

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Parish Office, The Fairground, Weyhill at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman

Cllr Mrs J Osborne - Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs H Carter

Cllr Mr D Dunham

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Mrs P Foster - Fairground CIC

County Councillor Mrs P West

Apologies : Mr P Evans - Fairground CIC, Mrs T Crighton and Borough Councillor Mr P

Lashbrook.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that he has been informed by TVBC that the Parish Council vacancy can be filled by co-option. This was discussed and it was felt that the Parish Council need a representative from Clanville. It suggested that a leaflet drop is done in Clanville to try and get a volunteer.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Mrs H Carter declared an interest in the Fairground CIC, the Fairground Hall and Co-op.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Penton Grafton Cottage Charity, the Fairground Hall and the Weyhill Church.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

ALLOTMENTS - Due to the recent bad weather the field has not been prepared and is currently water logged.

WEB SITE - On-going

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE - The Parish Council were satisfied with the work Chris Wilkins has done and there is a noted improvement in several areas of the village.

HIGHWAYS - The site meeting with Steve Spender from Highways has not yet taken place, a list of the issues has been forwarded to Highways.

Outstanding highways issues include :-

Blocked road drains especially on the B342

Empty grit bins

The 7.5 ton restriction signs are missing on Rectory Lane.

The trees/bushes need to be cut back from the footpath in the Bus lay-by by the garage.

The Lorry direction sign on the cross roads has still not been reinstated.

Some of the drainage ditches on the Penton road have been dug out, but there are still several that need doing.

Hedge cutting still needs to be undertaken as several road signs are now obscured.

Cllr Mrs P West had confirmed that the Clanville Road is on the gritting route.

Cllr Mrs H Carter stated that she felt that the Parish Council are being ignored by Highways and the state of the roads in the parish is unacceptable. The Chairman asked the Clerk to pursue this with Highways and felt that it was important to have the site meeting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

FINANCIAL POSITION - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 1,968.94

Standard life Instant Access £ 1,152.12

10 Day Account £ 794.98

Premium 10 day Account 1.5% £ 37,162.18

£ 41,078.22

INCOME - Due in

Village Hall Insurance £1200

Car Park Rent £600

**£1,800**

PAYMENTS - December 2013 and January 2014

R.N. Waterman Wages - Standing Order - December £291.08

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Aviva Insurance - December and January £1,122.98

Mr C Wilkins Village maintenance £48.00

HCC Street Lighting £62.18

PMPC Share NHW £40.00

**£1,855.32**

## **PRECEPT**

The Clerk produced a financial report showing the estimated results for the year 2013/2014 and the budget for the year 2014/2015. Each item was discussed. The Parish Council agreed to increase the precept by £500, proposed by Cllr Mr G Light and seconded by Cllr Mr D Dunham. All agreed. The Penton Grafton Parish Council Precept for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 was set at £10,300.

**PLANNING** - There were no new planning applications to discuss

## **CLLR MRS P WEST'S REPORT**

Cllr Mrs P West reported that Hampshire County Council are busy discussing their budget, cuts will need to be made. However HCC do not plan in increase their part of the Council Tax.

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

CLLR MRS H CARTER - Reported that there is a blocked drain pipe on the road side of the Fairground Wall. There are several cracks in the wall especially by the flag pole. The Clerk reported that repairs are in hand, the contractor is waiting for a break in the weather. It was noted that the

heavy continuous rain has washed the lime wash off the wall on the road side.

Cllr Mrs H Carter reported that the car park pot holes are getting worse. The Clerk reported that Ron the maintenance man is trying to get on top of them, but repairs only last a day or two. It was agreed that a long term solution needs to be found for the car park.

Cllr Mrs H Carter suggested that the metal pedestrian gate needed a stop to prevent damage to the pillar. The Clerk will speak to Martyn Dean. A new Padlock is also needed. This was noted.

Cllr Mrs H Carter provided the Clerk with a list of repairs that needed to be discussed at the Site meeting after the Parish Council Meeting.

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE - Reported that she had met with a Mr Torosay from Hampshire County Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and spent 2 hours walking around highlighting the problems with water. A programme of works was agreed and Mr Torosay promised that the works would be undertaken as soon as practically possible.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne stated that she was very disappointed that nothing has been done - The ditches have not been dug out, the water pours down from the crossroads to Weyhill Bottom. The ditch from the culvert is exactly the same as it the height of the pond on the West side. Cllr Mrs J Osborne sent Mr Torosay an email on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 asking for an up-date but has not yet received a reply.

## **REPORT FROM THE CIC**

Mrs Pauline Foster reported that things are very quiet at the moment. The Parish Council Chairman and County Councillor Mrs Pat West have become CIC Directors.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Parish Council have been invited to attend a public meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to discuss the future of the Weyhill Church.

## **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

11<sup>TH</sup> March 2014 in the Parish Office at 7.30pm.