Minutes of the Penton Grafton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 in the Fairground Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr G Light - Chairman

Cllr Mrs P Foster – Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs C Nugent Cllr Mrs J Osborne Cllr Mrs P West

Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk County Councillor Mr C Donnelly

Member of the Public - 6

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Neal and Borough Councillor Mrs L Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES SILENCE.

A Minutes Silence was held to mark the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs P Foster declared an interest in the Fairground Site and the Fairground Hall.

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

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

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2022 MEETING.

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

HIGHWAYS – County Councillor Mr C Donnelly stated that he has spoken to Highways on the issues raised at the May Meeting and would get an up-date and report back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs J Osborne reported that the road signs that was in the hedge at the Weyhill Bottom crossroads has been taken away by highways and needs reinstating. Cllr Mr c Donnelly made note of this.

TREE – Cllr Mr J Neal did ask the TVBC Tree Officer to look at the Elm Tree on the crossroads. TVBC have confirmed that the tree is dead. It has also been confirmed that the tree is on Highway's Land, and they have been informed.

UNTIDY VERGE - Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported the state of the verge and hedging between Red Post Lane and the Garage. Highways have replied informing him that they have been to look at the area and feel that this does not require any attention. The Parish council will speak to their contractor to see what can be done on a regular basis to tidy up this area and the cost involved.

PLANNING.

22/02152/FULLN – Erection of house and garage, construction of access and installation of sewage treatment plant – Orchard Cottage, Weyhill Road, Andover. (It was noted that this is actually in Penton Mewsey Parish) – NO OBJECTION.

A Member of the Public reported that there is a new Planning Application for the provision of 5 Safari tents, reception and services unit and package treatment plant at the Woodland at Clanville.

A brief synopsis of the Planning Application was given. Cllr Mrs P West stated that until the Prish Council received official notification of the Planning Application, they could make no comment.

AFTER NOTE:

The Parish Council received the official notification the following day and have followed due process and have made representation to TVBC.

Hampshire Rights of Way have put an application for the modification of the footpath on the woodland at Clanville on the back burner. The owner of the land has installed fencing – this is in hand.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL POSITION - 13th September 2022

EXPENDITURE.

Administration August and September = £ 950.00 Lloyds Bank Account Charge = £ 15.40 = £965.40

Bank Account Summary.

Lloyds TSB Current Account £ 6,532.24 (30.08.2022)

 Premium 10-day Account 1.5%
 £17,580.45

 10 Day Account
 £ 1,207.30

 Instant Access
 £ 794.98

£26,114.97

CLLR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- The new HCC cabinet member of Highways is Nick Adams-King, he is also Deputy Leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Romsey area, will hopefully hold a meeting in mid-October to discuss highways issues.
- Implementation of 20mph speed limit is in consultation. Each Village to have input into where they would like this enforced. Cllr Mr C Donnelly admitted that this will be difficult to enforce.
- The HCC Gritting Fleet are getting ready for winter, they are now trackable and named!
- There are Older Driver schemes available from HCC.
- HCC are encouraging the use of reusable nappies to help with the problem on increased rubbish in the County.
- If any vulnerable families are identified there is a fund available to support them.
- HCC are surveying those struggling with autism.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly signed the book of condolence for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Winchester Cathedral.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CLLR MR G LIGHT – Reported that Hampshire Highways have yet to sort out the issue with Flooding at the entrance to Hardyfayre Close. A large puddle forms after rainfall. Cllr Mr c Donnelly made note of this.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

Issues Raised:

- The Planning Application for the Glamping Pods on Woodland at Clanville was turned down due to presence of Great Crested Newts and the destruction of their habitat. This is an offence. It has transpired that correct process was not followed to protect the species. This is ongoing.
- Potholes in the Parish have been repaired and Highways seem to be keeping up with the reporting of the potholes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For Information - When the Village News ceased publication at the end of 2021, the committee decided that the remaining funds should be split between the Village Halls of the area served by the magazine, namely Tangley, Penton and Weyhill. Each Village Hall will receive £630.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

8th of November 2022 in the Fairground Village Hall at 7.30pm.