

**Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 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 P Foster  
Cllr Mrs P West  
Cllr Mr S McKay  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook  
Member of the Public - 3

Apologies: Mrs R Smith

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Mrs J Osborne declared an interest in the Fairground Hall and the Cottage Charity.  
Cllr Mrs P Foster declared an interest in the Fairground Hall and the Fairground Site.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

WEYHILL BOTTOM CROSSROADS – Cllr J Marsh reported that there has been yet another serious accident at the Weyhill Bottom crossroads.

Cllr J March reported that he had contacted Steve Woodward the Team Leader – Traffic and Safety at HCC, as the proposed works at Weyhill Bottom crossroads had not been completed. Steve Woodward got onto the contractors and most of the outstanding work was carried out a few days after the latest accident. It was not clear if the anti-skid surface has been replaced, this is under investigation.

Cllr J Marsh stated that he had confidence in Steve Woodward and further discussions on the safety at the crossroads are continuing.

Cllr J Osborne stated that time and time again most of the accidents are caused by vehicles coming from Clanville direction not stopping at the crossroads junction.

The Parish Council discussed their road safety concerns regarding the Montessori School. Cllr P West suggested that the Parish Council ask County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks to investigate this as she sits on the HCC Road Safety Committee. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Mrs Z Brooks.

The old cast iron direction fingerpost was bent in half and ripped out of the ground during the last accident it is not repairable. As this is a historical sign for Weyhill it will be retrieved, restored as much as possible and displayed at the Fairground.

DUCK POND – Paul Welch from Hampshire Highways had promised that the work will be completed this summer. The Parish Council can then plan their maintenance of the pond for the coming year.

HANGING BUSH LANE – The posts for Hanging Bush Lane have not yet been installed.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – No further news to report.

RED POST LANE – Cllr S McKay had no further news to report.

## **PLANNING**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

### **WEYHILL PETROL STATION.**

Mr Simon Walker the Solicitor for the Owner of the Weyhill Petrol Station addressed the meeting about the strip of land across the forecourt that is owned by Hampshire County Council:

- Mr Walker gave a brief history of how the land rights for this strip was compulsory purchased some years ago at the time it was planned to widen the old A303 through Weyhill.
- The land legally belongs to his client, but Highways still have the Rights the land, a map of the area was distributed to the Parish Councillors.
- The Petrol Station tanks are located under the road and maintaining equipment on the grass verge (Highways Owned) does cause problems.
- In 2013 negotiations began to remove the Highways Rights, fees were paid but nothing came of the negotiations.
- Several attempts have been made to remove this from the legal title for the Petrol Station but have been unsuccessful.

Cllr P West declared an interest as she was the County Councillor at the time the discussions began and made no comment.

The Parish Council discussed this with Mr Walker and his Client, and it was agreed that Mr Walker would put a proposal to the Parish Council in writing listing his client's intentions. Mr Walker confirmed that his client had no intention of altering or building on the land. The Chairman stated that if this could be included in the proposal, he could see no reason why the Parish Council would make an objection.

The Chairman stated that there have been other issues with this strip of land that have been raised with Highways. The most recent was the cutting down of the trees between the pavement and the back of a house in Weyhill Gardens. The householder cut down the trees without permission.

The Parish Council have for many years tried to get the speed limit through Weyhill reduced to 30mph but have so far been unsuccessful.

Mr Simon Walker and his Client thanked the Parish Council for their time and left the meeting.

## **FINANCE.**

### FINANCIAL POSITION – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Lloyds TSB Current Account	£ 9,012.55 (28/06/19)
Premium 10 day Account 1.5%	£ 17,538.98
10 Day Account	£ 1,202.49
Instant Access	£ 794.98
	<b><u>£28,549.00</u></b>

### PAYMENTS – June and July 2019

R.N. Waterman	Administration – June	£300.00
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Lloyds	Bank Charges	£ 11.70
Mr C Wilkins	Village Maintenance	£ 617.75
		<b><u>£1,229.45</u></b>

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS L LASHBROOK.**

Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook reported that recently Test Valley Councillors were given an insight into the town centre rejuvenation master plan, which is being led by Hemingway designs.

Wayne Hemingway delivered some rather avant-garde ideas over how he and his team could see Andover in the future, this included the town centre, Western Avenue, Vigo park, the Court and Lights complex and St Mary's church.

There will be several rounds of public consultation, but my fear is this may be limited to the urban and town centre areas, however I will press to have our rural parishes involved in the public consultation.

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

CLLR J OSBORNE – Reported that a large tree had come down on the Clanville Road just passed the Montessori School, the Clerk had suggested that Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook be contacted. Cllr J Osborne did this and was pleased to report that within 15 minutes workmen were on site and the tree was removed. Cllr J Osborne wished to thank Cllr Mrs L Lashbrook for sorting this out so quickly.

CLLR S MCKAY – Reported that through social media many parishioners got involved in the issue of blocking the road with their vehicles as a protest at the lack of local policing on the county roads. Residents are frustrated at the difficulty in contacting the police.

The Clerk was asked to invite the new PCSO Officer, Lisa More to the September meeting.

Cllr S McKay reported that Social media has also highlighted the problem of HGV's using the Fairground access road for overnight parking. Running refrigeration units are disturbing residents.

CLLR P WEST – Reported that David Glebe from TVBC is keen to work with the Fairground Craft Centre to push the historical aspect to attract more people to visit the site. Cllr P West will organise a meeting to discuss this further.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to record a vote of thanks to Mr Chris Wilkins our grass cutter for the excellent work he does. The village is looking well kept and is a credit to his work.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> September 2019