

Minutes of Meeting 24th October at Penton Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Councillors	Clerk / RFO	Members of the Public
Stephen Millen - Chairman Victoria Whitelegge Kevin Briant Rodney Bennett Heather Carrick	Nanette Colbourne	Cllr Zilliah Brooks Cllr Pam Mutton Ian Stockwell Hugh Burden
Apologies:		

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:
16/02128/FULLN Hillside Cottage, Chalkcroft Lane
New single bay detached garage

PMPC Decision to electronic review: NO OBJECTION

However we would wish the following observations to be taken into account by Test Valley Planning when reviewing this application and we put forward these recommendations:

Whilst we believe that the siting of the garage has been given a lot of thought in respect of allowing one vehicle to be garaged and one on the drive we would recommend that thought is given to the adjacent property, Megs Patch and that the garage may be sited further from the fence line than it is proposed. This would, with the reduced roof line of the suggested garage provide space between the existing fence and therefore be more suitably viewed from the neighbouring property. In addition any loss of light into the garden of the adjacent property will be diminished. Moving the garage over from the fence would not impinge on the parking of another vehicle. The oil tank could be situated between the fence and the proposed garage.

Local Plan Policy E9 Heritage states that any proposal affecting listed building must enhance and not harm the listed building and we propose that the recommendation above will not impact on the building. Finally we would wish to ask why there is no evidence of listed building application to accompany this application, as would be expected. Has this been overlooked?

004/16 Planning applications to review:
None

- 005/16 Updates:
Nelson – Homestead site.
The Clerk has reported to TVBC the possible breaches of planning control at the above site. The enquiry has been passed to Mrs. Samantha Francis who will be looking into the matter under Enforcement reference 16/0769/REG.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- 089/16 Chairman's Remarks & Requests for Absences
None
- 090/16 Minutes of the last meeting for approval
The minutes were approved and signed. One spelling error was indicated.
- 091/16 Declarations of Interest
None

Items for discussion and consideration:

- 092/16 Chairman to be voted into office.
Cllr Millen was duly approved by the Council to act as Chairman until the AGM next May when a vote will be taken for the position May 2017 /8.
- 093/16 Councillor vacancy.
Very thorough presentations were given by the two applicants and questions were put to them by the council. After much consideration the vote was taken to offer the vacancy to Hugh Burden.
The council gives thanks to both candidates for their time and interest to the vacancy and for attending the meeting.
- 094/16 Community Speedwatch.
An update was given by the Chairman:

The following sites have been identified:
- Travelling from Weyhill Bottom eastwards to Charlton
- Telegraph poll 6224581 outside Four Acres
- Telegraph poll 6224580 outside Pond View, using Kevin Briant's drive .In this case The device could be sited on the poll with the consent of BT.

Travelling from Charlton towards Weyhill Bottom
- By the layby alongside the pond and the traffic signal warning of children and horses
- By the bus shelter and bus stop.

It has been confirmed by PC Trowbridge that Dave Taylor (Traffic Management Officer) has confirmed he is happy with the locations proposed.

Flyers have been distributed to the Pentons requesting interested parties to volunteer for the Community Speedwatch incentive that is being proposed. To date 5 people have volunteered. (It is hoped that at least 8 people will volunteer).

Action: A further update and the question of fundraising will be discussed at the next meeting.

095/16 Lengthsman Scheme.
The Clerk presented the Lengthsman scheme which is an initiative run by Hampshire County Council for Parish Councils to receive funding for maintenance work within the parish. Details of which were:

- Funding from HCC for 2017 not yet confirmed
- Parishes are grouped together to form 'clusters'
- No limit to the number of parish 'clusters'. There is the possibility of at least 13 local parishes being interested
- Each parish receive £1000
- The 'Lead Parish' receives £100 per parish within the scheme (in addition to the £1000)
- Penton Mewsey Clerk has agreed to be lead parish
- Any 'work time' allocated to a parish that is not used at a given date will be offered to other parishes within the scheme

