

**Minutes of Meeting 27th June 2016 at Penton Village Hall
7.30pm**

Present: Councillors	Clerk / RFO	Members of the Public
Paul Fraser Kevin Briant Rodney Bennett Heather Carrick Victoria Whitelegge		Prospective Councillor Stephen Millen
Apologies: Nanette Colbourne		

- 001/16 The Minutes of the last meeting for approval.
The Minutes were approved and signed.

- 002/16 Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Bennett declared an interest in the Home Farm Stables application.

- 003/16 Planning applications received and circulated for review since last meeting:
16/0132/FULLN Home Farm Stables riding surface - No objection

- 004/16 Planning application to review:
16/01272/RESN 1 Beech Close Penton Harroway. Reserve matters application for the appearance and landscaping for the erection of detached 1.5 storey house (details of 14/02734/FULLN)
No objection to revised plan.

- 005/16 Updates
Homestead Farm. Action from last meeting: visited by TVBC.
There were concerns, but apart from removing fly-tipped rubbish, no enforcement action is currently envisaged. (TVBC were concerned that trade waste was being collected by the refuse collectors and going down the main waste stream not the trade waste route. TVBC are also checking that the caravans on the first site are paying the proper taxes and checking what they are permitted to do there).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- 045/16 Chairman's Remarks & Requests for Absences.
There were no remarks from the Chairman. Councillor Whitelegge made a request for absence for the August meeting.

- 046/16 The Minutes for the AGM meeting on 9th May 2016 were approved and signed.

- 047/16 Declarations of interest.
Prospective Councillor Millen declared an interest in the Blacksmith's Lane discussion.

Items for discussion and consideration:

- 048/16 Councillor Acceptance of Office. Stephen Millen duly read and signed the Declaration and was formally co-opted as a Councillor for the Parish. He was served with documents which were to be completed and returned to the Parish Clerk.
- 049/16 Blacksmith's Lane.
The Chairman explained that the Parish's response from the Land Registry concerning the proposed change to the title of The Smithy and Penton Mewsey bridleway number 3 had not yet been received. It was agreed that while action would be eventually required nothing would be done until the outcome of the private application by the owner of Grove Villa to retain vehicle access was known, notwithstanding the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- 049a/16 Defibrillators
Actions from last meeting. Final update and closure of project.

The Bluebell Farm unit leaks at the door seal. Councillor Briant will drill a hole in the bottom tray to release any water ingress. He also agreed to be responsible for taking the battery readings and obtaining refills when required.
All units are now registered with Southern Ambulance.
Installation costs were within the Councillor Grant which has just been confirmed as Going ahead. The surplus will be used to subsidise the last unit.
The annual electricity for the units at the village hall and Bluebell Farm are kindly covered By the PRC and Cllr Bennett. The unit at Penton Corner is covered by an annual cheque raised to the householder.
- 049b/16 Defibrillator/AED Cards.

It was agreed that a card should be produced and that a further draft of the card should be prepared. Amendments to be made as follows:
'My Neighbour's Details' should be expanded into two boxes to show two names.
A large box inserted for recording the code number when given it by 999.
Also 'will be' to be replaced by 'have been' in line 1.
Delete the sentence starting 'Use this card....'
Add 'near your phone' after 'available at the end of the last sentence.

A new draft is to be produced for approval. It can then be printed and delivered to houses in both Pentons Mewsey and Grafton.
Once the card has been agreed, printed and delivered this project will deemed to be closed.
- 050/16 Newbury Hill Planting.
The travelers who only stayed a couple of nights were friends of an ex traveler who now is settled. TVBC cannot enforce compensation for damage caused by them. It was agreed that the need to strim the whole area of the planting and make good any lost trees along the complete strip be delayed until the autumn and then employ someone, possibly from Enham or a new contact of the Clerk's, to tidy up etc. A cost of £200-£250 was to be expected. Councillor Bennett will consider the possibility of bunds at the entrances to the fields..

The decision was made not to buy the land, because then the parish would be responsible for the costs of cleaning up after, for example, fly tipping or further travelers.

051/16 Chalkcroft Lane Corner.
Give Way sign still not moved, but request is recorded.

052/16 Benches at Cricket Pavilion.
All agreed that they looked very smart, but did not seem to be secured very well.
It was thought that once gifted to the PRC they must insure them.

