

Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Neal
Cllr Mrs J Osborne
Cllr Mrs P West
Cllr Mrs C Nugent
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook
Member of the Public – Mr N Blackmore and Mrs Pam Mutton.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs P Foster – Vice Chairman.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs C Nugent declared an interest in the Fairground Site.
Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Fairground Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Mr Jim Neal was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs P West and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Osborne. Mr Jim Neal signed the Declaration of Office and filled in the Declaration of Interest Form. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr J Neal onto the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs C Nugent proposed Cllr Mr G Light. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Osborne. All agreed. Cllr Mr G Light was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs P West proposed Cllr Mrs P Foster. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Osborne. All agreed. Cllr Mrs P Foster was elected Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman stated that it has been a quiet year and had nothing of note to report.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk produced the Accounts for the financial year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and explained each item.

PENTON GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS.

	£
Precept	10,000.00
Bank Interest	1.96
VAT Refund	Nil
Car Park Rent	1,200.00

Community Infrastructure Levey	Nil
Services Charged to Other PC's	731.00
Allotments	289.00
Service Charged to VH Door/Windows	5,475.00
Site Income	57,690.32
	75,387.28

PAYMENTS

Administration	2,489.81
Wages	4,160.00
Insurance	5,279.14
Grass Cutting/Maintenance	1,200.19
Fairground Maintenance	56,599.68
Street Lighting	121.61
Books for Penton Mewsey	416.00
Flashing Speed Signs/Maint	2,151.63
2 x Defibrillators and Fitting	3,124.00
Village Hall Door/Windows	5,475.00
Site Project	3,620.00
VAT on Payments	6,259.26
	90,896.32

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Balance BFW 1 st April 2021	43,077.85
Add Income	75,387.28
Cheque Written Back into Accounts	14.47
	<u>118,479.60</u>
Less Payments	90,896.32
	<u>27,583.28</u>

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/2022

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr G Light and seconded by Cllr Mrs P West. All Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2021/2022

The Annual Accounting Statement 2021/2022 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr G Light and seconded by Cllr Mrs P West. All agreed. The Chairman and Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING.

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

HIGHWAYS – The road surface of the A342 has detreated even further.

County Councillor Mr C Donnelly reported that he has raised the issue of the A342 with the Leader of Hampshire Highways and is slowly chipping away at the issue. The Council have received 78 emails from residents complaining about the surface of the A342.

It was reported that the 30MPH sign when driving towards the crossroads at Weyhill Bottom from the A342 has blown over. This has been reported to Highways but has not yet been put back in place. One of the speed limit signs at the Weyhill Bottom crossroads is also facing the wrong direction. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will also mention these issues to Hampshire Highways.

TREE – Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that she has raised her concerns about the large Elm/Ash tree opposite the entrance to Weyhill Bottom Cottages with the Ewelme Trust and they have agreed to a site meeting later in the month.

The Clerk suggested that he leaves asking Lee Hibs the Tree Specialist to give an independent report on the tree until the results of the meeting with Ewelme Trust are known.

PLANNING.

22/01189/TREEN – Reduce Weeping Willow by up to 60% down to snapped out stem – Bridge Cottage, Penton Lane, Penton Grafton – NO OBJECTION.

22/00963/FULLN – Provision of 9 timber glamping pods, reception cabin and services unit within woodland – Woodland at Clanville, Ramridge Farm, Weyhill.

The Parish Council have OBJECTED to this planning application – details of objection can be viewed on the Test Valley Planning Website.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION – 12th May 2022

EXPENDITURE.

Administration	April and May	= £ 950.00
IONS	Website Fee 2021	= £ 108.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	= £ 145.00
C Wilkins	Grounds Maintenance	= £ 128.60
Simon Nightingale	FSS Maintenance	= £ 120.00
Viking Direct	Paper and Printer Cart	= £ 161.82
Lloyds Bank	Account Charge	= £ 27.10
HCC	Street Lighting	= £ 59.50
		= <u>£1,700.02</u>

INCOME.

TVBC ½ Precept = £5,000.

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 8,382.20
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£17,580.45
10 Day Account	£ 1,207.30
Instant Access	£ 794.98
	<u>£27,964.93</u>

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Hilliers in Romsey for advice on planting a flowering cherry. It has been advised a mature tree is better planted in the Autumn and if a soil sample is taken before planting the correct preparation for the soil can also be advised. The Clerk and Cllr Mrs J Osborne will visit Hilliers to look at the trees available. The Clerk will order the plaque and stand over the summer.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly spoke about the following issues:-

- Hampshire County Council are having a campaign to promote safer driving.
- The Police are cracking down on the use of mobile telephones while driving.
- A campaign to make aware the new Highway Code rules on Cyclist and Horse Riders on the highway is to take place.
- The lack of volunteers at Community Events is to be highlighted in a publicity campaign by TVBC.
- Cllr Mr Rob Humby has been elected the new leader of Hampshire County Council.
- Cllr Mr Rob Humby has highlighted the number of years Hampshire County Council have had to make cuts due to the grants awarded by the Government. Cllr Mr R Humby feels that now is the time to stop and for Hampshire County Council to take more control of spending in Hampshire.
- HCC are concerned on the large land bank developers control and feels that a crackdown on this practice is long overdue.
- A crack down on the use of Electric Scooters on the highways and footpaths to be undertaken.

Cllr Mrs P West wished congratulations to be recorded to County Councillor Roz Chadd who is the first Woman to be elected Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS L LASHBROOK.

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook reported following several complaints the many signs advertising the 'Bell Inn' have gone. It was noted that the 'Bell Inn' has since closed.

The residents who have objected to the Planning Application for the Glamping Pods at Ramridge Farm have formed a Steering Group.

The Booster Vaccinations for Covid are available at the Chantry Centre in Andover.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr N Blackman raised the following issues:-

- The excessive traffic speed on the A342 through Weyhill. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have been trying for years to get the speed limit reduced through the village.
- There is a large pothole on the blind bend in Red Post Lane.
- Some of the pavements in the village are getting impassable with overgrown vegetation and there are issues still with flooding after heavy rainfall. The Chairman reported that again many of the issues have been reported to Highways. The Parish Council Grounds Maintenance Contractor cuts back vegetation where he can but certain areas in the parish do not belong to the Parish Council, and we cannot undertake their maintenance.

- Mr N Blackman reported out of interest that when the extension to Weyhill Gardens was built the Contractor paid £16,000 to TVBC towards footpaths.

Mr N Blackman stated that he would like to get more involved with the village and was happy to help with an issues or projects. The Chairman thanked Mr Blackman for his offer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mrs Bingham from Penton Grafton regarding signage for Penton Grafton.

Penton Mewsey Parish Council are erecting a village sign at the pond. This may cause further confusion for essential delivery drivers and visitors to Penton Grafton. Penton Mewsey have been consulted and would be in support of an additional sign pointing to Penton Grafton.

The Parish Council discussed this at length and agreed that the signage for Penton Grafton needed to be improved.

County Councillor Mr C Donnelly will speak to Highways with the view of improving the signage to Penton Grafton at the pond.

The Parish Council will fund a new Penton Grafton Village Sign at the first left hand turning from Weyhill Bottom direction which we believe to be called 'Short Lane'.

AOB

The Chairman wished to congratulate Cllr Mr P Lashbrook on receiving the position of Deputy Mayor for Test Valley Borough Council.

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook thanked the Chairman and will pass on his kind words to Phil.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

12th July 2022 in the Fairground Village Hall at 7.30pm.