

Minutes of Meeting 4th April 2022 Penton Mewsey Village Hall

Councillors	Clerk / RFO	Members of the Public & others
Kevin Briant David Atkinson Paul Williams Nicky Booth Stephen Millen	Nanette Colbourne	Cllr Linda Lashbrook.
Rodney Bennett		

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:**

22/00583/FULLN

Andover BMX Trach Charlton Sports Centre

Installation of six lighting columns (overall height 12 mtrs) each supporting two Modus R100 FS LED Floodlight luminaires

NO OBJECTION however subject to the agreement of the Planning Council to the following:

Penton Mewsey Parish Council have an interest in this application as it is adjacent to our parish boundary and local gap which is most important to us.

The questions we would like clarified are:

- How intrusive will the lights be in terms of the neighbouring countryside, effect on wild life and on the properties across the open fields to Penton
- What are the extended hours of operation summer and winter when the lights will be in use

In addition, we would suggest that visible notices directing traffic to use the BMX track should be placed along the entrance road to the sports center in order to encourage traffic to use the main entrance. There is a high probability that traffic will use Foxcotte Lane through both Penton and Charlton parishes to park in the layby near the track as an entrance.

22/00441/TREEN. Garth House, Chalkcroft Lane

Reduce crown and spread of Maple back to previous cut points and remove non-variegated branches

NO OBJECTION

004/22 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO REVIEW:**

22/00615/FULLN Unit 5, Pioneer Road, Andover Business Park

Erection of security fencing, vehicular access, gates/barriers, installation of security hut, secure pedestrian access gates, bike storage enclosure, and revision of planting scheme to include more defensive planting.

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: E mail prepared with clarification of comments received and request for action to be taken by HCC/TVBC

04/05/22

It was reported that one structure had been moved off the pathway. It is yet to be confirmed

2) 19/03043/FULLN. Solar Farm

20/12/19

ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS:

- 21/01264/VARN

28/04/21

Variation of conditions

TVBC STATUS – CURRENT

Update: Section 106 Deed submitted

22/11/21

Update: Permission given subject to notes on 15th March 2022

- 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: Current. No further update, situation the same, last comment online 13th December 2022

04/05/22

AOB CHAIRMANS REMARKS:

The amendments to the Solar build have been given permission. The build is to start prior to 29th July 2023. The conditions are attached to these minutes.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- 017/22 Chairman's Remarks & Requests for Absences.
Cllr Bennet gave apologies.
- The Chairman accepted resignations from Vice Chairman Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Williams and thanked them both for their dedication and hard work to the council over their term of office.
The vacancy notice will be submitted to TVBC immediately.
- 018/22 Minutes of the last meeting for approval
The minutes were declared correct and signed
- 019/22 Declarations of Interest.
None
- 020/22 **ITEMS REPORTED TO COUNCIL / ACTIONS OPEN / UPDATES:**
Cllr Chris Donnelly reports ongoing:
- Damage to verge and drains at pond
- ACTION:** The clerk will request an update from Cllr Donnelly and enquire if the Parish Council should approach Southern Water directly in order to escalate this issue as it has now been ongoing since June 2021.
- 021/22 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR CONSIDERATION:**
- 021a/22 Traffic Management Team HCC request for traffic calming
There has been no movement on this request since 1st March. The Clerk will enquire the status within the next two weeks
- 021b/22 Solar Farm Battery Storage response
Clarification was sought over safety concerns about the battery storage planned for the Solar Farm north of the village. The extract below in full is the response from the planning team TVBC which we consider sufficient explanation:
- I have now spoken to the Agent for the solar farm to discuss the concerns raised by a member of the public regarding battery storage. Next Energy are aware of the potential fire and safety issues with BESS schemes. They advise that the BESS would be constantly monitored by offsite staff and systems to check it is operating safely and in line with all relevant regulations and parameters including performance and temperature indicators.*
- They go on to advise "In the event of potential 'thermal runaway' the monitoring system would automatically turn off the BESS. This is most likely to be through an 'off-gas' detection system, which detects the gases/vapours produced during the earliest stage of a potential thermal runaway. This is linked to the BESS management system, which would shut down the failing element of and instigate the fire suppression system as need be. The inert gas-based fire suppression system would be water free, to prevent contaminated water runoff. Such systems are already widely used, for example in datacentres."*

The operator of any solar farm with battery storage would need to comply with all relevant legislation and with BESS being a substantial investment it is in the operator's interest to ensure that it complies with all safety requirements and legislation.

The clerk presented an extract from CPRE's latest newsletter concerning the high amount of small solar farm plans being submitted and approved by TVBC. This has been a concern voiced by the parish council to the Head of Department TVBC. It was agreed to draft a letter escalating the concerns to CPRE representative for Hampshire and our Members of Parliament.

ACTION: Clerk to draft letter for approval

021c/22

Jubilee Village Sign

Cllr Millen presented the final draft drawing for the village sign. The decision to have the words on the sign in gold lettering was taken.

