

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th of March 2024 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs P Foster - Acting Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Cllr Mrs P West
Cllr Mr J Neal
Cllr Mr N Blackmore
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelley
Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr Mr G Light

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.

PLANNING.

24/00244/AGNN – Application to determine if prior approval is required for licenced woodland thinning and formation of timber extraction track – Ramridge Wood, Ramridge Park, Weyhill, Andover. Decision: PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED.

It was reported that two residents of Ramridge Park have applied to Hampshire County Council for a Public Footpath around Weyhill Copse, Ramridge Park. It was noted that the application is number 22 in the que.

The Parish Council discussed the Draft Borough Plan. There is nothing that will affect the Parish except for the removal of the Settlement Boundary. However, the proposed large-scale development of up to 4500 dwellings at Faberstown (Hampshire) and Ludgershall (Wiltshire) will have a significant impact on the traffic flow on the A342. It was felt that it is of vital importance that a pedestrian crossing is needed in Weyhill. It was noted that Hampshire Highways have stipulated that the A342 is adequate to take the increase in traffic movements.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that Wiltshire Council have been pushing for 15 years for this large-scale development in and around Ludgershall.

At the time of the meeting there have been no plans submitted for the Bell or Weyhill Fair sites. The Parish Council felt that it is important to keep the strategic gap between Andover, the Pentons and Weyhill.

FAIRGROUND CRAFT CENTRE.

Planning Permission for the additional units for the Fairground Craft Centre has been approved.

The Parish Council all agreed to proceed with the next stage of specifications and going out to tender. A display will be put on in the Fairground Hall on Thursday the 2nd of May 2024 (Election Day) to show the Parishioners the Plans for the project. It is hoped that the cost of the project will be met through grants.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION – 12th of March 2024

INCOME.

PMPC Share of FSS Maintenance = £587.16
Refunds = £398.00
= **£985.16**

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	February and March 24	= £ 960.00
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 14.00
Website	Hosting Fee	= £ 16.80
Shire Fencing	Notice Board Repair	= £ 98.00
Amazon	Printer Cartridges	= £ 47.77
HCC	Street Lighting	= £ 65.31
		= <u>£1,201.88</u>

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 5,598.23
Barclays 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 599.05
	<u>£ 6,197.28</u>

WEYHILL BOTTOM CROSSROADS.

The following points were noted:

- The damaged salt bin has eventually been replaced.
- The signpost is still on the ground and needs reinstating.
- There are still several sign missing including the Tilley Down/Clanville direction signage.
- The HGV Restriction sign needs moving to the A342. At the moment it is in Rectory Lane and only visible once an HGV has committed to the turning.
- There have been a lot of tankers parking on Clanville Road by the Montessori School queuing to go to Appleshaw for over pumping. This caused the road and footpath to be covered in mud. It was reported to Highways. Highways came out and cleared up the mess, the tankers no longer parking there.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that Hampshire Highways have agreed to meet the Parish Council on site to discuss the various issues with the Weyhill Bottom. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

Cars have been parking on the grass verge adjacent to the metal site gates. It is thought that it is customers for Zero Waste who use the verge as a quick stop to pick up goods. This is starting to churn up the grass, No Parking Signs have been ordered. The Chairman reported that she has had a friendly word with Zero Waste to see if they can discourage customers from parking on the verge.

Footpaths and Infrastructure Report – Cllr Mr N Blackmore

Rural Footpaths –

Hanging Bush Lane has been tidied up.

Infrastructure and Paved Paths –

A productive period. County Highways have cleared the footpath/cycleway adjacent to Hardy Fair Close, and also filled a dangerous pothole in the service road on the entrance to Ancient Lane. This took a bit of cajoling and the assistance of Councillor Donnelly, but a good result in the end. It took some effort to establish that HCC were responsible for these areas but that is now established.

Further to the recent drain cleaning by County Highways on the A342 there has been further work by a team of drain specialists on the 12th of February carrying out inspections and specialist work.

Following the high winds in January an area of fence covered in ivy etcetera has bulged out into Rectory Road. This is on the vacant land on the corner of Rectory Place and Rectory Road. (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)

Fly tipping - Nothing to report.

Community Emergency Plan (CEP) Report – Cllr Mr N Blackmore.

Work continues on developing the draft plan.

Progress as below: -

1. A review of draft document has been undertaken, and copy circulated to councillors for comment. Hopefully this meeting will agree and ratify the plan.
2. The plan Appendices need progressing by compiling contact details for services, and volunteers. This is in hand but finding volunteers is a problem. (ongoing)
3. Making the Fairground Hall more resilient with a standby generator is in hand. Contact with the SSE Resilience fund has been established. The fund is currently closed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- Hampshire County Council have committed to investing £173 Million to provide 13 new Nursing Homes in the County. Cllr Mrs P West asked Cllr Mr Donnelly if he could provide further information on how this investment will be spent. Cllr Mr C Donnelly said he would investigate and report back.
- HCC have also committed to put a further £5.9 Million into Education to improve wrap around school clubs.
- 98% of school place application got their preferred school.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS L LASHBROOK

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook reported that the re-cycling bins have been moved from the Weyhill Fair to the Farm Shop. Hampshire Highways have been asked to provide Flooding Signs on the Penton Road as a matter of safety. The Police have agreed to hold a meeting to up-date Parish Councils on the new Policing Policy for the Rural Areas. As soon as a date has been set Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook will inform the Parish Clerk.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR N BLACKMORE – Reported that TVBC are to be commended for the excellent service they do in removing Fly-Tipping once it has been reported to them.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mrs Smale reported that since the Garage has changed petrol supplier to Jet additional lighting has been added, this is disturbing neighbours and there has been no planning application submitted. The lights are now on from 5.30am to 11.30pm every day. This is definitely a case of Light Pollution.

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook stated that she will check with Planning to see if there are any restrictions in place.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

14th of May 2024.