

Minutes of Meeting 21st February 2022 Penton Mewsey Village Hall

Councillors	Clerk / RFO	Members of the Public & others
David Atkinson- Chairman Paul Williams Nicky Booth Stephen Millen	Nanette Colbourne	One member of the public pre meeting.
Rodney Bennett Kevin Briant		

PLANNING FORUM:

- 001/22 The Minutes of the last meeting for approval
The Minutes were approved and signed
- 002/22 Declarations of Interest
None declared
- 003/22 **CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY CIRCULATION SINCE LAST MEETING:**
None
- 004/22 **PLANNING APPLICATION TO REVIEW:**
- 22/00308/TREEN.** Leggatts, Chalkcroft Lane, Penton Mewsey
T1 - Silver Birch – Fell
NO OBJECTION from the Parish Council on the condition that TVBC tree arborist has confirmed the demise of the tree.
- 22/00068/LBWN.** Box Cottage. Chalkcroft Lane
Timber orangery to replace existing conservatory
NO OBJECTION
- 005/22 **PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATES FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**
- 1) 21/0442/ADV Homestead Farm/Nelsons**
POSSIBLE BREACH OF PLANNING 17/09/21
TVBC CONFIRMED AND PASSED TO HAMPSHIRE CC
Update: TVBC responsible for Footpath obstruction, await further information
- 2) 19/03043/FULLN. Solar Farm** 20/12/19
ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS:
- **19/03058/FPN** 20/12/19
Stopping Up Rights

TVBC STATUS – DECIDED
STATUS CLOSED.

- **21/01264/VARN** 28/04/21
Variation of conditions
TVBC STATUS – CURRENT
Update: Section 106 Deed submitted 22/11/21
Update: Additional fencing surrounding substation submitted 06/01/22
- **21/00980/OELN** 29/03/21
Erection of 2 x new towers on the Andover-Amesbury Circuit
TVBC STATUS – DECIDED
STATUS CLOSED
- **21/01265/FULLN** 28/04/21
Private access track and substation compound Farm
TVBC STATUS – CURRENT
Update: Amended Ecology statement submitted 14/10/21
Update: Further investigation requested from Ecology 23/11/21
Update: No further update, situation the same 21/02/22
- **21/03016/SCRN** 13/10/21
Is seeking a Screening Option from LPA to determine if
21/00980/ OELN would require Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
Update: EIA Not required
22/12/21
STATUS CLOSED.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

009/22 Chairman's Remarks & Requests for Absences.
Cllr Bennet and Cllr Donnelley gave their apologies. Cllr Lashbrook gave her apologies post meeting

010/22 Minutes of the last meeting for approval
The minutes were declared correct and signed

011/22 Declarations of Interest.
None

012/22 **ITEMS REPORTED TO COUNCIL / ACTIONS OPEN / UPDATES:**

Cllr Donnelly gave his absence for the meeting and as such no updates were given.

Action: The Clerk will request an update on all items

013/22 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR CONSIDERATION:**

013/22a Response to email from Transport & Environment Dept HCC regarding speeding issues.

In response to HCC's letter dated 11th November 2021, received by email from Cllr Donnelly 8th February 2022. The following comments were made for a draft response

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- 1) Firstly, we would like to correct the assumption that the build out placed within the 30 mph was the result of incidents and congestion. Guidance was given by a Senior Project Engineer, TVBC during January 2013 who undertook a detailed investigation including visibility measures prior to the installation of a temporary build which was to stay for a duration of 9 months.

At no time were any official reports of congestion or minor incidents reported to TVBC as a result of forward visibility at the location of the build or any incidents. The build was removed within days due to social media comments identified by a County Councillor and the build was not given any time to prove satisfactory or not but was removed within days.

