

## Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at Penton Village Hall 7.30pm

Present:	Councillors	Clerk / RFO	Members of the Public
	Paul Fraser Kevin Briant Rodney Bennett Heather Carrick; Alastair Moffat Victoria Whitelegge	Nanette Colbourne	
<b>Apologies:</b>			

- 001/16      The Minutes of the last meeting for approval  
The Minutes were approved and signed
- 002/16      Declarations of Interest  
None
- 003/16      Planning applications received and circulated for review since last meeting:  
**16/00394/TREEN Yew Box Chalkcroft Lane Penton Mewsey SP11 0RQ**  
Remove 1 x Beech.

Penton Mewsey Parish Council OBJECT to this planning application for the following reasons:

As the tree has not been subject to any kind of inspection by a qualified tree surgeon there is no evidence given as to why the tree should be felled. Therefore unless information is proven otherwise then we must assume that this is a healthy specimen and should only be subject to removal of all dead branches and all lower branches which overhang the garage power line and part of the driveway. This will balance the tree where it suffered considerably from the trees that were in place next to it. We would recommend at least 30% crown lift to reduce the height. The tree received a crown lift in February 2011 (11/00438/TREEN). There was no mention on this application that the tree roots were a danger to the existing garage and it is well apart from the main building to not cause any problems

The tree is a long standing living beech which enhances the street scene along this part of the village. The property adjoining removed 3 very large trees within the last two years, altering the line of the existing boundary with the fields beyond. Many trees along this lane have been removed within the last year or so, including small specimens that were not subject to planning restrictions. We are committed to preserving what is in place as much as possible. The Pentons Village Design Statement that is referred to for every planning application for the

villages is in place to safeguard the fabric of the villages and the conservation area that we are in. I quote "This statement draws attention to what is special about the Pentons and to the features which give it a unique character. Trees are a main feature throughout the whole village"

Finally, should inspection by a qualified tree surgeon find evidence that the tree is unsound and dangerous we will take their advice and support TVBC in their decision.

**16/00361/LBWN The Coach House Newbury Hill Penton Mewsey Hampshire SP11 0RW**

Demolition of existing outbuilding, alterations to boundary wall and pier and the erection of a cartshed with extension of courtyard (revisions to 15/02709/FULLN and 15/02710/LBWN comprising the insertion of additional dormer window to south elevation and repositioning of external staircase)

NO OBJECTION to this planning application

004/16 Planning applications to review:  
None

005/16 Updates  
None

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

031/16 Chairman's Remarks & Requests for Absences  
None

032/16 Minutes of the last meeting for approval  
The Minutes were approved and signed

033/16 Declarations of Interest  
None

**Items for discussion and consideration:**

034/16 Defibrillator update  
Cllr Briant confirmed that the defibrillator for Penton Corner has been installed at no 6 Elizabeth Court. The Council recorded their thanks to the owner who has allowed the unit to be placed on their wall adjoining the footpath.

*Action:* Cllr Briant will inform Southern Ambulance of the location for registration purposes.

*Action:* The Clerk will arrange the standing order for electricity running costs to be paid annually. It was agreed the sum of £15 should be allocated annually for this.

*Action:* The Clerk will check with the Council insurers that each installation is covered in the event of damage to a property. The Clerk confirmed that the units are covered against theft or damage on our existing policies.

- Action:* It was agreed to purchase the final unit for installation at Bluebell Farm and to use the same electrician to install. This is to be actioned immediately. The Clerk will arrange the purchase. Cllr Briant kindly offered delivery to his home.
- 035/16 Newbury Hill Planting  
*Action:* It was agreed that a flyer should be distributed to request volunteers for cutting back the foliage and placing mulch around the planting at Newbury Hill. The suggested date for the planting was Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk will action.
- There are approximately 170 plants that have survived.  
The Clerk stated that there is the possibility to obtain free tree mulch. Cllr Bennett gave permission for this to be deposited at the field adjoining the planting.
- 036/16 Harroway Lane Corner  
*Action:* It was unanimously agreed that the road sign at the corner of Harroway Lane is sited as such not to allow the horse riders access to the pathway which is why they are cutting the corner off and churning up the grass.  
The Clerk will make a request of HCC that the sign is moved further up the lane by about 6ft
- 037/16 May AGM  
The Chairman offered to contact The Head of Planning TVBC for a possible speaker at the AGM. Subjects around future planning, risks and information were identified as the most relevant to the meeting this year.  
The Chairman and Clerk will purchase drink and nibbles.  
The AGM will be advertised in the next newsletter due at the end of April.
- 038/16 Notice Boards  
Cllr Briant kindly fixed the notice board at the recreation ground. It was agreed that once the board at Trinity Rise is repaired and re varnished then we would need to consider if the recreation board is worth renovating or replacing.
- 039/16 Blacksmiths Lane  
A Land Registry Application (case HP 786557. Title no HP 520553. The Smithy, Chalkcroft Lane, Penton Mewsey) has been registered by the owner of this property to seek a boundary change surrounding their property into Blacksmith's Lane  
PMPC has forwarded two 'holding' objections so that a meeting of the Parish Council could be held to consider this application.  
Parish Council unanimously voted to OBJECT to this application at this meeting.  
The Clerk will issue the formal letters and the objection.

