

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Foster – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr J Neal
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Cllr Mrs P West
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Member of the Public – Mr B Funnell and Mr David Hall

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Nugent, Mrs Pam Mutton, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly 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 SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the September Meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

HIGHWAYS – County Councillor Mr C Donnelly has not yet reported back to the Parish Council on the various Highways issues reported.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that the road sign that was in the hedge at the Weyhill Bottom crossroads that had been taken away by highways has not been reinstated. However, a new 30mph sign has been erected to replace the one that has been in the verge for months.

ELM TREE – Highways have not done any work on the dead Elm Tree at the Weyhill Bottom Crossroads.

UNTIDY VERGE – The Clerk has not yet spoken to the Parish Council's contractor to get a quote to keep the verge tidy.

PLANNING.

The Planning Application for the provision of 5 Safari tents, reception and services unit and package treatment plant at the Woodland at Clanville. Has been REFUSED.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION – 8th November 2022

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	October and November	= £ 950.00
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 14.00
Simon Nightingale	FSS – PMPC	= £ 258.90
TVBC	Pre App Fee	= £ 144.00

Reads Gifts	Plaque and Stand QJ	= £ 161.63
TVBC	Graffiti Removal	= £ 98.40
Barclay Phillips	Pre-Planning Application	=£1,445.40
		= <u>£3,072.33</u>

INCOME.

½ Precept = £5,000.00

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£10,220.54 (30.10.2022)
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£17,580.45
10 Day Account	£ 1,207.30
Instant Access	£ 794.98
	<u>£29,803.27</u>

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CLLR MR G LIGHT – Reported that Hampshire Highways have still not sorted out the issue with Flooding at the entrance to Hardyfayre Close. The large puddle forms after rainfall. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will be made aware of this.

CLLR MRS P WEST – Reported on the recent break in at the Café, Zero Waste Shop and Village Hall. All repairs have now been carried out. The Parish Council are to upgrade the lighting on the Fairground Site, this will be on from 5pm until 7am 7 days a week.

Cllr Mrs P West reported that she has spoken to the Chief Constable regarding the lack of Police at the incident. The Police have vowed to visit the site more often and will add it to their beat. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook is to take up the issue.

Cllr Mrs P West wished to thank Members of Staff and Tenants for pulling together on the morning of the break in to get the site up and running as quickly as possible. Mr David from Zero Waste also wished to thank Staff and fellow Tenants for their help that morning.

CLLR MR JIM NEAL – Reported on the proposed Test Valley Borough Council Boundary change. This will not affect the way the Parish Council runs but we will have a different MP serving the electorate.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

The Fairground Village Hall are putting an advert in the Village Newsletter asking for volunteers to join the Hall Committee. The Fairground Hall is busy and it would be useful to have more Committee Members to share the workload and eventually take over the running of the hall.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr David Hall introduced himself and spoke about his Zero Waste Business at the Fairground Craft Centre. Mr David Hall stated that he would like to get involved with the running of the site and had a lot of ideas to improve the site, he would also like more information on the proposed improvement project.

Cllr Mrs P West stated that she held the portfolio for the Fairground Craft Centre and welcomed any suggestions tenants wished to put forward for consideration.

Cllr Mrs P West gave a brief history of the site and how it has been run. For a period of 5 Years the management of the site was carried out by a CIC. This was not very successful, tenants could not agree on anything and was a financial disaster. No Maintenance on the buildings was carried out by the CIC.

The Parish Council took back the running of the site. It is now self-funding and takes no money from the precept. The maintenance issues have been sorted out with a programme of investment and repairs.

Cllr Mrs P West emphasised that the Parish Council are happy to listen to suggestions from tenants. However tenants pay rent for a unit and do not have a say on the running of the business.

The Parish Council briefed the Tenants at the start of the proposed project and will again, when there is more news to report. The Covid Pandemic delayed the project by at least two and a half years, as nothing could be done during Lockdown. A Pre-Planning Application has been submitted. When the results have been confirmed and discussed with the architects, another meeting will be organised to update the Tenants.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2023 MEETINGS.

10th of January
14th of March
9th of May
11th of July
12th of September
14th of November