

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 17th June 2014. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Willowbrook Cottage, Brown Candover

Present: Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Adam Willmott
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Di Peisley

763 Apologies

The Chairman and Councillor Peisley sent their apologies as they were unable to attend the meeting.

764 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting and AGM held on 6th May 2014 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Vice Chairman signed to confirm this.

765 Police Update

PC Reid had passed on the update to Councillor Wilmott and there was nothing to report.

766 Matters Arising

Sand Bags – The advert was placed in the Oxdrove about collection of the sandbags and the only ones requiring picking up were at Councillor Wilmot’s house. It was agreed by the Council that it would be useful to keep some bags just in case they were required and these were all plastic bags which could be reused. It was therefore decided that Councillor Wilmott would speak to the Chairman about ensuring there was space at the farm to keep the bags and get a small group to transport them.

Action: Councillor Wilmott to arrange storage of remaining sandbags with Chairman

767 Financial Statement

The Council agreed the payment of the following cheques:-

- £60.00 - PAYE (April to June)
- £240.00 – Clerk’s salary (April to June)

It was agreed that the Parish Council were carrying too much money from one year to the next and that a pledge of £5,000 had been given for the renovation and decoration work at the Candover Valley Club and this should be included in the statement. £500 had been put aside for clearing the ditches and it was decided that more money would be required for this

work so this line would be increased to £2,500. This would reduce the bank accounts by £7,500 of the £9,074 which was carried into 2014/15.

The Council also discussed the work required on the war memorial; Councillor Wilmott confirmed that it was likely to be just the cost of a brass plaque if the existing one did not polish up.

768 Planning

Moth Farm Shooting Lodge – These plans were circulated since the last meeting and the Council had raised no objections to the alteration from the last plans which were approved.

Gates at Woolpack Inn – There was no feedback from the Chairman on this matter. The Council felt that the gate should be objected to as this would give a consistent message about planning decisions in the Valley.

Action: Chairman to report back about feedback

Woodmancott Wind Farm – The Vice Chairman explained that the public hearing for this development is to be held on Wednesday 25th June and that applications for those who wish to speak are being requested. The Vice Chairman is to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the meeting. Councillor Wilmott explained that he had sent through some information to the action group about a similar development in the North East where the software which allowed military aircraft to be able to navigate did not work and so the wind farm was not operational.

769 Candover Valley Club update

Mr Parks had sent a message to say that the work on the front bar area was due to start in the near future and that most of the money had been collected for the work required.

The Clerk reported that the loft at the Club had been cleared as part of this work and racking erected with storage boxes to keep equipment and decorations in good order.

770 Flooding

The Clerk explained that Charles Bradshaw, the Vice Chairman at Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council had attended a meeting on 27th May but at the time of the meeting did not have feedback. However since then the following information has been received:-

Jantiene Klein Roseboom, Peter Berry and I met with Sarah Reghif, a senior engineer from HCC on 27th May to discuss the flooding in the valley. Peter Berry was very much involved with the flood remedial work in Preston Candover back in 2001/2002 so was able to impart a lot of knowledge and technical data arising from that period. Jantiene also handed HCC a lot of the work and maps she had prepared on flooding in the valley this year.

Sarah Reghif will now compile a report, together with her colleagues from the Environment Agency, with recommendations on a valley wide flood defence plan. No date was given as to when the report would be produced – but it would take several months.

The Clerk has asked if work was going to be carried out in the short term to protect the valley this winter as water levels are still very high. The Clerk also asked if there were plans to turn on the pumping stations at Totford as this would clear a huge amount of water from the valley.

Action: Clerk to keep the Council informed as information come through.

771 Neighbourhood Plan

The feedback from HALC about the plan produced by Northington Parish Council was that it was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood plan.

Councillor Curtis Hayward explained that having investigated the requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan that it would be 1 to 2 years work and would require a number of specialist groups to measure the Environmental Impact and analyse the survey data from the community.

The issue is that if the Parish Council doesn't prepare a plan then there is limited protection for the community from Basingstoke & Deane allocating additional housing to the area. Councillor Curtis Hayward is to speak to Basingstoke & Deane about how much protection the Conservation Area gives.

The Council also discussed the issue that if a plan is drawn up there may be a need to identify areas where additional housing could be built and this could become very controversial within the Parish, particularly with the large landowners. The stress on the ground water in recent years and the flooding caused in the valley from the existing homes has been a cause of great concern and the Council also raised the issue that more houses would simply exacerbate this issue.

Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward to report at next meeting about B&D view.

772 General Correspondence

The Clerk just had the notice for speakers at the Woodmancott Wind Farm meeting.

773 Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman informed the Council that a Time Team type group were coming to the valley to dig up a Roman villa at Chilton Manor Farm. They are going to be on site from 1st August to 17th August and anyone who wishes to get involved is very welcome.

The Vice Chairman had asked about renting the marquee for the event so there was some covered space for the teams to work in. The Council agreed that it would be given free of charge as the Vice Chairman contributes a huge amount to the community.

774 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7:00pm at the Candover Valley Club.

Future meetings:-

Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday 9th December