### **Councillor Reports**

- 040/16 Chairman  
The Chairman discussed the success of the litter pick. It was suggested that next year the Council should consider making the litter pick more of a village event, especially to encourage children. Perhaps the use of the village hall for tea and cakes.
- 041/16 Councillors

Cllr Carrick kindly supplied the following report for information and discussion:

1. Nelsons & Homestead Farm  
Fence in poor state of repair on the Porttway side. Litter is bad here too plastic bags blown from side, cans, cups, general rubbish thrown over from the garage into the hedge.  
Nelson seems to have extended his recycling further towards the road and resurfaced the access road with his hardcore beyond the tarmac by several meters. 18<sup>th</sup> March .Fully resurfaced with tarmac now.  
The huge skeleton of a building now has covered ends, rather scruffy corrugated panels.
2. Brown's barn seems to be finished; a lovely looking building although not exactly as the picture on the plan approved. Two –thirds of the front is closed, only one-third is open.
3. 1 Beech Close Work has begun there on the house, no sign of work in the garden for the second building.
4. Litter –not too bad at the moment. A little worse at the weekends sometimes around the bus shelter.
5. Lorries not noticed this month, horse boxes seem more frequent.

The Council was in agreement that the Chairman would look into arranging a mutually informative meeting between the owner of Nelson's, PMPC and the TVBC Enforcement Officer.

It was agreed to continue to monitor the building at Beech close.

#### **Progress Reports for information and comment:**

- 042/16 Drains & Sewerage:  
No comments
- 043/16 Roads, Traffic & Maintenance  
Traffic Management (action from last meeting)  
The speed watch that was conducted last week gave a reading of 47 out of 50 vehicles under the speed limit. The results were felt to be rather misleading due to the high visibility of the police car and the installation of the speed indicator at the entrance to the village.

It was agreed that any future speed watches would be beneficial at the East to West end of the village as it was stated that once traffic noted the de restriction signs on the village gateways the tendency was to speed whilst within the 30mph limits.

A review is being undertaken currently and further suggestions would be forwarded.

#### **Finance:**

#### **PMPC RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

29 <sup>th</sup> February	Interest	£0.02
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**PMPC PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Penton Cricket Club	£300.00
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**PMPC PAYMENT OF CHEQUES SENT BETWEEN LAST MEETING & SIGNED**

21 <sup>st</sup> March	Arbor Call	£192.00
21 <sup>st</sup> March	CPRE	£36.00
21 <sup>st</sup> March	J. Harris	£195.60

**PMPC balance from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> March** **£648.35**  
**Comprising of Business Reserve** **£548.35**  
**Plus Current Account** **£100.00**

**PMPC Saving Account (defibrillator fund)** **£1,400**

029/16 Financial Schedules for approval and signature  
 1 schedule was approved.

030/16 Cheques for signature  
 4 cheques were signed

**Correspondence:** (for information only)  
 No envelope was circulated

**Any Other Business:** (for information only)  
 The Local Plan for Test Valley has been formally approved. The Clerk has a copy which will be circulated for review of relevant items.

The caravan in the lay-by at the 'old road' has been reported to TVBC by the Clerk

Martin Smith as kindly offered to cut down the tree at the pond that has fallen half into the water. Cllr Bennett offered to dispose of the cut wood.

**Items for consideration to the Next Agenda:**

**Next Meetings:**  
 May 9 AGM

June 20	August 8	
September 12	October 24	December 5