- 2) We appreciate that there are several factors to take into consideration before any traffic calming measures can be put in place and would bring to the attention of the Council that over the past years many minor incidents have happened resulting in damage to vehicles and private properties facing Foxcotte lane. All due to excessive speed. As the last recommendations were given to us some 9 years ago we do think it necessary to request a re visit with further recommendations for road safety.
- 3) If this cannot be forthcoming, then we understand that there are community funded traffic management measures that may be available to us to take advantage of. We are particularly interested in the siting of bollards aimed at

preventing overrun and to improve driver awareness as this may well suit the area outside of the entrance to our village hall.

Action: PMPC will contact the Safer Roads Team with the view to a visit and further advice.

013/22b Meeting with Head Of Planning TVBC regarding the proposal to draft a letter for the Secretary of State concerning Solar Farm amendments.

Further to The Chairman and Clerk meeting with the Head of Planning TVBC, confirmation was received 26th January 2022 that the solar build does not exceed the 50MW limit. The details are given below:

The crux of this is that the development remains a solar farm of 50MW (max). The proposed changes will result in it producing more electricity over the course of a year, but at no point in time will it be producing more than 50MW. This is a planning limitation (if it could produce more than 50MW of power at any time it would be an NSIP) and a grid limitation (our grid connection agreement with SSE limits us to producing no more than 50MW at any time).

The cover letter for the above application notes (re the request for slightly higher panels): "in terms of the benefits of the solar farm's renewable energy generation, this change would allow slightly larger panels to be deployed. This results in an increased output of to c. 54GWh annually, powering c. 18,600 homes annually. The Permission is based on a panel configuration which would generation sufficient electricity to power c. 15,845 homes annually" (*54 gigawatt hours over the course of a year, no to be confused with 50 megawatts, which is the maximum output at any time).*

The original scheme would produce c. 45GWh of electricity. The amended scheme would produce c. 54GWh of electricity. But they're both 50MW solar farms.

Also discussed at this meeting was concern about the many amendments and alterations being put forward. An action was taken for an in-house review to be conducted with TVBC Major Development Unit to ensure the understanding of the project as it stands regarding the amendments and alterations put forward.

Action: The Clerk will request an update of this final action.

013/22c TVAPC (Test Valley Association of Parish Councils) Statement regarding a proposal for 20mph in villages at the next fiscal year.

PMPC have submitted the following response to TVAP regarding this statement: 'We believe that the County Councils should establish after consultation a set of guidelines for deciding when and where to introduce 20mph limits.'

013/22d Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 1 Public Consultation
The Council is preparing the next Local Plan for the Borough and is now seeking comments on its first formal draft of strategic policies and proposals.

The Council will review the document and respond to the Clerk with comments and feedback by 4th March to enable a response by the deadline set of the 8th March 2022.

013/22e Grass cutting at the recreation ground. Increase of price

The approval was given that PMPC would provide continual support of one quarter of the total cost of the recreation ground mowing ongoing. It is recognised that costs are escalating and to provide a good service will cost considerably more in future.

013/22f Blacksmith Lane Trees update

Right Of Ways have written to the landowner of the field adjoining Blacksmith Lane explaining the need for investigation into the safety of the trees along the whole footpath boundary. We await further details.

013/22g Queens Platinum Jubilee update

A suggestion was put forward that the purchase of a village sign showing The Pentons Emblem and to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee was purchased. The council were in favour of this.

Action: The Clerk will source costs and designs and advise further.

013/22h Village grass verges

An item will be included in the May newsletter drawing residents' attention to the possibility of obstructing the highway if obstacles are inserted in verges to deter vehicle traffic.

Action: Cllr Donnelly will be asked to clarify the legal aspect.

013/22i Items from year end audit: Risk Assessment to Review. Asset Register to review. Additional audit costs

The Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Audit letter were reviewed and approved.

014/22 **COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

Cllr Booth:

There has been a considerable number of debris on the footpaths around the Parish, following the storms over the weekend. Blacksmith's Lane was blocked by a fallen tree. The other footpaths are passable. The kissing gate at the Chalkcroft Lane end of the Newbury Lane/Chalkcroft Lane footpath has been damaged by a fallen tree and it is very difficult to pass through it (photo attached). This needs attention. There is a fallen tree on the verge of Newbury Hill at the sawmills end but it is not obstructing movement.

