

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 8th January 2014. **Time:** 7:00pm
Venue: The Old Post Office, 31 Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Adam Willmott
Di Peisley
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid
Five members of the Parish

Apologise: None

723 Apologies

There were no apologies at this meeting. The meeting was held at The Old Post Office, 31 Brown Candover as the Candover Valley Club hosts the beavers, cubs and scouts on a Wednesday evening and uses both halls.

724 Planning

Potential four unit housing development scheme – Mr Andrew Bevis (Architect) along with Mrs Kate & Mr Paul James, attended the meeting to talk through some initial plans for a piece of land owned by Mr & Mrs James behind the Old School House in Brown Candover. The group explained that Mrs James was looking for premises for her catering company which may include a retail unit and there was potential to include this along with 4 dwellings, this would ensure the project would be self funding. The area is just less than 1 acre and currently sites a storage garage which the Candovers Cricket Club and Candover Valley Club (CVC) use for grass cutting equipment; this would be re-sited as part of the project. The proposal would free up some extra car parking space in the CVC car park and may also allow for a children's play area to be built. Mr Bevis explained that the plan was to ensure that the section 106 money which Basingstoke & Deane would raise through the project, should be allocated back to the villages for community projects.

The initial plans were shown to the Council and Mr Bevis explained that the fronts of the properties were to be red brick and flint in order to coordinate with the other buildings in the area. The backs of the buildings would be wood clad, which would also blend in with the rural feel of the development.

The Councillors asked if Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council had been approached and Mr Bevis explained that they had not. Mr Bevis explained that they were looking to get a feel for the local opinion about the proposal as if it was very negative then it may influence moving forward.

Having discussed the plans the Parish Council agreed that while they felt the plans had a number of positives that they were concerned that by passing the plans that a president would be set and other pieces of land within the village may be developed which would significantly change the look and feel of the parish.

Mr Bevis suggested that he and his clients approach Basingstoke & Deane for an initial consultation meeting and report back the outcome. The Parish Council agreed this would be a good way forward.

Action: Clerk to ensure Parish Council is given all feedback as it becomes available.

725 Flooding

There has been some very heavy rainfall within the area which has meant that the levels in the Candover Stream have gone from nil just before Christmas to breaking its banks. A number of residents had expressed concern about flooding and the Councillor Willmott and the Clerk had been in contact with Basingstoke & Deane and the Highways Authority about remedial work to ensure the water is moved through the valley. Basingstoke & Deane had surveyed the situation and although there was a risk they agreed that it was not imminent but that sandbags could be in the valley within 1 hour if required. The Parish Council agreed that there may be an issue with how far down the list of priorities Candover Parish Council was and so decided to purchase 50-100 sandbags for the community just in case.

Action: Councillor Willmott to purchase sand bags

Action: Chairman to speak to Manager at Robey's Farm about storage

Councillor Curtis Hayward explained that the pumping station in Totford was not currently pumping the water through the valley. The water company have not cleared the weeds from the waterway for some years which meant that the water is building up on the flood plains. The Parish Council agreed that once the water levels had dropped that they needed to write to the water authority about clearing the area of weeds and debris to ensure it does not interfere with the water flow in future. It was also agreed that there were a number of culverts through the valley which created "pinch points" for the water flow. The Chairman agreed to record these via photographs and that the Parish Council would speak to the land owners about having these increased in size. The Parish Council also spoke of getting the ditches dug out to remove the silt build-up, and it was agreed money would be budgeted for this work.

Action: Clerk to add in budget line for 2014/15 and ensure the actions were included on the agenda of future meetings.

726 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 13th November 2013 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

727 Police Update

PC Reid explained that a few instances which had required his attention since the last meeting, these were:-

- 9/12 – Road traffic accident at Gunners Lane
- 6/1 – reports of flooding concerns

PC Reid explained that there had been a drop in crime for 2013 over the previous year, with Brown Candover having no crime (2 in 2013), Chilton Candover having 1 crime (1 in 2013) and Totford also having 1 crime (1 in 2013).

The Chairman thanked PC Reid on behalf of the Parish Council and the community for his pro-active policing manner and his ongoing support.

728 Matters Arising

Local Plan – The Clerk reported that having spoken to HALC had been given the following response:-

“I have checked with Steven (Lugg) and he does not think that any neighbourhood plan would give 'extra' safeguards in a conservation area. As any NP would be the fine detail of a Local Plan, it would be helpful for the council to have discussions with their planning authority before coming to a decision. They might also wish to take advice on their specific planning issues from Planning Aid, see link www.rtpi.org.uk/planningaid” - Vendy Treagust, HALC

The Clerk explained that a training session had been booked by Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council with HALC to discuss the impact of Local Plans for Thursday 30th January 2014 at Candover Valley Club. The Chairman agreed to send round details so the Councillors could attend.

Action: Chairman to send round meeting details

Website Training – Councillor Peisley explained that she had not been contacted about training. The Clerk updated the Council to say that the developer of the website had found it difficult to get a suitable date for the training but the Chairman at Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council was able to train both Councillor Peisley and the other Councillor. The Chairman suggested that Councillor Peisley contact the Chairman at Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council directly.

