

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th November 2015 in the Committee Room, The Fairground Village Hall 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 P Carter
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Borough Councillors Mrs P Mutton and Mr P Lashbrook
Member of the Public – Mr G North.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs R Smith.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Cottage Charity and the Fairground Hall.
Cllr Mrs H Carter declared an interest in the Fairground Site, Allotments and the Fairground Hall.
Cllr Mr P Carter declared an interest in the Fairground Site and the Allotments.

PRESENTATION FROM MR G NORTH

Mr G North spoke about his plans for the land at the junction of the Old Amesbury Road and the A342. The Ewe Elm Trust approached Mr North to see if he would consider taking on this land and put to some use, the recent renting it out for horses has not worked and the area was looking a mess.

Mr North reported that he has looked at several projects and has decided that it would be well suited for a regular Car Boot Sale. There is no other facility this side of Andover. It is planned to hold a Car Boot Sale on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from April 2016 – September 2016. 14 events a year can be held without Planning permission. The event will be targeted as a good old-fashioned family event.

The Land has no historical interest and had been levelled and seeded. Repair work will be undertaken to tidy up the perimeter fencing. Access and exit to the site will be from the Old Amesbury Road. It is initially planned to have the car boot in the front field and parking in the back field. A small fairground ride for children and a burger and doughnut vans are planned. Toilets will be provided and will be towed away from the site at the end of each event. Mr North hoped that the events may be of some benefit to the local businesses especially the Fairground Site.

Cllr Mrs H Carter raised concerns about the possible increase in the volume of traffic. Mr North stated that this is an unknown quantity and every effort will be taken to minimize disruption to Weyhill.

The Parish Council thought the proposal a good idea and wished Mr North success in this venture. Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that Cllr Mr P Lashbrook has reported that he is confident that the road safety issues have been covered.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

WEB SITE – The web site is being updated and more pages planned, the footpath map and information has been added. An events page is being planned, this will be easy for the Clerk to up-date as needed.

HIGHWAYS – The Parish Council were very disappointed that Highways had addressed few of the items on the list compiled at the site meeting held on the 6th October 2015, despite assurances that these works would be undertaken. Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that she was angry that the highlighted issues needing urgent attention have not been done. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks noted this and will make enquiries. The parish Council will be writing to Tim Lawton (the head of Highways) on this matter.

The Parish Council discussed the flooding at the junction by the Old Chapel in Clanville, it has been reported that years ago this area was the village pond and a suggestion has been made that it be reinstated. Mr G North stated that to sort out the flooding work needed to be done further up the road by digging out ditches and culverts to stop the water running down the road. This was noted.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that Ray Alborough at TVBC Highways is looking at the signage in Clanville and Weyhill.

Cllr Mrs H Carter suggested that a road mirror be placed on the Clanville Road to aid allotment holders leaving the Allotment car park at Weyhill Bottom. Cllr Mrs J Osborne disagreed and stated that since the car park was made and the entrance moved further away from the wall it has not been a problem, and the site lines along the Clanville Road have improved. Cllr Mr P Carter stated that he found it hard to see oncoming vehicles when exiting the allotments.

Cllr Mrs H Carter reported that she will raise this issue at a planned Allotment holders meeting to gauge views and report back to the Parish Council.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN – Nothing to report.

DEFIBRILLATOR – Cllr Mrs H carter reported that the parish Defibrillator requires a new battery at a cost of £228. The Parish Council agreed to pay for this.

PLANNING

The Chairman reported that the landscaping and planting has not yet been done at the new Mission Hall site. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Planning and had been told that the site has not yet been signed off and landscaping will soon be undertaken.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Hampshire County Council is looking at ways to cut their expenditure across the board.

The leader of the Council Mr Roy Perry is in discussions with Government on devolution. Hampshire County Council, if successful will manage its own finances and not rely on grants from the Government.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that she went to the opening of the new development at Weyhill Gardens and was very impressed with the development. Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that she was asked at the event if Weyhill had a Community Allotment.

The Clerk stated that none had been planned; there was one vacant allotment but a local resident has expressed an interest.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that Cllr Mr P Lashbrook had asked to mention that the Home Secretary has praised the Chief Constable for Hampshire for having a well-run Police Force. The Penton Bellinger Resilience Team are to hold their first meeting for all the Ward parishes some time in December, invites will be sent to the Chairman. Cllr Mr J Marsh stated that he would be interested in attending.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL POSITION – 28th October 2015

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 6,031.11
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 32,862.16
	<u>£ 38,893.27</u>

PAYMENTS - October and November 2015

R.N. Waterman	Wages – Standing Order - October	£291.08
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Bulpitt Printers	Footpath Map	£457.60
TVBC	Flashing Speed Sign	£407.50
Enham	Grave Yard maintenance	£193.00
HCC	Supplies	£146.92
		<u>£1,787.18</u>

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MRS J OSBORNE – reported that nothing has still been done to address the potential flooding at Weyhill Bottom despite umpteen emails being sent to Hampshire County Council and Cllr Mr P Lashbrook. Cllr Mrs J Osborne stated that she has kept copies of all correspondence. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks stated that she would like to see this correspondence and would liaise with Cllr Mrs J Osborne.