Action: The tree at Blacksmith Lane and the damaged kissing gate has been reported by the Clerk.

Cllr Atkinson

Have been told that the back wall of Nelsons / Homestead Farm was blown out in the gales

Cllr Millen

Further research has been undertaken into the topic of barriers placed to protect grass verges.

A number of local authorities warn residents about placing obstructions in what might be the highway as those placing them would be responsible for damage and accidents caused as a result. In addition, the items placed may constitute an obstruction of the highway

The status of the verges where piping has been inserted in Penton Mewsey is not always clear. Another alternative would be to ask the County Council for its policy – possibly via Councillor Donnelly.

Action: Clerk to request clarification of CC policy

Cllr Williams:

Nothing much to report as despite our best efforts to identify potholes along Foxcotte Lane, no evidence of any action taken by HCC to date.

Cllr Briant:

Speed watch

We started our half hour speed watch session on the Feb 7th at 08:30. A total of 30 cars passed with 14 traveling at 33mph+. Unfortunately, due to wet roads and dirty numbers plates some numbers could not be recorded correctly. Another date will be arranged.

A complaint to the UK MD of UPS has been made concerning excessive speeding of a van along Foxcotte Lane.

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CLERK REPORTS:

Charlton BMX track. No planning application has yet been submitted for night time lighting at the track. The Clerk will request clarification of the work of hedge planting along the dog walk from TVBC who own the land.

An offer of a fruit tree has been made from HCC. PRC have been informed

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FINANCIALS:

The Bank Reconciliations were checked and approved by the chairman.

**PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
BANK RECONCILIATION - PRO FORMA**

Name of Parish Council:

Penton Mewsey Parish Council

Month ending: 5th JANUARY 2022
 Prepared by: Clerk Nanette Colbourne

Balance per bank statements Current Account@ £100.00

Less any unrepresented cheques:

	£0.00
	£0.00

Reserve Account @ £13,445.51

No cash is taken within these Parish Accounts.

Net Balances @ 5th JANUARY 2022 £13,445.51

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK:

Opening Balance @	3rd April 2021	£8,931.53
Add Receipts from	5th JANUARY 2022	£13,028.29
Less Payments from	5th JANUARY 2022	£8,514.31

Closing balance per cash book (receipts & Payments) as at statement date above: £13,445.51
(must equal net balances above)

**PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
 BANK RECONCILIATION - PRO FORMA**

Name of Parish Council: Penton Mewsey Parish Council

Month ending: 4th FEBRUARY 2022
 Prepared by: Clerk Nanette Colbourne

Balance per bank statements Current Account@ £100.00

Less any unrepresented cheques:

	£0.00
	£0.00

Reserve Account @ £12,630.79
 No cash is taken within these Parish Accounts.

Net Balances @ 4th FEBRUARY 2022 £12,630.79

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK:

Opening Balance @	3rd April 2021	£8,931.53
Add Receipts from	4th FEBRUARY 2022	£13,028.40
Less Payments from	4th FEBRUARY 2022	£9,329.14

Closing balance per cash book (receipts & Payments) as at statement date above: £12,630.79
(must equal net balances above)

Evidence of payments and transactions are stated below. All since the last meeting:

Date	Payment to	Reason	Amount £
20 th Dec	J Isherwood	History Books	39.00
7 th Jan	Bulpitt Print	Newsletter printing	70.00
10 th Jan	N. Colbourne	Salary and expensed 3 months	690.84
31 st Jan	N Colbourne	Payment for binder for council use	53.99

Any Other Business: (for information only)

The draft Budget will be circulated to the Council during March

Next Meetings 2022

- 4th April
- 9th May
- 20th June
- 1st August
- 12th September
- 24th October
- 5th December