light	36.02
Busy Bees Car Park Rent (3 Years)	1,800.00
SSE Resilience Grant – Generator	2,317.00
Lloyds Bank Refund	105.72
TVBC – Business Rates Refund	256.01
	112,901.58

PAYMENTS

Administration	4,559.35
Wages	5,200.00
Grass Cutting/Maintenance	1,546.08
Fairground Maint & Running Costs	74,633.92
Street Lighting	60.74
Flashing Speed Signs/Gate	1,126.16
Deposit for Generator Project	1,000.00
Site Project	7,020.00
VAT on Payments	1,584.56
VAT Payment to Cottage Charity	12,607.58
PMPC Recreation Ground Grass share	230.00
Office Equipment	275.79
Defibrillator Battery and Pads	245.75
	110,089.93

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Balance BFW 1st April 2024	10,565.06
Add Income	112,901.58
	123,466.64
Less Payments	110,089.93
Balance Carried Forward	**13,376.71**

The Parish Clerk explained each item. Cllr Mrs P Foster proposed that the Parish Council adopt the Account for the Year Ending 31st March 2025. This was seconded by Cllr Mr J Neal. All agreed.

CONFLICT OF INTREST WITH BDO LLP THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR.
There were no conflicts of interest recorded with BDO LLP.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024/2025
The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.
The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Foster and seconded by Cllr Mr J Neal.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2024/2025
The Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Foster and seconded by Cllr Mr N Blackmore. All agreed.

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