FAIRGROUND SITE.

LEASE RENEWAL - The Clerk reported that the lease for Fairs Fayre and Acorn Crafts are for renewal later in November and he has issued the pre-lease paperwork. The Clerk needed to minute that the Parish Council is happy to issue a continuation of the lease.

The Chairman stated that he understood that one of the reasons for the joint lease was that the toilet in unit 8 was to be shared since unit 9 has no toilet. He also understood that the toilet is being used for storage and that the site toilets were being used.

The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs H Carter if this was the case. Cllr Mrs H Carter confirmed that it was. The Chairman felt this unacceptable and asked Cllr Mrs H Carter to reinstate the toilet facility for both units.

The Chairman also understood that the water heater in unit 9 did not work and asked why it had not been reported as faulty? Cllr Mrs H Carter stated that a request had been submitted to the office some years ago asking for it not to be repaired since it was not used, and the letter should be on file.

The Clerk reported that he will check the file and wished it to be noted that the letter had been submitted before the Parish Council took back the leases and maintenance of the site and that he was not aware of it.

The Chairman proposed that the lease for Fairs Fayre and Acorn Crafts be renewed subject to the toilet being reinstated, this was seconded by Cllr Mr J Marsh. Cllr Mrs J Osborne agreed. The Clerk will be pleased to issue the lease on the due date for signature.

The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs H Carter about her use of store No1 whether rent was paid.

Cllr Mrs Carter confirmed that she did not pay rent and it was a Village Hall store. The Chairman suggested that the issue therefore be discussed by the Village Hall Committee.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE SITE

Mr T Burden has produced drawings for the re-design of the Tearoom Patio and his proposals for drainage and a soakaway.

Cllr Mr P Carter pointed out that proposed soakaway needed to be 5m away from the building, this was noted and will be confirmed with Mr Tony Burden.

Cllr Mr P Carter stated that he felt that Tony Burden was expensive and launched into a lengthy heated discussion about the refurbishment of the Fairground Site.

The Chairman stated that this issue had been checked with the TVBC Monitoring Officer and he felt that the Parish Council had acted within their remit and that there was no need to re-tender for the work as it was a revised continuation of the original site plan.

The Monitoring Officer had suggested that the Parish Council review their standing orders as they are out of date and may no longer meet with current legislation. The Clerk will obtain copies of the newer standing orders for the January meeting.

The Chairman proposed that subject to the correct measurements being used that the revised plans for the Tearoom patio proceed. This was seconded by Cllr Mr J Marsh. Cllr Mrs J Osborne agreed.

The Flood Barriers were discussed and although they did work it was noted that the flood barriers seals need replacing, the Clerk will contact the supplier.

SITE FINANCIAL POSITION - October and November 2015

Income	£
Utilities	463.64
Rents October	3,822.50
Rents November	3,822.50
County Court payment LCA	300.00 (£1000 Paid in full)
	£8,408.64

Expenditure	£
Sheep Shed Gallery	800.00 (Oct and Nov)
Clerks Wages	400.00
Caretakers Wages	416.00
Maintenance/projects and repairs	2,105.74
Electricity	933.39
Water Rates	189.40
Site Cleaning	100.00
	£4,944.53

CHEQUES ISSUED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015

		£
Mr B Teasdale	Heaters and Lights	351.00
Wessex Fire and Security	- Unit 1 and 3 - Fire Alarm	708.00
Bourne Romsey Fire Protection	- Fire Extinguishers	71.08
Pest Control Service	Pest Control	318.00
Mr B Teasdale	Fitting of Defibrillator Box	65.00
Mr R Shaw	New Taps - Ewe and I	163.66
Mr M Townsend	Weed Killing	105.00
Clanville Drain Tec	Pump Maintenance	324.00
		<u>£2,105.74</u>

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 30th October 2015 - £6,487.11

VAT to be claimed = £1,281.42 (1st April - 10th November 2015)

CHRISTMAS 2015

The Clerk asked the Parish Council if he could organise Christmas Decorations for the site. Petal Boutique has quoted £140 to provide holly wreath with lights for each unit and the Clerk would like to buy two Christmas trees and vivid blue lights. The Parish Council agreed.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2016 MEETINGS

12th January

8th March

10th May

12th July

13th September

8th November