

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: 21 May 2012 Time: 7.00pm  
Place: Village Hall (Annex)  
Present: Keith Irons (Chairman), Alan Owencroft, Daphne Prosser,  
Rob Marks, Alison Davidson.  
In attendance: Parish Clerk. PC Andy Reid.

#### Discussion

#### Action

#### 1 [To receive apologies for absence.](#)

1.1 Apologies were received from Sabrina Gurling.

#### 2 [Election of Chairman](#)

2.1 It was RESOLVED to re-elect Cllr Irons as Chairman for the coming municipal year. Proposed: Cllr Prosser: Seconded by Cllr Owencroft.

#### 3. [Declarations of Office](#)

3.1 Cllr Irons will sign a Declaration of Office prior to the next meeting.

#### 4. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Davidson declared an interest in Diamond Jubilee Committee issues and the Clerk in Item 9(b) Payments for Approval.

#### 5. [To sign and confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council](#)

5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2012 were confirmed and signed.

#### [Standing Order 5\(a\) \(vi\)](#)

It was RESOLVED to alter the order of business to receive a report from PC Andy Reid at this point.

#### 8. [Public Participation \(Part\)](#)

8.1 PC Reid reported: (i) an abandoned 999 call - children playing (ii) a car overturned on B3046 near Preston Farms (iii) telephone scam involving an elderly lady in Preston Candover (iv) five suspicious men stopped and searched in a field near Axford (v) theft of a horsebox, pony cart etc from a field in Wield Road (vi) male arrested for immigration offences at work in Preston Candover.

#### 6. [Election of Vice-Chairman](#)

6.1 In the absence of Cllr Bradshaw, it was agreed to defer discussion of this item until the June meeting.

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#### 7. [Appointment of Representatives](#)

- 7.1** It was RESOLVED that the following appointments be made for the year:
- (i) Legal Issues & Affordable Housing: Cllr Bradshaw.
  - (ii) Highways, Recreation Ground: Cllr Prosser.
  - (iii) Civil emergencies(inc flooding defences), Road Safety: Cllr Marks
  - (iv) Highways & Playground: Cllr Owencroft.
  - (v) Rights of Way, Footpaths/Byeways, N'hood Watch: Cllr Gurling).
  - (vi) General Councillor Duties. Website Cllr Irons, Marks.
  - (vii) Planning Matters: Cllrs/Irons/Davidson..
  - (viii) Trustees to the Allotment for the Labouring Poor: Richard Walker, Charles Bradshaw and Daphne Prosser.

**8.** Public Participation (Part)

**8.2** A public open forum was not required.

**9** Financial Matters.

**9.1** A Financial Report & Bank Reconciliation to mid January 2012, showing balances of £19,037.57 on the Business Instant Access Account and £578.84 on the Treasurer's Account, was noted.

In general discussion, (i) it was agreed that a covering letter be sent to the PCVHC stating that this grant (for New Year reception) needs to be applied for each year, and that financial stringencies and priorities may mean that it will not be paid in future years, (ii) it was agreed that the original sum of £1,750 set aside for donations to the Diamond Jubilee Committee, be increased to £2,000 by a fourth payment of £500.

*Clerk*

**9.2** The following cheques, which were signed between meetings were approved:

Candover Valley Club 3rd contribution to Jubilee expenses £500.00  
699

The following cheques, were approved and signed at the meetings:

R Darley Salary & expenses: April/May 2012 £357.66 700

HMRC PAYE on salary April/May 2012 £78.61 701

John K Murray Internal Audit fee 2012 £80.00 702

PCVHC Contribution to New Year Event £100.00 703

Candover Valley Club 4th contribution to Jubilee expenses

£500.00 704

G Cool Mowing the Playground: March to May

£160.00 705

**9.3** It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Annual Return, Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and supporting papers for submission to the Audit Commission.

