

**CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012. **Time:** 7:30pm  
**Venue:** Candover Valley Club

**Present:** Jonathan Moseley Chairman  
Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman  
Edwina Curtis-Hayward  
Di Peisley  
Wendy Simson Clerk  
PC Andy Reid  
Andy Hill Candover Valley Club

**Apologise:** Adam Willmott

**647 Apologies**

Councillor Willmott sent his apologies prior to the meeting.

**648 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were signed off as an accurate record of the meeting.

**649 Matters Arising**

- **Advert for marquee hire** – Councillor Curtis-Hayward circulated a draft copy of the advert which requires a photograph of the marquee. The Parish Council agreed that the wording was appropriate. It was agreed that an email address be set up for hire bookings so personal addresses would not be given and this could then be checked by the Clerk and Councillor Curtis Hayward and an online diary kept for bookings. It was agreed that most hires would be within the valley and to ensure that the marquee was returned in good order that either a member of the Parish Council or the Candover Valley Club attend the taking down to ensure it is dry and stored correctly. The instructions for the erection of the marquee are within the pack and Laurence Gaitskell confirmed that if they are not already laminated that he will ensure they are done. Laurence also suggested that purchase tent bags for the poles, these are about £7 each and approximately 20 would be required.  
[Action: Clerk to get photo of marquee from Bob Parks and forward to Councillor Curtis Hayward](#)  
[Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward to set up booking email address](#)  
[Action: Clerk to confirm with Laurence that instructions have been laminated](#)
- **Replacement glass for telephone box** – Councillor Peisley explained that the glass had been ordered and in the interim Perspex had been used to fill the gaps. It was also reported that shelves would be erected in the back of the telephone box for books. Councillor Peisley explained that she was looking to decorate the telephone box again for Christmas and the Councillors agreed to help as required.
- **Cost of glass in budget** – the Clerk has put £100 in the budget for replacement glass in 2012/13 budget and £50 in the 2013/14 budget.

- **Gift for Alison & Gavin in thanks for work done for Jubilee** – the Chairman plans a visit in January and will take an appropriate gift at that point.
- **Welcome for new residents at 1 Chilton Candover** – The Clerk has not been able to introduce herself to the new residents yet but will continue to attempt to meet them.
- **Police redundancies** – The Chairman explained that he had requested a meeting with the Chief Constable and PC Reid explained that this was being organised. However, PC Reid that no final decision had yet been reached about this proposal.
- **Scout mapping project** – The Chairman has not yet spoken to the Scout group about looking at mapping the local walks, however the Vice Chairman explained that they may be a little young for this activity.

[Action: Chairman to speak to Scout leaders about this project](#)

#### 650 **Police Update**

PC Reid explained that there had been 4 issues reported since the last meeting:

- On 1/10 an 4x4 was spotted in Gunners Lane but was found to not be an issue
- On 16/10 there was a tree across Gunners Lane
- On 29/10 a car drove into a cottage driveway with no lights on
- On 23/11 there was a burglary in Brown Candover.

The Vice-Chairman asked about a message left about a car in Dundry Lane, PC Reid explained that he had recorded it.

PC Reid also explained that the Christmas testing for drunk driving had started on 1<sup>st</sup> December and would be done not only in the evening but also morning where drivers are still under the influence from the night before. The Chairman asked for an email message that he could then forward through his local email list.

[Action: Chairman to send out email with this warning about drunk driving.](#)

#### 651 **Financial statement**

Four cheques have been paid since the last meeting, they are:

- Grass cutting at the bus shelters - £99
- Grass cutting in the burial ground - £110
- Hedge cutting at the burial ground - £120
- Strimming under the hedges prior to cutting at the cricket pitch - £44

The Parish Council had agreed to cover the costs of the hedge cutting at the cricket pitch but the bill had come in over budget at £240 as opposed to a budget of £125. The Parish Council agreed to the increased budget and a cheque was raised for £240 for the Candover Valley Club to recompense them for this cost.

It was also agreed that the cheque for the Children's Christmas party be paid at £300.

The Clerk also explained that she had not to date taken a salary for the role but suggested that as £1,200 was in the budget for Clerk salary & costs that a monthly salary of £100 be paid. This was agreed by the Council and a cheque for salary for year to date (£800) was drawn up.

The Clerk had drawn up a draft budget for 2013/14 and talked this through with the Parish Council. The Councillor felt that the Children's Christmas party contribution should be increased to £350 from £300. The Councillor also agreed to put a general donation sum in of £500 for groups such as the Scouts. The website cost also needed to be included at £500.

This gave a total budgeted spend of £5794 in 2013/14 against an actual spend in 2012/13 of £7129.

It was agreed that the precept be kept at £3,000

[Action: Clerk to amend budget and circulate with minutes](#)

[Action: Clerk to complete precept and grant paperwork and return to Basingstoke & Deane](#)

## **652 Candover Valley Club update**

Andy Hill explained that there were still plans to put a suspended ceiling in the front bar but that this was currently on hold. The Club had however, purchased some additional furniture for the front bar as part of the refurbishment plan.

The Car Park was the biggest issue currently and the owner of some the properties had agreed to re-surface the track leading round the back of the Old School House from the car park which meant this area's costs were being met. The Club had looked at two options either a 20 year solution at £24,000 or a 10 year solution at £4,500 which including scraping away the existing surface, levelling and relaying it.

Andy Hill explained that the Children's Christmas party was only costing £250 this year so this was what was required from the Parish Council.

[Action: Clerk to amend cheque amount to £250 for Children's Christmas party](#)

After the update and Andy Hill had left the meeting the Parish Council discussed and agreed to budget £1,000 contribution for the car park repairs.

[Action: Clerk to add this into budget for 2013/14/](#)

## **653 Planning Applications**

The Candover Valley Club signage has been approved

The change of use for the field at Pelican House has also been approved

The change of use for the agricultural barn at Moth Farm to storage was also approved last Wednesday.

The change of use of highways land has gone through at the Woolpack Public House but one of the Councillors raised the issue of the additional gates in the new car park area allowing access to the next field. The concern being that this area could be used as an overflow car park at busy times. The Clerk has raised this issue with the planning department at Basingstoke and Deane and will chase again.

[Action: Clerk to chase up with Basingstoke & Deane](#)

It has also been brought to the Parish Council's attention that a concrete base has been laid at Chilton Cottage and no application has been raised. The Clerk has brought this to the attention of the planning department and is waiting for a response.

[Action: Clerk to pass on feedback from Basingstoke & Deane](#)

## **654 Flooding**

Councillor Willmott has been in contact with the Environment Agency about the maintenance of the stream in the valley. The Environment Agency feedback is as follows:-

1) The EA (apparently) has no obligation to cut/maintain the brook. The obligation lies with the adjoining landowners via riparian rights - the obligation on each bank extends the mid-point of the channel.

2) Nevertheless the EA does cut/maintain if it perceives flood risk to be increased. With this in mind it has apparently cut the brook from Bobby's to Gravel Close.

3) That was the extent of their planned cutting this winter, but given increased groundwater levels they will come out to reassess. Elliott will let me know when this is scheduled.

4) Inform him of potential dam as per JM's email below; his team will investigate as any such obstruction generally requires a permit / licence from the EA.

5) EA keen to enlist PCs' support to ensure riparian owners are aware of their rights and obligations.

The Chairman agreed to follow up with the various land owners who this affected.

[Action: Chairman to ensure all landowners are aware of their responsibilities.](#)

**655 General Correspondence**

None of note

**656 Any Other Business**

None

**657 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:30pm at the Candover Valley Club