

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016. **Time:** 7:30pm  
**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall

**Present:** Alex Taylor Chairman  
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman  
Tish Owencroft  
Rob Marks  
Adam Alexander  
Daphne Prosser  
Wendy Simson Clerk  
PC Reid  
9 members of the Community

**Apologies:** Ruth Chattell  
Arnout Van Der Veer

#### 585 Apologies

Councillor Chattell and Van Der Veer were not able to attend the meeting and sent their apologies. Councillor Van Der Veer emailed the Chairman on the day of the meeting to say that sadly he would be stepping down as a Councillor due to heavy work commitments having assumed new work responsibilities.

**Action:** Clerk to inform Basingstoke & Deane of the vacancy

#### 586 Police Update

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been 7 incidents since the last Parish Council meeting in November, they were:-

- 25/11 – A damage road traffic accident where a car was hit by a skip lorry, which then drove on.
- 30/11 – PC Reid carried out speed enforcement in Axford and issued 2 warnings
- 30/11 – PC Reid carried out speed enforcement on Wield Road and issued 3 warnings
- 30/11 – PC Reid carried out speed enforcement in Preston Candover and issued 4 warnings
- 13/12 – A drunk driver was reported in Preston Candover, he was later stopped on the motorway and was charged
- 28/12 – An abandoned 999 call from Preston Candover but this was found to be a phone in a pocket which dialled in error
- 3/1 – flooding in Axford.

There have been 11 crimes in Preston Candover & Nutley Parish in 2015 which is up 2 on 2014. These were:-

- The theft of 2 caravans

- One count of drug possession
- 4 counts of criminal damage to crops
- 3 non dwelling burglary
- 1 assault of a dog bite
- 1 other crime

The Chairman asked about rural policing and PC Reid explained that Herriard had taken the lead on speaking to Simon Hayes and was currently awaiting a response to a letter asking direct questions about Hampshire Police intentions.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for all his work in the community.

#### **587 Public forum**

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had plans for the new extension to the village hall. Councillor Alexander explained that the Parish Council were not involved with these plans but that the Village Hall Committee hoped that plans would be available to view at the Parish Meeting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10am. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would be issued with a set of plans from Basingstoke & Deane when planning approval was being requested.

#### **588 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the October were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. The Vice Chairman agreed that he would retract the statement made at the November meeting; the Councillors confirmed that these meeting were then also a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

#### **589 Matter arising from previous meeting**

**Tree felling prices** – Councillor Prosser informed the Council that both trees were felled during the Christmas break and that the site would be tied up once the weather was better. The Vice Chairman congratulated Councillor Prosser on a good job.

**Posts on drive to Tennis Club** – Councillor Alexander explained that the new posts were on order with Scats.

**Action:** Councillor Alexander to update Parish Council at next meeting

#### **590 Financial statement**

The Clerk Presented the following payment for approval:-

- £180.00 – grass cutting
- £179.58 – street light maintenance
- £450.00 – tree felling

The invoice for the new piece of play equipment has still not been received; the sum of £4,529 has been allocated to this from the section 106 money.

Interest on the bank account was £1.11 for December and January.

The budget for 2016/17 were discussed, it was agreed that costs needed to keep in line as an income of £9,765 was planned. The Clerk informed the Councillors that a grant for a Lengths Man was available and it was believed that this would be open for the Parish Council to claim £1,000 in 2016/17, it was hoped the grant would continue into subsequent years but this was not guaranteed.

The Parish Council agreed that the grass cutting costs for 2016/17 would be lower than for 2015/16 as a number of additional tasks had been requested. This expenditure line was to be decreased to

£3,000 from £3,600. The other large budget line was for the War Memorial repairs at £3,000. The Vice Chairman spoke about the 3 quotes for the work of £7,000 to £10,000 and the opportunity to attract a donation from the War Memorial Trust of 50-60% of the costs and also some extra funds so the Parish Council's contribution would be approximately £1,500. The final budgeted expenditure was therefore £11,856 against an income of £10,765. It was therefore agreed to increase the precept by 10% to £7,700, giving a budgeted income of £11,465.

The Parish Council agreed this budget and signed the precept and grant request forms.

**591 Right of Way**

Councillor Alexander informed the Council that the sign reported as missing had still not been replaced and that 3 others were now missing.

**Action:** Clerk to pass on Councillor McNair Scott's contact details as she may be able to support getting work done.

Clerk reported that this work could also be carried out under the Lengths Man Grant scheme.

**592 Community Website**

Councillor Marks agreed to pick up the website from Councillor Van Der Veer and it was agreed new content was required.

The faster Broadband speed had been delivered but only to 50% of Preston Candover, the remainder of the village are served by cabinet 4 which is due to be upgraded by February 13<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**593 Planning**

There have been two planning applications since the last meeting, they were

- The Close, Alresford Road, Preston Candover (granted)
- Wilanda House, Preston Candover (pending)

The Councillors had no objections to either.

**594 Flooding**

The flash floods on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January had caused heavy water flow through Preston Candover and had almost entered Valley House but due to quick actions from Councillor Marks this was avoided.

Work has been carried out by local landowners to ensure grips and ditches have been cleared and sandbags have been stored in case of future incidents.

Councillor Marks agreed to lead on flooding, taking over from Councillor Van Der Veer.

**595 Children's play areas**

Councillor Owencroft has reviewed the inspection report and questioned some of the actions as it was believed these had been rectified.

**Action:** Councillor Owencroft to report at next meeting

**596 Highways**

The Vice Chairman agreed to chase John Sorrell about the plans for the lay-by, the original plan was to put in a path along the back of the lay-by as well as replacing the kerb-stones

and sorting out the drainage. It was agreed by the Councillors that the path was not required but the other two pieces of work were important.

The Vice Chairman also raised a proposed project from the school to create additional parking to the left of the land running up the side of the school. It was suggested that if this project was agreed that a donation from the section 106 money could be made.

**Action:** Vice Chairman to invite the School Head along with Mrs Tibble to a meeting to discuss the project

**Action:** Councillor Marks to speak to Mr Blyth about the plans and gauge his thoughts

**597 TAG Farnborough**

The Vice Chairman has been in contact with CAA about the plans to increase the air traffic into Farnborough airport.

**Action:** Vice Chairman to update Parish Council at next meeting

**598 General Correspondence**

**Maintenance charges** – The Clerk provided Councillor Prosser with the costs for street light maintenance.

**Changes in Internal Audit** – from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, there will no longer be a requirement for Parish Councils with an income or expenditure of less than £25,000 to have the account externally audited, however the internal auditor will be required to hold specific qualifications. John Murray, who provides this service for the Parish Council does hold these and it was agreed that the Parish Council would opt out of the system to be allocated an auditor and to opt for continuing to work with Mr Murray.

**Clerk's notice** – The Clerk had planned to give notice at the meeting, however had agreed to rescind.

**599 Any other business**

None

**600 Date of next meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.