- 9.4** It was RESOLVED to receive and note the Internal Audit Report, whose sole recommendation was that the frequency of payment of the Clerk's salary be increased, so as to avoid the possibility of unwarranted NI liability.
- 9.5** There were no grant requests other than one from PCVHC, dealt with elsewhere in the minutes.
- 9.6** No decisions were made as regards s106 contributions.
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- 10.** [Planning Matters.](#)
- 10.1** New Applications: *Objection: on basis of lack of control of HGV movements*
- BDB76332 & 76333: Land adjoining green waste composting facility, Bushywarren Lane, Ellisfield: Construction of anaerobic digestion installation for rotational arable crops and local food waste together with landscaping and highway improvements – HCC: Kristina King PLAN/WJA/BA173.
- 10.2** Planning Decisions:
- BDB75278: The Crown at Axford, Farleigh Road, Axford: Change of use from a Public House to a private dwelling: **GRANTED** *Noted*
- BDB75857 & 8: Extension of Time Limit specified in Condition 1 of BDB/70015 for the erection of a replacement dwelling: **GRANTED** *Noted*
- BDB75588:** Lower Farm, Alresford Road: Conversion of stable block to ancillary accommodation and alterations and conversion of barn to playroom/function room: **GRANTED** *Noted*
- BDB75589:** Lower Farm, Alresford Road: Conversion of stable block to ancillary accommodation along with the formation of a glazed screen entrance to the brick barn, and alteration and conversion of the flint barn to a playroom/function room: **GRANTED.** *Noted*
- 10.3** Tree works: T/00506/12/TCA: Notice of Intent to fell 4 Leylandii, reduce/trim by approx 1.5m Leylandii hedge and reduce 1 Leylandii by approx 2.2m at Malmsmead, Preston Candover. *No objection*
- 11.** [Correspondence](#)
- 11.1** A list of routine correspondence, circulated prior to the meeting was noted.
- 12.** [Highways Matters](#)
- 12.1** Cllr Prosser handed a plan illustrating defects on Wield Road – to be handed to the Highways Department. *Clerk*
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**13** [To receive reports from Chairman and Members](#)

- 13.1** An update on Matters Arising from the previous meeting was given: *Clerk*
- 4.1 Defective latch on the playground gate. Ongoing. *Chairman*
- 4.2 Chains on the village green are continually being broken. – a matter for a handyman. See 4.10. It was agreed that a new grasscutting contractor (Brian Hills) be appointed at a cost of £120 per month (precise terms to be agreed).
- 4.3 The Clerk had been asked to check whether the parish council is liable if a person sustains injury etc when on common land/ land owned by the council even if not registered as such. Clerk to press for responses from Insurers/HALC. *Clerk*
- 4.4 Chilton Tip: The Clerk is trying to establish that the original owners of this land (0.998 acres), registered as common land (Ref CL145), were the Churchwardens & Overseers (& ultimately the Parish Council). The Chairman reported that letter(s) to the HCC had been acknowledged and passed to their legal branch. *Clerk*
- 4.5 Preston Oakhills: CB had confirmed the precise location of PCNPC’s land at Oakhills as SU638 43. The Clerk is to undertake a further visit to Hampshire Record Office. *Clerk*
- 4.6 Traffic speeds in the parish. Price details etc have been received for the purchase of a speed indication device (SID), and it was noted a discount may be available on bulk orders. The Clerk is to liaise with RM and invite other parishes to jointly fund purchase of a SID. *Clerk/RM*
- 4.7 PCVHC has confirmed that they have other plans for the former Doctors’ Surgery at the rear of the Village Hall, which PCNPC had proposed to use as a Parish office for storage, meetings and other community purposes. The Clerk was asked to contact the School regarding accommodation for PCNPC meetings. Chairman said it was gratifying to note the PCVHC had all the funds they required and would not be looking for support from the PC. *Clerk*
- 4.8 The bulk of the work on trees at the old churchyard, for which a grant had been made has been completed with the felling of a diseased larch tree. Some deadwooding is all that is now required. Item deleted
- 4.9 The Chairman expressed disappointment at HCC’s proposed safety measures at the junction of Wield Road and B3046 by the village green and intended to pursue the matter further.
- 4.10 A potential handyman has been identified. The Chairman is to discuss with him refurbishment of the bus shelter. Ongoing. *Chairman*
- 4.11 Request for a seat near the village hall, where the Cango bus stops to pick up elderly passengers. It was confirmed that the one of the seats in the bus stop by the Purefoy would be ideal. Provision of a hardstanding being considered by ALP. *ChairmanClerk*
- 9.1 Lack of instructions in the telephone box by the village hall on how to make and pay for a call – cash is not acceptable. Clerk to follow up. *Clerk*
- 9.2 Poor cell phone reception in the Valley. In light of boosters available in individual home available from the various cell phone

- 13.2** Lord Sainsbury has offered to fund a children's tea party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Chairman to respond.
- 13.3** The Chairman suggested that PCNPC consider planting 6 oak trees, one for each ten years of Her majesty's reign. Further consideration to be given .
- 13.4** Cllr Prosser reported that the waste bin in the play area is not being emptied. Cllr Owencroft will ring his BDBC contact.
- 13.5** Cllr Owencroft indicated he had identified a potential new piece of spring play equipment for the play area. Updated prices are awaited.
- 13.6** In response to a query from the Chairman, it was confirmed that everything at the skate ramp is in order.
- 13.7** Cllr Marks gave an update on plans for the village shop (i) a public meeting will be held on 14 June (ii) grants have been applied for.
- 14.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 June at 7:00pm.

*Chairman*

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Meeting Closed at 9:30pm.

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