The design is of Penton Mewsey village logo which is cut out, cast and forged in black metal. The pole is oak chamfered oak 6" x 6"

Approval was given to purchase the oak pole from the same company. Approximate sizes of the sign were given as 3ft x 4ft maximum. The pole will be under 4m in height when erected.

The most suitable location was confirmed as on the small triangle of land at the pond near the bridge.

ACTION: A plaque is to be sourced with the inscription relating to the Jubilee Year
Cllr Millen is confirming delivery and deposit amount.

Our thanks go to Cllr Linda Lashbrook and Cllr Chris Donnelly for a grant of £500 each towards the costs of the sign from the Councillor Grant Scheme.

021d/22

Trinity Rise notice board

A review of the condition of the board which has been in place for over 20 years has been made. It was voted that as the board had been renovated many times the condition would not benefit from further work. The decision to purchase a new board was taken. A decision to purchase will be made at a later date.

ACTION: The clerk will source a small single pane board of matching green metal similar but simplified to the new board at the recreation ground.

021e/22

AGM 9th May.

The decision was made to run the same format for the AGM as in the past due to the ongoing covid concerns.

021f/22

Budget 2022/3

The budget was presented by the Clerk and approved by all councillors.

022/22

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Cllr Briant

Reported on the difficulties of recording all the information required for each vehicle exceeding the speed limit when conducting a Speedwatch. Two recent watches were rejected as information was incomplete or misleading and it is difficult to write down at least 5 items for each vehicle. A suggestion was made to write down just basic detail in future and exclude the model of the vehicle.

Cllr Booth

No further reports on the footpaths. The kissing gate on the Chalkcroft Lane end of the Newbury Hill/Chalkcroft Lane footpath is in a pretty poor state. The post supporting the gate is very wobbly and in danger of collapse.

Note: The Clerk reported this on 21st February 2022 and will request an update

Cllr Williams

Our potholing campaign has resulted in a significant number of temporary repairs being undertaken through the main road. Although this is not acceptable as a permanent solution it goes some way to meet the interim requirements.

Cllr Millen**Verges**

The report of the discussion at the February meeting in the new magazine about the issue of residents trying to protect verges from damage vehicles prompted at least one response. The action from the last meeting was that Cllr Donnelly would be asked to investigate if land fronting properties is part of the highway and subject to that, include an item in the May newsletter highlighting the problem and stressing the need to be certain about the status of the verges in question and the suitability of the materials used as regards durability and appearance.

Strimming Newbury Hill

At our January meeting it was agreed that we should investigate the most suitable time of the year to carry out strimming.

Note: the clerk will make enquiries.

023/22

CLERK REPORT:**Blacksmith Lane tree survey**

Still outstanding with Rights of Way investigation with the owner of the small field. The clerk will enquire further.

Tree debris at pond

Thank to the owners of the fallen tree at the pond, all debris has now been removed from the far end of the pond.

An amount of debris remains at the ford. The clerk will investigate how this can be removed.

Dog walking area

The area owned by TVBC along Foxcote lane has had high quality fencing and planting erected. Cllr Linda Lashbrook confirmed that this was conducted by TVBC and there are no plans for any alteration of this site.

Village verges

Covered within Cllr Millen's report.

Binder

The binder purchase for archiving documents has been returned as not fit for purpose. Credit has been given and the item removed from the Fixed Asset Register.

016/22 **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: 4th MARCH 2022

Prepared by: Clerk Nanette Colbourne

Balance per bank statements Current Account@ £100.00

Less any unrepresented cheques:

£0.00

£0.00

Reserve Account @ £12,430.89

No cash is taken within these Parish Accounts.

Net Balances @ 4th MARCH 2022 £12,430.89

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 MARCH 2022 £13,028.50

Less Payments from 4th MARCH 2022 £9,529.14

Closing balance per cash book (receipts & Payments) as at statement date above: £12,430.89
(must equal net balances above)

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

Date	Payment to	Reason	Amount £
4 th March	Lightatouch	End of year half audit	200

Any Other Business: (for information only)

Next Meetings 2022

9th May AGM
20th June
1st August
12th September
24th October
5th December

ATTACHEMENT: 21/01264/VARN

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) and Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme) of 19/03043/FULLN (Solar Farm and associated development) to allow for increase in height of solar panels to a maximum of 3.25 metres, amendments to layout, reduction in number and changes to supporting structures, increase in size of substation, splitting battery compound into two parts and to amend the timing of the delivery of the landscaping

10.0 RECOMMENDATION PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes

01 The development hereby permitted **shall be begun before the 29th July 2023.** This permission shall be for a period of 40 years from the date that the development is first connected to the grid (the "First Export Date"). Two weeks' notice of this first connection shall be given to the Local Planning Authority in writing.