Some further comments on the scheme:

- The Lengthsman is contracted by all the Parishes. He is not employed by the Lead Parish
- Each parish in the scheme must have £10m Public Liability Insurance (probably about £60 per annum more than the usual £5m most have
- Each parish must sign an agreement
- Each parish should authorise a nominated person to liaise with lead parish
- Each parish must supply a prioritised list of tasks on a worksheet giving clear location and plans if appropriate to lead council. It is recommended that a list of works for each parish is set annually rather than month by month
- Each parish has the responsibility of their work schedule
- Each parish is responsible for signing off the work with the Lengthsman for their parish

The scheme received favorable comments and it was agreed that PMPC would be interested in joining the scheme. The Clerk stated that the extra work load as being Lead Parish can be undertaken. A follow on meeting has been arranged by the Penton Grafton Clerk for next month.

Action: A further update will be given at the next meeting

096/16 Internal Auditor.
The overall cost of the proposed auditor for 2016/7 would be an additional £35. It was unanimously agreed to instruct Mr Tim Light as PMPC auditor going forward.

Action: The Clerk to progress

097/16 Hants.gov.uk mailbox.
The information given to the Clerk regarding the discontinuation of HCC funding for the hants.gov.uk mailbox has proved to be unfounded due to an internal error. The mailbox will continue and will be enhanced at no cost to the users.

098/16 Grain Store Traffic through village

The Chairman and Clerk met with The Dunning Estate Agent, Mr Paul Tory and the owners of D & K Travel for a friendly discussion regarding the use of Grain Store traffic through the village. D & K Travel owners were very helpful and recognized the need to reaffirm the traffic restrictions with some of their staff.

Mr Tory pointed out that the Caravan store hire business is separately owned and discussions would take place with the owner to ensure his staff is fully briefed about the restrictions.

Suggestions to informing visitors not to use SAT NAV was discussed, in addition the suggestion for 2 news signs to be erected stating 'No access to Staddlestones Farm' was made.

Action: The council was actioned to review the entrance to the village for the possibility of erecting a sign there. Cllr Brooks pointed out that this may need planning permission. The Clerk will check initially with Ray Aldborough.

PMPC formally thank Mr Tory and the owners of D & K Travel for their time and assistance in helping with this issue. An article was suggested for insertion into the next Newsletter due in January.

Councillor & Clerk Reports

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Councillors Reports:

Cllr Millen:

Report on the Future of Local Governments in Hampshire 27th September workshop

The purpose of the meeting was to enable the County Council to obtain the views of Parish Councils on the various options for and on particular issues relating to the government's proposals for devolution to and for the reorganisation of local government.

The session was chaired by Councillor Roy Perry chairman of the County Council and presentations made by the Chief Executive, a director and an assistant director of the Council and the Chief Executive of HLAC Steve Lugg.

The main points made by speakers were as follows

The County Council was under great pressure to reduce its budget by central government and in fact by 2020 the budget would have been cut by some 40% or £480 m

The County Council has made no decisions at all as to what form of devolution or reorganisation if any should be put in place.

There was no threat whatsoever to Town or Parish Councils.

In September 2015 Hampshire authorities as a whole had proposed a combined authority for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight comprising and made up of all the principal authorities (counties and districts) in the area. However the government had insisted that it should be led by a single elected mayor which was unacceptable to the signatory authorities because of the diverse nature of the constituent areas.

Subsequently there had been a proposal made for a greater Solent combined authority.

The County Council had commissioned an independent review of the issues which had concluded that one unitary authority was the most cost-effective and might save £40 million but would only be 20% bigger.

Two breakout sessions were held in small groups to discuss two particular topics Firstly Locality Working to secure more parish involvement and secondly Deeper Devolution to give parishes more control.