Action: Councillor Peisley to contact Chairman at Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council

Deeds for Burial Ground – The Clerk explained that the bank no longer offered the service of keep documents such as deeds but that the archive office in Winchester was able to store them. The Council agreed this would be the best place for them to sit.

Action: Clerk to take deeds to Winchester archive office

729 Financial Statement

There were two payments to make at the meeting, £240 for the Clerk's salary and £60 for the PAYE contribution, these were both agreed and signed by the Council.

The hedge cutting at both the cricket pitch and burial ground needs to be booked which the Chairman agreed to speak to Colin Love about carrying out this work.

Action: Chairman to book hedge cutting

The Clerk was also asked to chase up the invoice for the grass cutting at the bus shelters in 2013.

Action: Clerk to speak to Michele Brand

The Parish Council then agreed the budgets for 2014/15 which included:-

- A grant for St Peter's church of £350 for general upkeep
- A grant for Candovers Cricket Club of £400 for grounds work
- A Grant for Candover Valley Club for £1,000 for general upkeep

- A grant for 1st Candover Scout Group of £300 for camping equipment
- A grant for the children's Christmas party of £300

Provision was also included for clearing the ditches when the flood water has gone from the Candover stream and maintenance of the war memorial in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1.

The precept application was signed off at £3,000 as in previous years and the general grant of £1,100 was also agreed.

730 **Candover Valley Club update**

Mr Parks reported that the Candover Valley Club had finished 2013 in the black which they were pleased with. The plans for 2014 were to design the work in the front bar and also look to extend the patio at the front of the building. Two members of the committee had been drafted in to work with this, Mrs Utica was drawing up the plans and Mrs Fiddler was to project manage the task. Initially the plan was to drop the ceiling in the front bar but the committee were now looking at the idea of putting in beams to give the illusion of a ceiling but not block off the space. Plans will be displayed at the club so people can make comments.

The Club has £8-10,000 to put towards the work however, the estimated costs are between £15-20,000. Mr Parks explained that Basingstoke and Deane has been very supportive in the past but as the front bar was seen as a commercial business that they may not be able to support, however the club would apply. The Club may therefore need to ask the Parish Council for an additional grant of up to £5,000. The Council agreed that as it would be the final part of the work and as the Club had funded all the other projects independently that they would be happy to discuss this when final budgets were agreed.

731 **Planning Applications**

Gate at Woolpack Inn – Councillor Curtis Hayward raised the fact that the Woolpack Inn had not changed the gate to a bridal gate as required by Basingstoke and Deane planning office. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Moundsmere as the managing agents for the property about when the work was planned.

Action: [Chairman to speak to Moundsmere](#)

32 Brown Candover – The Parish Council asked Councillor Peisley to leave the meeting while the plans for 32 Brown Candover, which she owns, were discussed. The Parish Council agreed that they would not raise any objections to the plans.

Moth House – A retrospective application has been received by the Parish Council for the construction of a road way across agricultural land. The plan is also for demolition of an existing outbuilding and erection of an oak framed building as a gym, games room and estate office. The Parish Council believe that this work has also been carried out and asked the Clerk to confirm.

Action: [Clerk to confirm how much of the application is retrospective.](#)

The Parish Council felt that they should object to the roadway on the grounds that it provided an access point to the property from Gravel Close, which is a private road and permission for access, had not been granted to the owners of Moth House. The roadway also meant that the new building could be accessed separately and could therefore be considered for sale as a separate unit. In addition the Parish Council felt that by installing the

roadway over agricultural land without any planning permission was flaunting the planning rules and should not be allowed to go without challenge.

Action: Clerk to word objection and let Councillor Willmott make amendments before agreeing with Council and sending to Basingstoke & Deane.

Councillor Peisley also reported that a helipad had been cut into the grass opposite her property and while this did not constitute a planning breaches they she had written personally to protest. At the time of the meeting no response had been received.

732 Website

Councillor Peisley reported that there had been no updates made to the site due to the lack of training given.

733 General Correspondence

None

734 Any Other Business

Mr Parks informed the Parish Council that £800 remained in the Jubilee fund from 2012 of which half was due to be spent by Candovers Parish Council. The Parish Council agree that it would like to spend the £400 on a couple of new benches for the new patio area at the Candover Valley Club with plaques to explain there relevance. Mr Parks agreed that the money could be set aside for this and would look at prices.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Peisley for the use of her home for the meeting.

The Chairman also reminded the Council of the funeral of Mr Gilbert Meare who passed away on 31st December 2013. The funeral is taking place on Thursday 16th January at St Peter's church with the burial at Preston Candover and wake at the Candover Valley Club.

The Chairman asked if the Council had seen the piece in the Oxdrove about tracing the people named on the war memorial in Preston Candover and suggested it would be a good idea to include the names at St Peter's church.

Action: Clerk to speak to Charles Bradshaw about including these names.

The Wind Farm planning application for Woodmancott is due to be heard in early March and the application for Bullington Cross in April/May. The solar farm application for Bugmore Hill has had its public consultation and there is a team who are working on the objection. The solar farm at Bishop Sutton has been approved and there is a possibility of one at Bradley.

735 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7:00pm at the Candover Valley Club back room