

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2014. Due to the numbers attending the meeting was held in the Ewe and I Tearooms, The Fairground, Weyhill at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman

Cllr Mrs J Osborne

Cllr Mrs H Carter

Cllr Mr J Marsh

Mrs R Smith

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Mrs P Foster and Mr P Evans - Fairground CIC Directors

County Councillor Mrs P West.

Members of the Public - 30

Apologies : Cllr Mr D Dunham and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

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 Cottage Charities, the Church and the Fairground Hall.

APOLOGIES

The Chairman stated that with the Clerk and Cllr Mr J Marsh he had attended a meeting with the TVBC Monitoring Officer. It would seem that the Parish Council need to address several administrative issues.

The Chairman apologised to the meeting if the information he had given at the June Annual Meeting was incorrect regarding the Community Interest Company constitution. It had not been his intention.

The Clerk addressed the meeting and apologised to Cllr Mrs H Carter for excluding her from the Fairground Site meetings. He had acted as he understood the rules to be and admitted that he was wrong. The Clerk also apologised to the members of the public and stated that

if he is unclear on what course of action to take, he will in future be taking guidance from the Monitoring Officer.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mrs T Crighton was disappointed that she had not officially been told that her application to be a Parish Councillor had not been successful. She no longer wished to join the Parish Council. The Chairman apologised.

The Chairman stated that Mrs Rhonda Smith a Clanville resident, had put forward an application to be a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council will then be represented in each of the three villages making up the Parish - Clanville, Penton Grafton and Weyhill.

Cllr J Osborne proposed that Mrs R Smith be co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy. This was seconded by Cllr Mr J Marsh. All agreed by a show of hands. Mrs R Smith signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs R Smith on to the Parish Council.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN - Cllr Mrs J Osborne proposed Cllr Mr G Light as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr J Marsh. There were no other nominations. The Parish Council voted with a show of hands, that all agreed. Cllr Mr G Light was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllr Mrs J Osborne stated that after her recent illness she did not wish to stand again as Vice Chairman. The Parish Council accepted her decision. Cllr Mr G Light proposed Cllr Mr J Marsh as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Osborne. There were no other nominations. The Parish Council voted with a show of hands that all agreed. Cllr Mr J Marsh was elected Vice Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Cllr Mrs H Carter asked for a correction to be made to the May minutes before they were signed as a true record :-

The first sentence under Parish Council Vacancy :-

Mrs Rhonda Smith from Clanville had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and had come to the meeting to see what was involved

This was an overtyping from the previous minutes and should be removed :-

Matters arising from the June minutes :-

WEB SITE - Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that progress is being made with the Penton Grafton Web Site and this should be live mid August 2014.

DISPLAY OF THE MINUTES - This was discussed and a new Notice Board will be sited in Clanville, possibly on the Village Hall. Putting the minutes in the Parish News will also be explored. Cllr Mrs R Smith stated that she is the editor of the ARC magazine and that a summary of the minutes will be added to the publication.

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING - Cllr Mrs H Carter raised some administration errors regarding the Extra Ordinary meeting and the legality of the meeting. The Chairman stated that this has been discussed with the TVBC Monitoring Officer and noted.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

EWE AND I TEAROOM

Members of the Public put forward their views and declared their support for the Ewe and I tearoom. A leaflet drop to all the properties in the Parish had been undertaken. The Parish Council were asked to re-consider their decision to implement the break clause in the Ewe and I lease.

The Parish Council retired from the meeting to discuss this issue and asked Mrs S Jones from the Ewe and I Tearoom to join them.

On their return the Chairman stated that the Parish Council have agreed that they will now not be exercising the break clause in the Ewe and I lease. The Parish Council have agreed with Mrs Sue Jones that the lease will run its full term to November 2015. Mrs Jones has stated that she intends to cease trading at the end of her lease and hopefully sell on her business.

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Mr Eades raised the issue of reports in the local press that restrictions are to be lifted and HGVs will be using Red Post Lane for access. Cllr Mrs P West spoke about the issue and confirmed that Red Post Lane is still on the banned route for specific sites on the Old Air Field site.

Mr Eades raised the half repaired condition of the traffic island by the garage. Cllr Mrs P West stated that she had spoken to Mr Eades prior to the meeting and will be personally taking this up with Highways the following morning.

PLANNING

There were no new Planning applications to discuss. Following from the previous meeting the planning applications were :-

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, Weyhill.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application but made the following comments :-

Concerns have been raised on the number of trees to be felled.

Concerns on the access and exit points onto the busy Weyhill Road - Site lines could be improved.

Concerns on adequate car parking spaces.

14/01239/TPON - Remove 4 Trees of unknown species - 24 Weyhill Gardens, Weyhill.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL POSITION □ 15th July 2014

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 1,609.29

Standard life Instant Access £ 1,164.26

10 Day Account £ 794.98

Premium 10 day Account 1.5% £ 30,584.32

£34,152.85

PAYMENTS - June and July 2014

R.N. Waterman Wages □ Standing Order - June £291.08

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Aviva Insurance - June and July £1,122.98

Weyhill PCC Grave Yard Maintenance £319.02

Mr P Reynolds Audit of Accounts £335.00

J Hawkins Toilet Cleaning £ 75.00

J Best Site Toilet Cleaning £60.00

£2,494.16

Cllr Mrs H Carter suggested that the Parish Council looked at consolidating their accounts. Was there any need to have 4 Bank Accounts? The Clerk reported that this was a legacy of the old Parish Council and that the accounts have been running for years. The Chairman suggested that the three deposit accounts are amalgamated. The Parish Council agreed and asked the Clerk to organise this.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS P WEST

Cllr Mrs P West reported that Highways Keith Thompson has been given promotion and will be leaving to look after another area. Mr Dave Douglas will be taking over. Hampshire have been given an additional £6 Million by Government to tackle the Highway repairs.

All reports of potholes need to go through the Clerk who will report them to Highways, copying in Cllr Mrs P West.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that she has again emailed Mr Tore at Hampshire County Council re the flooding at Weyhill Bottom and has still not received a satisfactory reply.

Cllr Mrs P West asked Cllr Mrs J Osborne to copy her in to all the emails that have been sent and received and she will look into the matter.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE - reported that there was another accident at t the junction with the Ludgershall Road. It was noted that if the Police do not attend an accident it is not recorded in statistics. Cllr Mrs P West suggested that residents report any accidents that are not attended by the Police on the 101 telephone number as each call is logged.

CLLR MRS H CARTER - Asked if the Clerk could please get copies of the □Good Councillors Guide□ for each councillor, she had found the publication extremely helpful during the recent problems.

Cllr Mrs H Carter reported that the trees by the bus stop are very overgrown and need attention. The Clerk reported that Chris Wilkins has trimmed them back as far as he could but did not have permission from

the landowner to go any further. Cllr Mrs P West will ask Highways to take a look.

Cllr Mrs H Carter asked if there had been any further news on the proposed extension to the cycle route? TVBC had asked the Parish Councils comments earlier last year. The Clerk reported that none of the neighbouring Parish Councils have received anything further from TVBC.

CLLR MR J MARSH - Reported that the speed limit sign on Foxcotte Road when entering Penton Mewsey is not visible due to an overgrown hedge. The Clerk will forward this onto the Penton Mewsey Parish Clerk.

Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that there is a Planning application from Nelson Transport to extend their operating hours licence. This was noted.

CLLR MRS R SMITH - Reported that the ditch opposite St Margaret's in Clanville is silted up and causes the road to flood after heavy rainfall. The Clerk reported that this has been reported to Highways and they have it on the work schedule to dig it out.

Cllr Mrs R Smith asked if the Parish Council had a Footpaths Officer? The Chairman stated that at the moment they did not but suggested that this be put on the Agenda for the September meeting.

REPORT FROM THE FAIRGROUND COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Mr P Evans reported that the CIC have pulled out of the Carnival this year due to work commitments and the time scale. However the Fairground site hoped to have a float next year.

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The Michaelas Fair will be held in September and a Christmas Event is being organised with the Church - possibly a candle lit procession from the Church to the Fairground Hall for Mince Pies and a Craft Fair.

Mr P Evans reported that the Fairground has a problem with delivery vans speeding on site. The overgrown hedge to the right of the roundabout when leaving the Fairground is obscuring oncoming vehicles and making it difficult and some times dangerous to join the roundabout. This will be report to Highways as a matter of urgency.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th September 2014 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm

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