The first might involve the creation of area boards such as those in Wiltshire which are now operating very successfully and joint initiatives with parishes. Reference was also made to the lengthmen scheme and village agents.

Deeper Devolution could involve monitoring, joint delivery, agency agreements, devolved services and even a full service transfer, such as has occurred in relation to the Salisbury crematorium.

The consultation is ongoing and progress will be reported on the County website.

Cllr Carrick Report:

Nelson's site. A double storey container seems to have appeared in addition to the prefabricated office mentioned last report.

Ducks In Road: I investigated Quality Cast Signs website and sent off a request. A suggested a sign would perhaps cost between £50 and £100 depending on material.

Action: Cllr Carrick to request sample pictures. It was agreed that the council would purchase a sign for seasonal use. For further discussion at the next meeting.

A pile of earth has been noticed outside the Brown's house and on chatting to the owner found he was re-siting his oil tank and would replace the soil later. This has not happened yet.

Action: It was agreed to monitor the situation.

Old Road. The hedge overgrown where the cars are parked has been hacked down but cuttings left in situ. Also Lorries occasionally parked there too. 4th and 5th October. Just during the day I believe.

Action: The Clerk will write to the owners of the property in question to request the cutting removed. It was agreed to monitor the parked vehicles.

Marks Path. The fence has been repaired however there is rubble and green rubbish placed at the footpath.

Action: The Clerk will inform The Environmental Services.

Cllr Whitelegge:

No report

Cllr Bennett

No report

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Clerk Report:

Ducks in Road signs

Item covered by Cllr Carrick above.

Damage to trees and straw in the village due to high loaded vehicle.
This has been reported to HCC Highways however no contact has been made with the council

Action: The Clerk will write a formal letter regarding the situation.

Harroway Lane Corner. Update on request for relocation of Give Way sign
HCC have stated that there is no possibility of the relocation of this sign due to highway regulations. It was stated that should the council be successful in obtaining the Lengthsman scheme then this area would be considered a priority to cut back and keep the footpath clear.

Business at residential address
No further update has been given. There have been no recorded complaints from any of the residents at this location. Ongoing.

Bus shelter bin.
The use of the bin at this location has been reported to TVBC Environmental Services who will address

Progress Reports for information and comment:

085/16 Drains & Sewerage:
No comments

086/16 Roads, Traffic & Maintenance:
No comments

Finance:

PMPC RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING 12th September 2016

4 th July	TVBC	£1,000.00
19 th July	Savings account	£40.00
29 th July	Bank	£0.08
31 st August	Bank	£0.08
12 th September	TVBC	£3,000.00
30 th September	Bank	£0.14

PMPC PAYMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING 12th September 2016

19 th August	J Murray	£110.00
2 th September	Information fee	£35.00

PMPC PAYMENT OF CHEQUES SENT BETWEEN LAST MEETING & SIGNED

2 nd October	N Colbourne	£702.99
24 th October	HCC	£52.68
24 th October	A C Stubbs	£125.00
24 th October	Bulputt Print	£95.60

24 th October	P Midgley	£80.00
24 th October	P.C.C.	£400.00
24 th October	P.R.C.	£400.00

PMPC balance from 5th August to 5th September **£1,702.19**
Comprising of Business Reserve **£1,602.19**
Plus Current Account **£100.00**

PMPC balance from 5th September to 5th October **£4,567.33**
Comprising of Business Reserve **£4,467.33**
Plus Current Account **£100.00**

087/16 Financial Schedules for approval and signature
2 schedules were approved at this meeting

088/16 Cheques for signature
6 cheques were signed

Correspondence: (for information only)
No envelope circulated

Any Other Business: (for information only)
Cllr Brooks reported that the road works at the Harroway School for a school crossing may cause delays.
A further update on the devolution was requested

Items for the next agenda:
2017 meeting dates
New Councillor Declaration

Items to remain on the agenda for future reference:
ANPR System at Andover Business Park
Bridle path

Next Meetings:
December 5