

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 17th February 2015. **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

815 Apologies

PC Reid was unable to attend the meeting but had informed the Chairman that there were no issues.

816 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 16th December 2014 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

817 Matters arising

The Chairman informed the Council that a meeting to discuss the new Rural Policing Policy with the 13 Chairmen of the Parish Councils which PC Reid looks after was to be held on Wednesday 18th February. Following this meeting it was hoped that a way forward could be agreed.

818 Financial Statement

The following payments were discussed and agreed:-

- Clerk's salary (£240.00)
- PAYE (£60.00)

The Clerk explained that apart from some interest on the savings account that these two payments concluded the accounts for the 2014/15 financial year. Once the final interest for March was received the accounts would be closed and sent to Mrs Parks for internal audit prior to being sent for external audit. The Clerk would be able to report the final statement at the Annual Meeting on 19th May.

The Council have budgeted for a lengths man role within the Parish and £2,500 set aside for this work. It was agreed that for the next meeting the scope of the role would be presented by the Chairman including the number of times the ditches are to be cleared and when this was to happen.

Action: Chairman to present project plan at AGM.

819 Flooding

The huge amount of work carried out by the residents of the Parish have meant that although the water levels are similar to those last year, that the water is being allowed to flow away and is not causing the issues of early 2014. Particular thanks from the community needs to go to the two local land owners who have put a huge amount of man power into ensuring that the ditches have been cleared.

Councillor Peisley explained that she had a blockage outside her property which was caused by a blocked drain. Work had been done to try to clear it but this hadn't worked.

Action: Clerk to contact Environment Agency to look at the issue.

The residents in Duck Lane have re-created a field drain to ensure the water is filtered down the water meadows; however Councillor Curtis Hayward explained that this needed to be done carefully to stop large volumes of water causing an issue.

The Clerk reported that the large plan including the engineering works at Spiers Lane was due to be received by the Parish Council in the next few weeks and would ensure it was circulated as soon as it arrived.

820 Candover Valley Club update

Bob Parks talked through the work being done at the CVC which includes the fitting of a fire detection system. The new smoke detectors are hard wired into the mains as is now recommended by H&S legislation. The flooring in the kitchen and bar area has also been replaced and a new fridge purchased for the front bar. The last part of this phase of work was to replace all the external doors as most were very rotten.

The Parish Council agreed that the work done had made the CVC a real asset to the community.

821 Community Website

Councillor Peisley has put all the minutes of the meetings onto the site along with a number of new photos. It was agreed that some information about the changes to rural policing policy and the new lengths man role should both be included on the site.

Action: Councillors to ensure any information that is deemed relevant should be directed to Councillor Peisley to include on the site.

Action: Bob Parks to introduce Johnny Marriott to Councillor Peisley to explain the work he has done with the CVC website.

822 Community Store

Councillor Willmott reported that all seems to be going well with the plans for the Community Store. The proposed site in Preston Candover on the field next to the village hall has been approved by Lord Sainsbury who owns the land. The committee are now interviewing architects to draw up the plans for the community feedback can be collected.

It was agreed that Bob Woods, The Chairman of the Community Store Committee had done a huge amount of work on the project.

823 General Correspondence

Basingstoke and Deane had written to inform that Parish Council that the traffic into and out of the Bio Plant at Herriard have been reduced from 40 (20 in and 20 out) to 32 (16 in and 16 out).

824 Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman asked if the resident responsible for the hedges on the bend at the Totford end of Brown Candover could be asked to cut them back as they were causing traffic to use the centre of the road. The Chairman explained that he had been approached already about the issue and that the work had been carried out that day.

Councillor Peisley raised concern about the increased number of large lorries travelling through the valley. It is believed that a number are from the vegetable washing depot in Bradley where drivers have been asked not to travel through Alresford. The Chairman agreed to make some inquiries about what was happening and report at the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Peisley to record the number of lorries and times.

Councillor Willmott informed the Council that the date had been agreed for the Duck Race as Saturday 21st March.

Councillor Willmott also suggested that the Brown Candover library needed a fresh coat of paint as it was looking tired. Councillor Peisley agreed to set up a working party in the spring; Councillor Curtis Hayward agreed to be involved.

Action: Councillor Peisley to publish dates for painting work.

Councillor Curtis Hayward expressed concern about the volume of litter being dumped on the road sides. It was discussed if this was caused by the cyclist who uses the valley for races and recreational rides but it was felt that it was more likely to be motorists throwing litter from their vehicles. It was agreed that this could be included with the lengths man role which it was agreed.

825 Date of next meeting

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

- Tuesday 21st July
- Monday 5th October
- Monday 7th December

826 Planning

Woolpack signage – The Clerk had investigated this application and it appeared that it was an old application which hadn't been closed off by Basingstoke and Deane. This has now been completed and there is no additional signage to be erected.

Moth House – The Clerk had circulated an update on the retrospective application made on 14th October 2014. This application had been declined by Basingstoke and Deane and so the current situation is that the roadway across the paddock and the site of the estate office, games room and gym were illegal. Basingstoke and Deane were waiting for an alternative application to be submitted but to date this had not been received.

Brynbella – The Vice Chairman agreed to leave the meeting at this point as she has an interest in this property. The remaining Councillors discussed the recent planning application

along with previous requirements from older applications. The feedback from the Council to Basingstoke and Deane had been that these older clauses should be investigated to ensure all the agreed actions had been carried out.

The Councillors all agreed that the new property was a much more attractive building than the existing house and that there had been a number of residents who had increased the footprint of their property or like this rebuilt properties with much larger buildings.