CANDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 1st May 2012. **Time:** 8:00pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman

Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman

Di Peisley Adam Willmott

Wendy Simson Clerk

PC Andy Reid

Bob Parks Candovers Club

Two member of the public

Apologies: Edwina Curtis-Hayward

618 Minutes of the previous meeting (2nd February 2012)

The minutes of the last meetings were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

619 Matter arising from last meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the vicar would be available to conduct the church service at the buried church in Chilton Candover for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend.

620 Police Update

PC Andy Reid reported that in Brown Candover there had been 4 crimes on 2009, 7 in 2010 and just 2 in 2011. These were both thefts one of some prescribed drugs by a visiting friend and the other of some tractor weights. In Chilton Candover crime rates were 4 in 2009 dropping to 3 in 2010 and 2011. A fire extinguisher was thrown through an isolated cottage window, a youth was found in possession of cannabis and a house was broken into just before Christmas.

So far in 2012 there has been the theft of the lead from St Peter's Church in Brown Candover.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for all his hard work in the valley and for attending the meeting.

621 Financial report

The Clerk talked through the budget for 2012/13 and explained that the insurance payment was due; this has been fixed for 3 years at £287.77. The subscription for the Hampshire Association of Local Councils was also due at £115 having increased from £105 on 2011/12. The Council asked if this membership was required and the Clerk explained that the Hampshire Association were very supportive with any issues and advise as required. The previous Clerk agreed and the payment was signed off.

The Chairman suggested that the donations be made at this point to the Candover Valley Club (£1050), St Peter's Church (£300) and Candover Valley Cricket Club (£250), the Council agreed and the Clerk made out the cheques.

The Vice-Chairman reminded the Council that they had agreed to donate £100 towards the new handrail at St Peter's church. This was signed off and the Clerk wrote the cheque.

The Clerk asked the Council about membership of the CPRE and the Council agreed that they would like to become members again for 2012.

Action: Clerk to investigate membership for CPRE

The Clerk had prepared the accounts for 2011/12 ready for audit. The Chairman went through the required Annual Governance Statement and signed off the Audit Commission documentation. The Parish Council agreed that Charlotte Whittle be asked to carry out the internal audit process.

Action: Clerk to pass on 2011/12 account to internal auditor for sign off.

622 Candover Club update

The Chairman of the Candover Club Committee, Bob Parks explained that the Club had an expensive month in April with a number of bills coming through together so the donation from the Parish Council was very welcome and thanked the Council for their contribution.

The latest areas of the Club which requires attention are the car park and front bar. The Front bar project is being managed by some newer members of the committee and there were some good plans in place for making it feel more comfortable. The car park however is a much larger project. The Chairman explained that they could either do a "patch job" which would cost £3-5k and would last about 5 years or they could do a proper job which should last several decades but would cost £20k. The Chairman explained that some grants could be found in order to meet part of the costs but that if required they may have to come to the Parish Council for a one off donation to support this project. The Chairman agreed to consider the application if one was made.

Apart from this the club is getting 2-3 bookings a month which help to cover costs. The new heating system etc means that when not used the running costs can be cut back to a minimum which also helps with the finances.

623 New Planning Applications

There have been three applications since the last Parish Council meeting:-

- Moth House and the erection of an oak framed outbuilding following the demolition of the existing building was passed with no issues.
- Moth Farm and the change of use for an agricultural building was rejected because of the increased traffic and parking which would form part of the new usage.
- Pelican House and the addition of a Wendy House, tennis pavilion, garden cabin and barn. Mr David Lock had attended the meeting and talked through with the Council what was proposed. The Wendy House and tennis pavilion were existing structures currently at Mr Lock's home which Mr Lock explained had emotional ties for the family. The colour of the tennis pavilion would be made darker in order to fit in with the landscape at the new property. The garden cabin was a new structure for the gardener to use to live in when he was minding the house when Mr Lock was away. The Barn which had been included in the original plans had been removed for the application and a smaller version would be submitted under a separate application. Having talked through his application the Chairman asked Mr Lock to move through to the bar while the Parish Council talked through the application. The Council had give feedback on the application and had no objections to the Wendy House, tennis pavilion and garden cabin but thought that the barn was too large. The Council also had concerns about the materials that would be used for the driveway leading up to the barn as Mr Lock had suggested that this would just be stamped down chalk and earth. The Chairman agreed that the Council would therefore wait for the new application to come through and would pass on comments at the point. Mr Lock was then invited back into the meeting.

624 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The plans for the Jubilee weekend are progressing well and Bob Parks had attended a recent meeting where final arrangements had been agreed. Entertainment for the lunch on Sunday had been booked and included fire eaters, a medieval band, a magician, games etc. There is also planned a hog roast and a bee tent.

The beacon on Monday 4th June is to be lit at 10:30pm in line with the others across the country and the BBQ etc will be starting at 8:30pm.

The Jubilee Committee had asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to purchase a marquee for the event which could then be hired out and used as a community asset. The committee were looking for something about 20m by 4m and would be taken down and stored in the garages behind the Candover Valley Club. The approximate cost was quoted as being £1,000. The Parish Council discussed this cost and having looked at the predicted closing balance agreed to fully support the purchase.

Action: Clerk to speak to Jubilee Committee about purchase and passing on invoice.

625 General Correspondence

The Clerk recorded that there was no correspondence that required the Parish Council's attention.

626 Any other business

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Parish Council that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council would no longer be supporting the website. Jonathan had spoken to the Chairman at Preston Candover and Nutley Parish Council who had suggested that a Candover Valley website be set up which would allow for the Parish Councils along with community groups such as the Cricket Club and other social groups to also have space. It was agreed that this sounded like a good idea and as more information became available then the Parish Council could talk through. Di Peisley agreed to take the lead on this project.

627 Date of next meeting

7:30pm, Tuesday 17th July 2012 at the Candovers Valley Club.