

## **Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

### **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.

### **FINANCE.**

FINANCIAL POSITION – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **INCOME.**

SSE Wayleave Payment £36.02

½ Precept £5,000.00

**£5,036.02**

#### **EXPENDITURE.**

Administration August and September = £ 960.00

Lloyds Bank Account Charge = £ 24.00

Website Hosting Fee = £ 16.80

HCC Street Lighting = £ 85.56

Village Hall Grant = £480.00

R. Waterman Stamps and Cartridges = £ 53.27

Barclay Phillips Architect Fees to Planning = £4,770.00

TVBC Planning Application = £757.00

Lavender for Queens Jubilee Garden = £103.00

= **£7,249.63**

#### **Bank Account Summary.**

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 6,995.69

Barclays 10 day Account 1.5% £ 4,599.05

**£11,594.74**

## **HIGHWAYS.**

POTHLES – Hampshire Highways have repaired most of the potholes that have been reported in the Parish. It was noted that there are other areas adjoining the Parishes that are in a bad state and have been for many months.

WEYHILL BOTTOM CROSSROADS – Cllr Mr C Donnelly is meeting with the Parish Council late in the month to review the Weyhill Bottom Crossroads. The Chairman asked the Clerk to carry over this issue to the November Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Mr N Blackmore reported that he had emailed Cllr Mr C Donnelly regarding the Weyhill Bottom Crossroads and will include this in his report later in the meeting.

Cllr Mrs J Osbourne reported that Highways have been and cut the overgrown hedge adjacent to Casterbridge on Rectory Lane.

## **PLANNING.**

23/01267/FULLN – Construction of 5-bedroom dwelling incorporating existing part built structure, 3 bay car port and storage, pool house and swimming pool, and installation package treatment plant - Field View, Ramridge Park. PERMISSION.

23/02091/TREEN - Fell Holly (die back down to Honey Fungus). Cherry – Remove one dead limb, leaving a stub – Treetops, Farm Lane, Penton Grafton. NO OBJECTION.

23/02241/FULLN – Conversion of an existing cart shed to 2 x studio spaces and erection of additional unit for 4 studio spaces. The Fairground Craft Centre, Weyhill, Andover. This application was submitted by the Parish Council – SUPPORT.

## **RESILIENCE PROJECT.**

Cllr Mr N Blackmore put together a Draft Resilience Plan for Weyhill and had distributed it to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council thought it a well thought out plan and agreed that it should be taken to the next stage.

The Parish Council discussed making the Fairground Hall a 'Warm Hub' and agreed that a quote should be obtained to install a generator and switch over equipment. The cost will be worked into the Budget for the next financial year and added to the Parish Precept as a one-off project.

Cllr Mr N Black more thanked the Parish Council for their support and will now add more detail and start the search for volunteers to help assist. Contact has been made with Test Valley Borough Council and he will speak to Cllr Mr P Lashbrook.

## **COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

CLLR MR N BLACKMORE – **Footpaths and Infrastructure Report**

### **General**

A fairly quiet period since my last report, apart from the problems raised concerning Weyhill crossroads referred to later in this report.

### **Rural Footpaths –**

No issues reported or observed.

### **Infrastructure and Paved Paths –**

The Lengthsman has been carrying out the usual regular grass and undergrowth cutting in the areas that the Parish is responsible for or has taken on. A list of tasks requiring action by the Parish Lengthsman, County Highways, and Private Landowners has been drawn up. These actions all involve cutting back undergrowth and overgrowth from footpaths and cycle ways. Now that the cutting season is with us actions can be initiated.

The missing Red Post Lane road sign has been replaced and situated more prominently by TVBC.

There is no news from County Highways regarding the extension of the footpath/cycleway and replacement bus shelter at the Western end of the Parish adjacent to the A342, or the new bus shelter on the Southern side of the A342. I have heard nothing further regarding County Highways investigating the drainage problems on the A342 adjacent to Hardy Fair Close. The Bus Shelter adjacent to the Weyhill Fair has been repaired and now looks much tidier.

I contacted Councillor Chris Donnelly of HCC on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August regarding the public concern about Weyhill crossroads expressed at the last Parish Council meeting. A letter had been distributed in the Weyhill area by Steph Foley regarding the perceived dangers of Weyhill crossroads and encouraging public support for action to be taken. I felt it appropriate to bring the letter to the attention of all Parish, and our District, and County Councillors. Counsellor Donnelly responded to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August with a synopsis of what was in progress. And details of the process. The issue has been raised with the appropriate people and their considerations are awaited.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr B Funnell reported a recent burglary to an outbuilding in Weyhill.

Mr B Funnell spoke about a recent incident of a drone flying over his garden below the roof level – on investigating it was an innocent incident, but it has made him question the use of drones and are there restrictions to their use regarding privacy?

The Parish Council did not know the answer and felt that restriction should be known if the question arises again. The Clerk will see what he can find out. Cllr Mrs P West suggested talking to Cllr Mr P Lashbrook as he has knowledge on this subject.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.