

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 in the Committee Room, The Fairground Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr G Light – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Marsh – Vice 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
Member of the Public – Mr P Carter and Mr T Burden

Apologies: Mrs R Smith and County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks

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.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman proposed that Mr Stephen Mc Kay be co-opted onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs P West. All Agreed. Mr Stephen McKay was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Mr S McKay signed the Declaration of Office and was given the Declaration of Interests form. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr S McKay 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: -

WEYHILL BOTTOM CROSS ROADS – Cllr J Marsh reported that there has been another accident just down from the Weyhill Bottom Cross Roads.

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

RED POST LANE – TVBC are currently carrying out a traffic survey in Red Post Lane. Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that one of the two 30mph signs in Red Post Lane has been knocked over, this renders the speed limit un-enforceable. Cllr Mr J Marsh has reported this to Highways.

PLANNING

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

The Parish Council were disappointed that the planners took no notice of their comments regarding the recent planning application for Linwood and have given permission.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL POSITION – 12th September 2017

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 2,236.30 (29/08/17)
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 17,491.53
10 Day Account	£ 1,917.53
Instant Access	£ 794.98
	<u>£ 22,440.34</u>

PAYMENTS - August and September 2017

R.N. Waterman	Administration – Standing Order - Aug	£300.00
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Aviva	Insurance	£998.18
Lloyds	Bank Charges	£18.30
Unicom	Telephone and Broadband	£198.96
Enham	Church Grave Yard Cutting	£118.80
Fete	Donation to Programme	£30.00
		<u>£1,964.24</u>

AUDIT

The Clerk reported that BDO LLP the Parish Council Auditor has signed off the accounts for the year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The only issue raised was that the annual return had to be returned for amendment. The Clerk had put the wrong carry forward figure on the opening balance box, once amended the accounts were correct. No other issues were raised.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for keeping the finances in such good order.

ALLOTMENTS

All the allotments are taken and there is one person on the waiting list.

HELECOPTERS

Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that he is still pursuing the issue of helicopters flying over Penton Grafton. A meeting at Middle Wallop proved very informative and useful contacts were made. Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that he had contacted Kit Malthouse MP but had not received a response from him, but one from his Constituency Office.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton wished to thank Cllrs Mrs Osborne, Mrs Foster, Mrs P West and the Clerk for their help in making the meeting with the TVBC Deputy Leader so smooth running. It has been confirmed that the ward will go down to one Borough Councillor in 2019.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that there is £4,300 in the Borough Councillors Community Fund and urged the Parish Council to apply for funding of a community project, possibly reinstating the pond in Clanville or to help funding Village Gateways.

CIC INVESTIGATION

Cllr J Marsh and Cllr J Osborne have interviewed Wendy Atkinson who was the CIC Administrator, the meeting was very informative. Wendy Atkinson produced a box file containing further information that will help with the investigation. It is planned to continue interviewing over the next few months.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE – Reported that she had been approached by a resident of Rectory Place regarding an overgrown bush on one of the walkways to the footpath leading from Ancient Lane. The Parish Council are not responsible for this footpath, the Resident has been advised to contact 'Men Shed' who may be able to help. This will be monitored.

CLLR MR J MARSH – Reported that 'Brook House' in Penton Grafton has a very overgrown hedge, this has been reported to Highways.

Cllr Mr J Marsh spoke about the work Penton Grafton Chairman Mr Steven Mullin has been doing on the ANPR issue and his request for support from neighbouring Parish Council's. The Parish Council pledged their support.

Cllr J Marsh offered to be the Penton Grafton liaison representative. Cllr Mr J Marsh suggested that Cllr S McKay might also like to have an input. Cllr S McKay stated that he would like to get involved.

Cllr Mrs P West was involved in the original Planning Application for the Goodman Site as she was our County Councillor at the time. Cllr Mrs P West with her vast knowledge on this issue is also involved and has taken a lead role in the joint Parish approach, working with the other parish chairman

CLLR MRS P WEST – Gave a progress report on the progress with Goodman's regarding the ANPR and the Business Park. Mr Ray Alborough is to carry out another vehicle survey. Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that she is also keeping a close eye on this issue and backs the Parish Councils.

Cllr Mrs P West wished to thank the Clerk and Tony Burden for the work they have done on the entrance to the site regarding Traffic Calming, she was confident that the scheme when fully implemented will slow down the traffic entering and leaving the site. Cllr P West suggested that a sign is erected that reads:

'NO HGV'S – Except for Delivery to Fairground Craft Centre'

The Parish Council thought this a good idea. The Clerk was asked to contact Crescent Signs.

CLLR MRS P FOSTER – Reported that there is a Health and Safety Issue outside her Craft Unit. The brick paving has gets very slippery after rainfall. The Parish Council discussed this and will take remedial action. The Caretaker will be asked to scrub the paving in this area and a review of the drainage will be undertaken.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr P Carter raised the issue of the overgrown footpath to Blissmore Lane leading to Casterbridge. The Parish Council had carried out some cutting back some time ago but would carry out further work, it was noted that this is not actually the Parish Councils responsibility as it is outside the Fairground Site boundary.

The Parish Council wished to take the opportunity to thank Mr Tony Burden for all the work he has done on the refurbishing of the Fairground Site. They are very pleased with the work he has done.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Sheep Shed Gallery have written to the Parish Council asking if they would like to sponsor a prize for their Open Art Competition to raise money for Charity. The Parish Council felt that they already subsidized the Gallery and give a grant each month. It was agreed that they would not be sponsoring a prize on this occasion. The Clerk will reply to the Sheep Shed Gallery.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14th November 2017 in the Fairground Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm