

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2014 In the Fairground Hall, Meeting Room, Weyhill at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman

Cllr Mr J Marsh - Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs J Osborne

Cllr Mrs H Carter

Cllr Mr J Marsh

Cllr Mr D Dunham

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Mr R Alborough - Test Valley Highways Engineer

Members of the Public - 8

Apologies : Cllr Mrs R Smith, Mrs P Foster and Mr P Evans - CIC and Borough Councillor Mr

P Lashbrook.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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.

MR RAY ALBOROUGH - Test Valley Highways Engineer

The Clerk had invited Mr Ray Alborough to the meeting to talk about the problem of speeding through Clanville and the accidents at Weyhill Bottom Crossroads. Mr Ray Alborough spoke at length on both issues. The following points were noted :-

CLANVILLE.

Residents explained the problems that they are experiencing and the peak times that speeding occurs.

Mr Alborough will organise for speed measuring equipment to be put down, this will be done during school term time, hopefully before the Christmas break.

Once the results of the speed survey have been processed Mr Alborough will come back to discuss options for traffic calming.

The Parish Council can request that the Police carry out speed checks. The sites for the flashing speed reminder sign will be cleared of all growth to make the signs more visible.

Tricks that can be used include removing the white central line and adding road edge marking - it has been proved that this does slow down traffic.

The problems with road surface water flooding was highlighted, this has been reported to Highways, Mr Alborough will also push for this problem to be resolved.

WEYHILL BOTTOM

Mr R Alborough produced a map showing the reported accidents that have occurred at the crossroads over the last 5 years. It was obvious that not all accidents are reported.

There have been two bad accidents within 9 days of each other.

The problem seems to be drivers from Clanville direction are not stopping at the crossroad junction.

Sight Lines are good at this junction if a vehicle comes to a stop.

Extending the 30mph speed limit was briefly discussed. Mr Ray Alborough stated that this is not in his remit and suggested that the Parish Council contact Many Ware at HCC.

Mr Alborough will ask for the various signs to reinstated at the crossroads as a matter of urgency.

The positioning of the signage at the crossroads will be reviewed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Alborough for coming and looked forward to discussing this issue further at a meeting in the new year.

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 allotments are complete and 10 plots have been allocated, rents have been collected and the sheds ordered.

WEB SITE - Cllr Mr J Marsh reported that he was disappointed by the lack of response for information from the Parish Councillors and therefore feels that he cannot proceed with designing the web site. The Clerk was tasked with engaging a web site designer. The domain name has been purchased www.Pentongraftonparishcouncil.org.uk and will be retained.

HIGHWAYS - There is still a considerable list of outstanding works to be completed in the parish. The road drains on the A342 are still blocked and need clearing.

CYCLE WAY - There was no further news to report on the proposed extension to the Cycle Route.

PLANNING

There were no planning applications to discuss.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

FINANCIAL POSITION - 11th November 2014

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 2,508.06

Premium 10 day Account 1.5% £25,584.32

£28,092.38

INCOME

Second half of precept = £4,900.00

PAYMENTS - October and November 2014

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

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Aviva Insurance - Oct and Nov £1,122.98

Weyhill PCC Grave Yard Maintenance £616.00

Mr C Wilkins Grass Cutting £236.00

Viking Paper £27.82

HM Courts and Tribunals Court Action - Unit 10 £70.00

Glasdon UK Grit Bin for Clanville £88.20

Link Office Supplies Printer Cartridge and Tonner £168.05

BDO LLP Audit Fee £360.00

£3,271.21

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

There were no issued raised by the Parish Councillors.

FAIRGROUND SITE

The Clerk gave an up-date on the site refurbishment. Tony Burden the building contractor

has now completed the Allotments and should be back on site. The Clerk has placed the order for flood barriers for the Tearoom, Gallery and units 6, 8 and 9.

The Clerk reported that Lamb Chop Arts have left the site owing the Parish Council £880.55 This is being pursued through the courts after several letters requesting payment were ignored.

A new tenant for unit 10 has been agreed. Christine Myers an Artist trading as Eve's Garden will take over the tenancy in January 2015.

SITE FINANCIAL POSITION - October and November 2014

Income £

Utilities 627.64

Rents August 3,498.00

Rents September 3,498.00

Refunds PC 51.25

£7,674.89

Expenditure £

CIC Payments 1,700.00

Clerks Wages 400.00

Caretakers Wages 416.00

Maintenance/projects and repairs 5,577.32

Electricity 2 X £727 1,454.00

Water Rates 450.40

£9,997.72

CHEQUES ISSUED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2014 :

Pest Control Services Pest Control 318.00

Wendy Atkinson Sanitary bags 22.92

TVBC Sand Bags 105.84

Travis Perkins Materials 49.66

Floodprotection4u Deposit flood barriers 410.88

Tidworth Key Cutting Spare Keys 19.30

Mr M Graham 10 days painting site walls 900.00

Floodprotection4u balance for flood barriers 3,357.12

Mr R Homewood Additional hours 120.00

NE Electrical Services Gallery Lights 156.00

DJ Harris Disabled Toilet repair 117.60

£5,577.32

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 31st October 2014 = £2,132.73

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council have received a letter from Mrs Sue Jones and Mrs W Atkinson who have expressed an interest in taking over the gallery at the Fairground.

Mrs Jones will submit a Business Plan to the Parish Council for their consideration. Mrs Jones felt that a different track needs to be taken to make the gallery more viable.

Mrs Jones asked if the Parish Council would speak to the CIC Directors to enquire if they would be willing to hand the gallery back to the Parish Council prior to the CIC being disbanded? This would give the new team an opportunity to implement their plans and start booking for 2015.

The Chairman stated that he was attending a CIC Directors meeting the following Saturday and he would raise this issue. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jones and Mrs Atkinson for their interest and that the Parish Council looked forward to receiving their proposals and business plan.

The Parish Council have received notification of a traffic order proposal to extend the 40mph speed limit by approximately 100 metres between a point 50 metres north-west of Weyhill Bottom road and a point 50 metres south-west thereof.

This proposal has been displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no further issues.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2015 MEETINGS

13th January

10th March

12th May

14th July

15th September

10th November