

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 29th January 2018 **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: CVC, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Di Peisley
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Sue Marriott Lady Vice-Chair
Adam Willmott
PC Andy Reid

1061 Apologies

The Lady Vice Chair and Councillor Willmott were unable to attend the meeting, and both sent apologies, as did PC Reid.

1062 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 27th November 2017 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1063 Police update

As PC Reid was not able to attend the meeting he sent through the following update:

First, I am sure that by now you may have heard that Mr Andreae lost his battle against cancer and died yesterday morning

Generally, across the twenty-two parishes of this former beat area (changed in 2014 as part of a force-wide re-organisation), crime rose as it has yearly since 2014 with 211 crimes reported during the year, an increase of 38 on the 2016 figure of 174, some being down to the change in Home Office recording standards but still a crime that has occurred.

	2016	2017
Preston Candover	14	20
Brown Candover	6	8
Chilton Candover	0	4
Bradley	5	2
Axford	3	2
Nutley	0	1
Totford (B/stoke side)	1	3

1064 Matters arising

Bus service & Good Neighbour Scheme – Due to the change of meeting date Natalie Rosebuck was not able to attend the meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Jeff at Cresta Coaches to get an update on how the service was performing and if there was a need to set up the Good Neighbour Scheme to provide lifts and transport support.

Action: Chairman to contact Jeff at Cresta Coaches.

Action: If required Clerk to invite Natalie to the next meeting on 26th March

Section 106 funds – The Chairman to confirm when the section 106 money will be made available and if it will be transferred to the Parish Council accounts or held at B&D.

Speed Limits – Councillor Curtis Hayward reported that she had received the following response from Alfred Nortley at HCC:

Speed Limit Extension – B3046 Farleigh Road, Chilton Candover

I refer to your email dated 2 January regarding the existing 40mph speed limit on the B3046 up to Chilton Manor Farm where it changes to a derestricted speed limit.

Keeping Hampshire's roads safe and well maintained is a priority for the County Council and we do this by directing our resources towards those locations where there are evidence accidents are occurring, and the introduction of traffic management measures are most likely to reduce these. Specialist staff regularly analyse injury accident data to identify collision hotspots where potential safety measures are considered against the evidence to determine what interventions may need to be introduced. Should you wish to check the injury accident record at a specific location yourself you can do this via the following website:<http://www.crashmap.co.uk/search>.

We may also investigate locations where there is continued evidence of collisions that may not have resulted in injury, such as traffic incidents that have resulted in frequent damage to property boundaries, or where recent changes to the local environment appear to have compromised safety. Limited resources mean that issues not evidenced by injury, collision damage or material change are not prioritised above sites where such evidence exist.

I should add that in the past, requests for reduced speed limits would generally have come to the County Council via the local County Member or Parish Council. Once prioritised for investigation by the Members, such requests would then be assessed in relation to County Policy which is based on Department for Transport guidance ([DfT Circular 01/2013](#)). A range of factors are considered including road character and function, density and level of fronting development, accident history and road safety issues, current traffic speeds, the frequency of junctions and private entrances, and amenities that attract motorised and non-motorised road users. To be effective, speed limits are reliant on drivers reacting to a range of those factors, particularly those with a visual impact to encourage appropriate speed choices and better awareness of the surrounding environment. There are expectations that speed limits should reflect and build upon the natural reactions of drivers to those visual cues that surround them, as this will present an enforceable regime that the majority of drivers will respect and appreciate.

