

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 held in the Fairground Hall at 7.00pm.

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THE PARISH COUNCIL FOLLOWED GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ON SELF DISTANCING. FACE MASKS WERE WORN AND ANTI-BACTERIAL HAND GEL USED.

DUE TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE NOT ADMITTED.

Present: Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Foster – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs P West
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Marsh, Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelley.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN - Cllr Mrs P West proposed Cllr Mr G Light as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Osborne. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr G Light was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs P West nominated Cllr Mrs P Foster as Vice Chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Osborne. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mrs P Foster was elected Vice Chairman.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

RECEIPTS.

	£
Precept	10,000.00
Bank Interest	8.94
VAT Refund	17,347.47
Car Park Rent	Nil
Community Infrastructure Levey	Nil
Refunds	1,769.30
Allotments	806.00
Covid Grant	500.00
Site Income	79,150.56
	109,582.27

PAYMENTS

Administration	1,640.39
Wages	4,160.00
Insurance	5,608.12
Grass Cutting/Maintenance	1,749.51
Fairground Maintenance	68,551.32

Street Lighting	139.28
Covid Expenses	123.02
Flashing Speed Signs/Maint	710.55
Defibrillator Pads	117.95
VAT on Payments	858.42
VAT Refund to Cottage Charity	8,497.90
	92,156.46

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Balance BFW 1 st April 2020	25,652.04
Add Income	109,582.27
	<u>135,234.31</u>

Less Payments	92,156.46
	<u>43,077.85</u>

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/2021

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 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 Mr G Light and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Foster. All Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2020/2021

The Annual Accounting Statement 2020/2021 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr G Light and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Foster. All agreed. The Chairman and Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Caro Nugent a tenant at the Fairground Craft Centre has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Mrs Caro Nugent meets the criteria of joining the Penton Grafton Parish Council and lives within the 3 Mile of the Parish. The Parish Council thought this excellent news. Mrs Caro Nugent will be invited to the July meeting for an informal interview and if successful co-opted onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

POTHoles - Various potholes in the Parish have been reported to Highways.

DUCK POND – Wiltshire have not yet cleared their gullies or dug out their drainage ditches. Hampshire Highways have put up notices of a road closure for surface dressing on the road from Clanville to Penton Grafton. It is hoped that they will be doing repairs to the road at the Duck Pond before surface dressing is undertaken.

An email has been received from a parishioner from Clanville regarding the poor state of the verges along the Weyhill Bottom to Clanville Road. There are deep potholes on the roadside caused by the numerous HGV's that use the road daily.

Cllr Mr J Marsh has contacted our new County Councillor Mr C Donnelley and requested a site meeting.

WHIPPET RACING.

The Chairman reported that he has received several complaints from Parishioners and the Landlady of the Weyhill Fair regarding the Whippet Racing held in the field adjacent to the Weyhill Fair Public House. The noise coming from the event, held on a Sunday is obtrusive and there now seems to be an event held on most Sundays. Residents have made representation to Test Valley Borough Council who are now monitoring the event.

The Chairman hoped to facilitate a meeting with Mr Graham North, the owner of the field, and Residents to try and settle this amicably.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that she had spoken to Mr Graham North at length on this subject. Mr North has assured her that he has all the correct permissions and licences to hold the event and it has been running for over 10 years. Mr Graham North is more than happy to come to a Parish Council Meeting to discuss this with the PC and Residents who have concerns.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne will speak to Mr Graham North to get his permission to forward his telephone number to the Chairman.

FINANCE.

Balance 10th May 2021 = £16,063.65

INCOME.

½ TVBC Precept = £5,000.00

EXPENDITURE.

Administration April and May = £ 640.00
= **£ 640.00**

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£16,063.65
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£17,538.98
10 Day Account	£ 1,202.49
Instant Access	£ 794.98
	<u>£35,600.01</u>

PLANNING.

21/01265/FULLN – private access track and substation compound in connection with Hatherden Farm Solar Farm – Land to West of Chalkcroft Lane, Penton Mewsey.
NO OBJECTION.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE – Reported that she had no new to report on the moving of the bench in the Graveyard.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

13th July 2021 – Format will depend on current Government Rules for Covid-19.