

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 In the Fairground Hall, Meeting Room, Weyhill at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman

Cllr Mrs J Osborne

Cllr Mrs H Carter

Cllr Mr D Dunham

Cllr Mr J Marsh

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

County Councillor Mrs P West

Member of the Public - Mrs P Mutton

Apologies : Cllr Mrs R Smith, Mrs Pauline Foster and Mr P Evans - CIC.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Cottage Charities and the Fairground Hall.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

ALLOTMENTS - The Clerk reported that all 20 plots have now been allocated, 10 sheds have been ordered and Southern Water are due to deliver Water Butts.

WEB SITE - The Clerk reported that work on the Web Site is progressing, a draft layout was sent to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council were happy with the layout and colours. Points discussed :-

Links to the various Village Hall groups and Fairground Units - the Clerk was asked to check if there is a limit on the number of links that can be put on the web site.

Additional photographs and text are needed.

The Fairground Site will have its own page with links to individual units. The Gallery will also have an interactive page to promote events being held.

It is planned to have the web site up and running after the May Elections. A news letter will go to every house to inform residents of the new Parish Council and the Web Site address. A live version will be tested by the Parish Councillors late April.

The Parish Council were pleased on the progress of the web site. The domain name www.Pentongraftonparishcouncil.org.uk and will be retained.

HIGHWAYS - There is still a considerable list of outstanding works to be completed in the parish. Some of the ditches and gullies have been cleared. Highways have now reinstated the sign post at Weyhill Bottom cross roads but nothing else has been done.

Mr Ray Alborough stated that unfortunately the speed monitoring in Clanville has still not been done as there is a waiting list of the equipment and that he has added Clanville.

The Parish Council were disappointed with this news as Mr Alborough was so positive at the November meeting. It was felt that a site meeting with Highways was needed to discuss the many issues within the Parish. Cllr Mrs P West suggested that the Parish Council write to Tim Lawson, Director of HCC Highways to lodge their disappointment in the lack of action.

The Clerk has reported the various issues with pot holes and flooding at the entrance to Millway House with Highways.

Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that the new Grafton Place street sign has been erected and now stated '1-3'.

PLANNING

15/00502/FULLN - Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuilding and erection of replacement house, garage and alterations to outbuilding; relocation of driveway; alterations to window and door locations; installation of sewage treatment plant (amended scheme) - Field View, Ramridge Park.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

FINANCIAL POSITION – 24th February 2015

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 1,850.55

Premium 10 day Account 1.5% £ 25,584.32

£ 27,434.87

PAYMENTS - February and March 2015

R.N. Waterman Wages – Standing Order - February £291.08

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Aviva Insurance - Dec and Jan £1,122.98

Mc Afee Internet Protection £72.99

Penton Recreation Centre ¼ Share Grass Cutting £293.38

Argos Office Refreshment Equipment £81.70

£2,153.21

Income

Village Hall Insurance £1,280.00

CLLR MRS P WEST'S REPORT

Cllr Mrs P West spoke about the Hampshire County Council Budget and the proposed cuts in all departments. Cllr Mrs P West up-dated the Parish Council on the issues with Nelson Lorries travelling on the roads through Monxton.

There will be no rise in the HCC part of the Council Tax. Cllr Mrs P West stated that she is retiring from the County Council and this will be her last meeting.

Cllr Mrs P West stated that she has enjoyed her time in office and wished to thank Penton Grafton Parish Council for the warm welcome they always gave her.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs P West for all that she has done for the Parish and on behalf of the Parish Council wished her all the best for the future.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mrs P West introduced Mrs Pam Mutton who is standing for Borough Councillor for the Penton Bellinger Ward in the forthcoming elections.

Mrs Pam Mutton stated that she has been a Borough Councillor and a County Councillor in the past and has a good understanding of procedures and the area and if elected looked forward to working with the Parish Council.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR J MARSH - Reported that his neighbour has alerted him to their concerns about the safety of a tree on land farmed by Mr Rodney Bennett. This was discussed and it was felt that the tree is on private land and it may be prudent to write to Mr Rodney Bennett copying in the Ewelme Trust who own the land.

CLLR MRS H CARTER - Reported that she had asked the Clerk to find out if there is a list available of the trees with TPO's in the parish. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Planning and they had stated that there is a list but it is not available for public viewing at present, plans to make the list available are under discussion. However information on trees with TPO's is available for individual sites in conjunction with a planning application.

Cllr Mrs H Carter asked if there was any information on the fields by the roundabout owned by the Ewelme Trust, they are looking a disgrace. The Clerk reported that the current tenant has been given notice and he believed Ewelme Trust intend to lay on water and erect new fencing before renting the field out for pasture.

Cllr Mrs H Carter asked if there was any news on what is planned for the new equestrian centre adjacent to the Rothsay Grange? The Parish Council had no information.

FAIRGROUND SITE

The Clerk reported that quotes of £3,375, £3,765 and £1,400 have been received to spit units 1-3 into two smaller units. This was discussed and it was agreed to go with the lower quote submitted by Mr Brian Pearce. Mr Pearce did the stud work in the office some years ago and this has stood the test of time. A date to do the work will be agreed with the tenant.

SITE FINANCIAL POSITION - February - March 2015

Income £

Utilities 826.03

Rents December 3,908.50

Rents January 3,418.50

1st County Court payment LCA 100.00

£8,253.03

Expenditure £

CIC Payments 1,700.00

Clerks Wages 400.00

Caretakers Wages 416.00

Maintenance/projects and repairs 1,404.00

Electricity 2 X £727 1,454.00

Water Rates 450.40

Site Cleaning 200.00

£6,024.40

CHEQUES ISSUED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2015 £

Mrs H Carter Refund for First Aid and AED course 744.00

DJ Harris Plumbing Works 342.00

Pest Control Services 318.00

£1404.00

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 27th February = £5,111.96

VAT to be Claimed to date £3,400.40

CIC REPORT

There was no report provided by the CIC. The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the closing of the CIC. The tenants all agreed to shut the CIC and this will happen on the 31st March 2015. The Chairman briefly discussed the transfer of the CIC assets. Funds left after the dissolve of the CIC will be paid to the Fairground Hall to go towards the repair of the car park.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12th May 2015 in the Fairground Hall.