

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 16th December 2014. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Candover Valley Club, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Adam Willmott
Di Peisley
Wendy Simson Clerk
Bob Parks Chairman of CVC

Apologise: PC Reid

802 Apologies

PC Reid was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report to the Clerk and Chairman.

803 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 21st October 2014 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

804 Matters arising

Hedges at Moth House – The Vice Chairman asked if the Chairman had spoken to the residents at Moth House about getting the hedges cut along Gravel Close to allow the bin lorry to gain access. The Chairman explained that he hadn't but the residents had cut the hedges so the work had been completed.

Helicopter landing area – The Chairman had not had an opportunity to speak to the owner of Candover Park about the location of his helicopter landing area and its proximity to the road and local residents.

Action: Chairman to speak to the landowner

Shelves in the library – The volume of books at the telephone box library has decreased so the additional shelves are not a necessity at the present time. Councillor Peisley to report if more shelves are required in the future.

805 Police Update

PC Reid was not able to attend the meeting but sent a report showing the following incidents since the last meeting:-

- 28.10 Car hit deer B3046

- 02.11 Report from Darren of suspicious vehicle and people near the buried Church at 10:30 pm, PC Reid attended and took details of those present who are known on our systems. All in order and suitable advice given for their early departure.....
- 11.11 Tree partially across B3046 at Brown Candover, PC Reid asked Darren to clear it which he did long before the initial HCC Highways response turned up.

The Chairman updated the Parish Council about the proposed changes to rural policing. The restructure is due to come into effect from 15th April 2015 and will reduce the number of Neighbourhood Police Officer in the Basingstoke area from 11 to 8 but will also pair the officers up so there will be 4 police vehicles each with two officers. Following the public meeting in Herriard at which 300+ residents of the 12 parishes that PC Reid protects were present, the Chairman has met with the Assistant Police Constable to discuss a way forward. The Chairman met with most of the Chairman of the other 11 Parishes on Monday 15th December to brief them about possible plans. One option may be that each of the 12 Parishes makes a financial contribution from the precept to maintain to level of police cover the area currently enjoys. The Chairman agreed to ensure that the Council were made aware of any changes or updates.

806 Financial Statement

The following payments were discussed and agreed:-

- Hedge cutting at church, burial ground and cricket pitch (£540.00)
- Clerk's salary (£240.00)
- PAYE (£60.00)
- CVC grant for decoration (£5,000)
- Grass cutting at bus shelters (£125.00))
- Grass cutting at burial ground (£150.00)

The Parish Council agreed the budgets for 2015/16 in line with the spending for 2014/15 and so the precept of £3,000 was maintained and this paperwork was completed along with the General Grant application of £1,100. The money allocated for grass cutting is due to paid in 2015/16 at £620 along with the £217 Council Tax Support. There is no VAT to be claimed back so a total income of £4,937 is due. A total of £4,966 in expenditure is planned for next year. The closing balance on the account for 2014/15 is due to is £3,337 if no money is required for flood work.

The Chairman asked about the opportunity to employ a lengths man to clear the ditches throughout the year in 2015 now that the heavy work has been completed by the landowners. The Council agreed that this would be good use of funds and so the budget line of £2,500 for ditch clearing was included in the budgets for 2015/16.

807 Candover Valley Club update

The Parish Council were meeting in the front bar of the CVC which has had a full make over as part of the decoration project. The Councillors agreed that the room looks lovely and the opening night was a huge success.

The next phase of the project is to replace the patio doors in the front bar and the mains doors and get the paintwork and guttering sorted out. There is also a small amount of work

to do in the kitchen area. A grant from Basingstoke and Deane has been applied for to support this activity.

The Children's Christmas Party was a success with 35 children attending and all the usual games and Santa was able to make time for an appearance at this very busy time of the year.

The Chairman asked that the Parish Council record their thanks for the CVC Committee for all their hard work in 2014 with the refurbishment which has made the club such a wonderful asset to the community.

808 Planning

There have been two planning applications since the last meeting, they are:-

- Tree work at Pegs Cottage, Brown Candover – no objections
- Side and front extension at 8 Gravel Close and new garage and workshop when existing is demolished – no objections

The retrospective application for Moth House has been declined by Basingstoke and Deane planning department.

Action: Clerk to speak to planning department and get an understanding of next steps.

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked about an alert which had been received about new illuminated signs at the Woolpack Inn. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

Action: Clerk to check on application

809 Flooding

There has been a huge amount of work carried out by the local landowners in both Brown and Chilton Candover. Some work is planned at the gravel pit at the end of Gravel Close with the two property owners working together to get an access route cleared to allow water to run away.

The owners of Wayfarers Cottage in Brown Candover are working to remove the concrete bridges which have been a block to water flow in 2000 and 2014. This property has also installed a new sewage system.

The highways department are producing a report on the heavy engineering work which is planned with the grant money allocated to the valley. This will include replacing the culvert at Spybush Lane in Brown Candover with a much larger bore pipe but this work will not be possible until water levels have dropped again in 2015.

810 Website Update

Councillor Peisley has updated all the minutes on the website and has also been able to add some photographs of various events.

811 Community Store

The Clerk reported that at the Preston Candover and Nutley Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th December, the Community Store Committee gave a presentation about the plans. The group have identified a number of sites but the preferred one is the field next to the village hall in Preston Candover, which is owned by Lord Sainsbury. The group are working on their plans to ensure agreement from the community and landowner for the plans to continue.

The new Community Store will include the post office and a coffee shop, giving the opportunity for those who visit to get a broad range of services along with a range of food including fresh produce, luxury goods and local goods.

812 General Correspondence

The Parish Council have received a Christmas card from the Mayor of Basingstoke. CPRE have sent through their most recent magazine and newsletter which the Chairman took to read.

A selection of leaflets on policing were received and some were retained to be displayed at the CVC.

813 Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman informed that Council that the new solar park may be the last in the area as the grid was now full.

The Vice Chairman asked the Chairman if there was any news about the wind farm which was refused planning permission earlier in the year. The Chairman explained that the final date for appeal was over the Christmas period and the action group were expected an appeal to be lodged.

Councillor Peisley asked about the heavy good vehicles which have started using the valley, a number of which travel very quickly along the B3046. It is believed that the lorries are connected the new solar park development but the Chairman agreed to speak to PC Reid about getting a deterrent along the valley for a while.

814 Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th February 2015 at Candover Valley Club starting at 7:30pm, later meeting in 2015 to be on:-

- Thursday 14th May
- Thursday 16th July
- Thursday 1st October
- Thursday 3rd December