

Minutes of the Annual Penton Grafton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the meeting Room, The Fairground Hall, The Fairground, Weyhill at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman

Cllr Mrs H Carter

Cllr Mr J Marsh

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Mrs P Foster and Mr P Evans - Fairground CIC Directors

Members of the Public - 10

Apologies : Cllr Mr D Dunham, Cllr Mrs J Osborne, Mrs R Smith, Borough Councillor Mr P

Lashbrook and County Councillor Mrs P West.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Chairman stated that Clanville has not been represented on the Parish Council for a number of years and he was pleased to report that Mrs Rhonda Smith from Clanville will be co-opted onto the Parish Council at the July Meeting to fill the current vacancy.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have had a busy year. Projects and issues tackled included :-

Problems and delays with getting the Allotments ready - hopefully this will be sorted this summer.

The refurbishment of the Fairground Site is ongoing. The majority of the heavy landscaping work will be completed this year. The planting of the brick planters is maturing, the addition of spring bulbs produce a splash of colour in the spring.

Flooding at Weyhill Bottom during the bad winter weather caused a few problems. The Parish Council purchased pumps for two of the

cottages and they were continuously pumping out water from the gardens. We were lucky that no damage to property was experienced. The water table has been so high that it has entered the septic tank and caused many problems. It is hoped to get the cottages onto main drainage this year.

The state of the Parishes Roads has been a constant issue. Despite constant reporting there has been little action from Hampshire County Council Highways.

The Parish Council own 8 Cottages that are rented out. These are managed by a Cottage Charity of which the Parish Councillors are Trustees. Due to careful management and good maintenance we are in a financial position that will enable us to build two additional cottages on land the Charity owns in Clanville. The trustees are at the first stage of the project and have engaged an Architect.

There have been many planning applications throughout the year. The latest being for the Old Police station site in Weyhill.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT.**

FINANCIAL POSITION - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 2,939.77

Standard life Instant Access £ 1,164.26

10 Day Account £ 794.98

Premium 10 day Account 1.5% £ 30,584.32

£35,483.33

INCOME

Precept £4,900

VAT Refund £1391.49

PAYMENTS - April and May 2014

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

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Aviva Insurance - February and March £1,122.98

D Stephenson Repairs to Notice Board £60.00  
Mc Afee Computer protection £145.00  
Metro Plan Notice Boards £418.70  
Samber Daynes Filing Cabinets £246.17  
Vivid Laminators Laminator £81.97  
Dialrack Ltd Additional Sack truck for site £100.98  
HCC Supplies Site Supplies £149.74  
Penton Recreation Centre Share of Grass Cutting £310.51  
Metro Plan Notice Board £49.98  
HCC Street Lighting £58.43  
Link Office Supplies Printer Cartridges £107.74  
Mr C Wilkins Grass Cutting/Maintenance £186.00

**£3,620.36**

#### END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

The Parish Clerk produced a financial report for the Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Each item was explained. Cllr Mrs H Carter thought that the TVBC Fee for the Flashing Speed Sign maintenance was excessive at £385. This was noted.

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the accounts. The Chairman signed off the Accounts. The Clerk reported that they will now go to the internal Auditor Mr Paul Reynolds to be signed off before being submitted to District Audit.

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

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

ALLOTMENTS - After many delays it is hoped to start work on the allotments in July.

WEB SITE - Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that he has started work on the new Penton Grafton parish Council Web Site. The history of the parish is being

compiled and photographs and maps will be sourced. Cllr Mr J Marsh stated that he would welcome any information from residents on issues relating to Penton Grafton, Weyhill and Clanville.

HIGHWAYS - The Clerk reported that Keith Thompson from Highways has acknowledged by email the issues raised and has confirmed that they have been included in the work schedule. The outstanding jobs are :-

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.

It was noted that the left hand side 40mph sign on entering Weyhill from Andover has been reinstated.

## **PLANNING**

14/01239/TPON - Remove 4 x trees of unknown species - 24 Weyhill Gardens, Weyhill

14/01355/FULLN - Demolition of former police station and erection of new Gospel Hall with

associated car park - Former Police Station and Adjacent Land, Weyhill Road.

Both of the above planning applications had only been received on the day of the meeting and needed time to be examined before making comment.

## **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

It was reported that there is a large pot hole by the Pink Olive. This will be reported to Highways.

Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that the lane from Penton Grafton to the Weyhill to Charlton Road is still under water and is still a hazard. It is not known what the state of the road will be after being under water for over 5 months.

## **CIC REPORT**

Mr P Evans and Mrs P Foster reported that the Fairground Community Interest Company are pleased with the success of the recent May Fair, despite a very wet and windy Saturday. Future event for 2014 include a float at Andover Carnival on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, the Michaelas Fair in September and a Craft Fair and Lantern Parade in December in conjunction with the Church. The CIC plan to put on two large events each year with smaller ones throughout the year.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman was asked why the Parish Council had decided that the current Tearoom Proprietor did not fit in with the future of the Fairground Site and had been given notice?

The Tearoom has a good following and a dedicated customer base, catering for clientele that are diabetic and celiac dietary needs, one of the few establishments in the area that offer this service.

The Chairman explained the reasoning behind the decision to improve the facilities on offer on the Fairground Site. Increased opening hours was a major consideration to encourage footfall on site.

Mr R Caddy stated that there are no longer core hours on the site and he felt that the site was losing its way, and no longer a centre for crafts. Crafts seems to have taken a back seat.

The Parish Council were asked where the Meeting Minutes are displayed and why does the Parish Council not have a Web Site? The Minutes are displayed on the Notice Boards in Weyhill, Penton Grafton and in the Fairground site. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Web Site is under construction.

Ms N Colbourn, Parish Clerk for Penton Mewsey asked :-

If the Parish Council had considered doing a Parish Plan? The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had no plans at the moment. Ms Colbourn stated that PMPC have looked at it and

thought that it is a big undertaking but would consider working with PGPC in the future to produce a joint Parish Plan. This was noted.

PMPC have managed to raise funds for two Defibrillators for the parish and are well on the way to providing a third. These will be placed at Penton Corner, Penton Mewsey and the third is proposed for Penton Grafton. Would the Parish Council consider making a financial donation? The Chairman asked the Clerk to put this on the Agenda for the July meeting.

There are several trees that need work in Blacksmiths Lane. As part of Blacksmiths Lane is in Penton Grafton parish would the Parish Council consider sharing the cost? The Chairman thought this a reasonable request and asked Mr Colboume to forward the estimates for the work to the Parish Clerk.

PMPC have just launched their new web site and offered help if needed. Cllr Mr J Marsh will speak to Mr Colboume.

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

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in the Fairground Hall small meeting room at 7.30pm.