The development shall be removed and the land restored to its former condition no later than the date 40 years from the First Export Date or within six months of the development failing to generate electricity for 12 consecutive months, whichever occurs first. All structures and materials, and any associated goods and chattels shall be removed from the site and the land shall be restored to its former condition in accordance with a scheme of decommissioning work and land restoration that shall have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order that the land is restored to its original condition following the expiry of the period of time whereby electricity is likely to be generated by the proposed development and for which a countryside location has been shown to be essentially required, in accordance with policies COM2 and E2 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

02 The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans;

SO-12925-002 (Overview); NE03-BYES-E-CD-0127-00; Ce/34/2015E; CE/34/2016E; EPC-0208-C-C-LA-SS-01; EPC-0208-C-C-LA-ELV-01; NE03-BYES-E-CD-0128-00; NE03-BYES-E-CD-0129; NE03-BYES-E LA-0116-05; NE03-BYES-CD-0143

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

03 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the Armour Heritage Written Scheme of Investigation: Archaeological Field Evaluation dated March 2021.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological significance in accordance with Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016) Policy E9

04 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the Armour Heritage Written Scheme of Investigation: Archaeological Watching Brief dated April 2021.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological significance in accordance with Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016) Policy E9

05 Prior to the commencement of development full details of the following shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; o layout for the parking and maneuvering onsite of contractor's and delivery vehicles, this will include tracking diagrams to show that vehicles of all sizes can enter, park and exit in a forward gear. o site office/accommodation and o onsite materials storage and mixing areas to be used on location of wheel washing facilities. The approved scheme shall be implemented prior to the commencement of development and retained for the duration of the construction period.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety in accordance with Policy T1 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan

06 Prior to the erection of any solar panels on the site a landscaping scheme in accordance with the approved Landscape Masterplan Rev H shall first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include:

a) Details of the location, number, size and density of plants for all new hedgerows;

b) Details of the location, number, size and density of plants to be used in the infilling of gaps within the existing hedgerows;

c) Hedgerow management of existing hedges shall be carried out in accordance with the details as set out on the approved Landscape Masterplan Rev H.

d) Details of any gates proposed All landscaping shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and shall be completed within one year from commencement of development.

Reason: To improve the appearance of the site and enhance the character of the development, and to assist in the development successfully integrating with the landscape, in the interest of visual amenity, and to contribute to the character of the local area in accordance with policies E1 and E2 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

07 Prior to the erection of any solar panels on the site a schedule of landscape maintenance and subsequent landscape management for a period of 40 years shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The schedule shall include: a) details of agricultural use of the land and associated management practices; b) details of how the success

or failure of the initial landscape planting and associated land-management regime is to be monitored and reported to the Local Planning Authority annually for the first 5 years after planting and thereafter on a 5 year basis; c) details of the means by which any failures in landscape planting are to be identified and reasonably remedied over the 40 year life of the development hereby permitted; d) details of responsibilities for maintenance and management of landscaping. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To improve the appearance of the site and enhance the character of the development, and to assist in the development successfully integrating with the landscape, in the interest of visual amenity, and to contribute to the character of the local area in accordance with policies E1 and E2 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

08 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted phasing plan dated 21st June 2021.

Reason: In the interest of pedestrian and horse rider safety when utilizing local public rights of way in accordance with Policy T1 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

09 The colour of the supporting structures and fences shall be in accordance with Drawing No. CE/34/2016E, CE/34/2015E; E03-BYESE-CD-014 and the email of the 7th January 2022.

Reason: To ensure the development has a satisfactory external appearance in the interest of visual amenities in accordance with Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016) Policy E1.

10 Prior to the installation of any battery storage and associated inverters adjacent to the substation a Noise Report shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority detailing expected noise levels from the battery storage and associated inverters against existing background noise and any appropriate noise mitigation to ensure that related plant noise is not audible at the nearest residential property boundary. Such mitigation measures shall then be maintained for the life of the installation.

Reason: In the interest of the amenities in the local area in accordance with Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016) Policy E8

11 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details and mitigation as set out in the Indicative Traffic Management Plan Revision A dated 9th March 2020.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety in accordance with Policy T1 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan

12 Deliveries will be undertaken between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00 Monday to Saturday. There will be no deliveries on Sundays or Public Holidays

Reason: In the interest of the amenities in the local area in accordance with Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016) Policy E8

13 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details, mitigation and maintenance as set out in the Amended Flood Risk and Drainage Assessment dated 12.11.2019

Reason: To ensure adequate drainage of the site in accordance with Policy E7 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016).

14 Prior to the erection of any solar panels on the site a detailed Habitat Enhancement Scheme, supported by relevant plans, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall subsequently proceed in accordance with any such approved details.

Reason: To conserve and enhance biodiversity in accordance with Policy E5 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

15 Prior to any lighting being installed within the development details of the location, height and lux levels will be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall proceed in accordance with any approved details.

Reason: To retain control over lighting levels within the area to protect existing bat populations within the area in accordance with Policy E5 of the Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

Notes to applicant:

01 In reaching this decision Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has had regard to the National Planning Policy Framework and takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals focused on solutions. TVBC work with applicants and their agents in a positive and proactive manner offering a pre-application advice service and updating applicants/agents of issues that may arise in dealing with the application and where possible suggesting solutions.

02. Attention is drawn to the requirements of the Agreement dated 22nd November 2021 under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 which affects this development.