Councillor Reports

053/16 Chairman: none

054/16 Councillors:

Councillor Carrick.

A complaint was made about mess and puddles around the Nelson entrance.
The fence along the Mark path between Nelson's and the Portway Estate is still in a bad state of repair.

A Nelson lorry early in April asked for directions to Snows timber yard and despite being directed the correct way round the village, chose to turn as if to go through the village.

An incident of fly-tipping in the hedge along the same path opposite the garage was dealt with and cleared, although not entirely efficiently, after the Clerk reported it to TVBC. The garage denied all responsibility. See Homestead Farm report above.
Litter bin at bus stop filled again, making it difficult for other users.
The Mark path has now been mown, but in doing so plastic was shredded and left littering the path. Today, 12th June the Reynolds' filled a back bin liner with rubbish from the path.

13 June the old road leading to the Homestead farm estate is still parked with 8 or more cars making it impossible for council vehicles to trim verge and hedge along there. This means the pavement is very overgrown and pedestrians must walk in the road.

18 June both bollards at the top of the A342 at the end of Hanging Bushes Lane have been knocked down and pushed into the hedge, they are rotten and irreparable. If we want the path to be just for pedestrians and horses, they need replacing.

25 June the Harrow Way path from Upfield towards the estate has not yet been cut and is quite overgrown.

At the village end of Hanging Bushes Lane, the litter bin had been overfilled with clothing by someone. Again this makes it very difficult for other users of the path with their dogs. It was reported and emptied within a day.
Litter around the bus stop is minimal as is the layby up the old road.

Councillor Bennett.

An altercation over Receivership of the bus company at the 'Grain Store' resulted in Nelson's Skip Hire apparently dumping not only the load of the Dunning estate rubbish, but an entirely different and larger load of rubbish that was nothing to do with any of the work carried out at the site. It cost the Estate some £1200 to clear it up.

Councillor Briant.

See Defibrillator paragraphs above.

Progress Reports for information and comment:

055/16

Drains & Sewerage:

It was agreed that we have been well supported by Southern Water and its engineers over the years and without complaints from the houses immediately nearby this item is to be removed from the agenda.

056/16

Roads, Traffic & Maintenance

(a) Traffic Management

The Chairman read the letter received from the Team Leader of Traffic Management West of Hampshire County Council. It effectively said that they would do no more about speeding in the village as they deemed it unnecessary.

The recent accident whereby a car heading west, obviously at speed, careered across the road into Rose Cottage was discussed. Partly as a result Councillor Briant was asked by the Chairman to resurrect an earlier email and put together a raft of options to address all the road safety niggles that regularly come up in conversation. The aim being to see if there was really anything practical, pragmatic and worthwhile doing.

Councillor Bennett asked that the Parish Clerk keeps a record of all traffic incidents in the village and just outside, starting with the car that ended up in the field 6 weeks ago and the accident at Rose Cottage on Saturday evening last.

(b) General Maintenance Issues.

The whole question of using volunteers as against payment was discussed. The consensus was that the village would have to consider paying for additional help. While the horses no longer churn up the grass at the Harroway junction the path has once again become very overgrown and the mud still collects by the drain making it difficult for pedestrians. It was noted that at some time in might be possible to have the drain rebuilt, perhaps with CIL monies.

Finance:

057/16

Financial Schedules for approval and signature.

Two schedules were signed and approved.

058/16 Cheques for signature.
Two cheques were signed.

Correspondence: (for information only)
(a) None.
(b) One envelope returned.

Any Other Business: (for information only)

Trinity Rise Notice Board.

This appears excellent value in terms of quality repair and cost. It was agreed not to repair the board by the recreation ground but wait until it needs total replacement and then seek something on a par with that at Trinity Rise.

Councillor Grant.

See Defibrillator paragraphs above.

Community Infrastructure Levy.

Councillors Carrick and Millen plus the Parish Clerk will be attending this presentation on 25th July at Beech Hurst.

The Old Dairy.

Councillor Briant is extremely concerned about the loose transformer at The Old Dairy, where tree works are due to be carried out. The Parish Clerk is asked to look into this on her return.

The meeting closed at 20.30

Items for consideration to the Next Agenda:
None given.

Next Meetings:

August 8

September 12

October 24

December 5