In recent times however, reduced budgets and limited staff resources have led to the County Council having to refocus traffic management measures to deal with casualty reduction. This generally means that we would not consider reducing a speed limit now unless the route has an injury accident record with speed-related collisions. With that said, we have undertaken a number of local speed limit changes across the County which are in addition to the countywide appraisals such as the national A & B class roads Speed Limit Review and the Village 30 initiative. The speed limit for the entire stretch of the B3046 was reviewed as part of the A & B class roads speed limit assessment. More specific to your enquiry, the section from its junction with the C83 Totford Hill at Northington to its junction with the A339 at

Audleys Wood, was extensively reviewed but did not meet the collision threshold criteria which would have otherwise justified modifying the speed limit or implementing additional measures. This section was initially identified as a medium priority route based on data between January 2007 and December 2011 and having taken another look today, I can confirm that the Personal Injury Accident (PIA) record still remains good, with no collision pattern that could be resolved through engineering measures or traffic regulation.

With the above in mind and in line with keeping our roads safe and well maintained, you may be interested to note that the County Council is promoting a new programme of community-funded Traffic Management measures. The principles of this new initiative were set within the new policy on the Traffic Management service and enables Parish Councils or community groups to fund minor and straightforward traffic management measures, recognising that measures that are a low priority for County Council funding and resource may be of high value to the community. Please advise if you wish to know more about the Community Funded Initiative (CFI).

It was agreed that Councillor Curtis Hayward would ask about the options for the Parish Council funding any work and preventative measures.

Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward to report back progress to Council.

1065 Financial Update

The payments to be made at the meeting are: -

- PAYE (Oct to Dec) – £120.00
- Clerk's salary (Oct to Dec) - £180.00

The Council also signed off cheques for Lengthsman work in Cliddesdon, Preston Candover and Northington.

The budgets for 2018/19 were discussed and it was agreed that the precept be increased by 10% to ensure that there are funds given the decreases in the various grants.

The Grant Application forms have been circulated to all the usual applicants and these are to be reviewed at the next meeting and a decision made on who to support.

The new bank account has been opened which will allow the Lengthsman funds to be kept separate from the Candovers Parish Council funds.

Action: Clerk to transfer Lengthsman funds into new account.

It was agreed that the Lengthsman duties be put out to tender for 2018/19 to ensure that the cluster are getting best value for money. Ellisfield and Herriard both use specialist support but have been asked to invite them to tender for all 8 parishes.

1066 CVC Update

The Chairman reported that there is due to be a meeting to discuss the funds for the CVC in February. The donations and membership have raised £1,800 to date for 2018 which will help to support work required. The sewage system has been emptied and cleaned recently and 4 new drain covers have been purchased and installed.

The CVC is now being used every day for several different regular activities including darts, clubs, scouts, fitness classes, etc.

1067 Website

Councillor Peisley informed that Council that the website is up to date and all the minutes have been posted.

1068 Planning

Foxhills (17/03927/FUL) – The Chairman, Councillor Willmott and the Clerk visited the site and were talked through the plans by the owners. The Councillors discussed the plans and the following points were raised:

- In general, it was agreed that the resubmitted plans were much more in keeping with the setting.

However it was felt that the application for change of use for surrounding land from agricultural to residential should not be approved. Several other properties within CPC area had similar restrictions and any approval may set a precedent and possible retrospective applications. Maintaining the rural aspect of the landscape is important.

- External lighting to the property should be restricted to avoid “light pollution”.

In general, it was agreed that the plans were much more in keeping with the area than the previous ones.

Action: Clerk to send comments to B&D

Manor Farm (17/04149/HSE) – this was for a new porch and internal alterations. The Councillors had no issues with this application.

Robey’s Farm (18/00078/FUL) – this was to re-clad one of the barns and the Councillors had no objections to this.

1069 Community Store

Plans for the new Community Store in Preston Candover are going ahead and the application is currently with B&D.

1070 General correspondence

None

1071 Any Other Business

The Chairman had asked that an email about celebrating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 be discussed. It was agreed that a bonfire would be the most suitable event but as it was so close the 5th November that it would not easy to organise. It was therefore agreed not to mark this event.

1060 Date of meeting in 2018

- Monday 26th March
- Monday 4th June
- Monday 23rd July
- Monday 24th September
- Monday 26th November