

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013. **Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall

**Present:** Keith Irons Chairman

Alison Davidson

Marion Philips

Wendy Simson

PC Andy Reid

Clerk

**Apologise:** Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman

Rob Marks

Alan Owencroft

David Wilson

Daphne Prosser

#### 45 **Apologise**

The Chairman explained that Councillor Wilson was away on business and so would not be able to attend the meeting. The Clerk explained that she had received calls from both Councillors Prosser and Owencroft to say that they would not be able to attend because of the adverse weather conditions. The Vice-Chairman also emailed to say he was required with a family matter. However, three councillors constitute a quorum and the meeting was able to continue.

#### 46 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, and were signed by the Chairman.

#### 47 **Police update**

PC Reid explained that there had been 4 incidents since the last meeting in December, they were:-

- 5<sup>th</sup> January – a pothole on the Bradley Road causing causing a problem for road users.
- 12<sup>th</sup> January – Burglary in Preston Candover
- 14<sup>th</sup> January – Another burglary in Preston Candover
- 21<sup>st</sup> January – a vagrant was found in the valley

PC Reid also presented his annual report, which the Clerk distributed copies of, and explained the crimes figures between 2011 and 2012, these included:-

- Axford – had 1 reported crimes in both 2011 and 2012
- Nutley had 1 reported crime in 2011 and 0 in 2012
- Preston Candover – had 7 reported crimes in 2011 which increased to 9 in 2012.

A copy of the full report is available from the Clerk.

Before PC Reid left the meeting the Chairman explained that they had been working together with the school head teacher and governors to review the parking situation outside

the school. PC Reid confirmed he fully supported the proposals, to be presented later by the chairman, as there were concerns about the children's safety with the large number of vehicles randomly parking and blocking clear sight lines for other drivers.

#### 48 **Matters Arising**

**Weblink and questionnaire template** – Councillor Wilson sent out the weblink to the survey and the Chairman and Councillor Phillips confirmed that they had suggested additional questions for the survey. As the meeting was attended by so few of the Council, the plan for distribution was not finalised but the Chairman agreed to talk to Councillor Wilson when he returned about getting hard copies of the survey for the Councillors to take round.

**Action:** [Chairman to confirm final version of survey with Councillor Wilson and get it onto the website and hard copies for distribution.](#)

**Piece about survey for Oxdrove** – Councillor Davidson agreed to write this for the March addition which needs to be with Jean Frost by 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**Action:** [Councillor Davidson to write piece for Oxdrove](#)

**Highways list of issues** – The Chairman has received a number of items for his report and is constructing a letter to Hampshire County Council about road safety locally and other issues.

**Action:** [Chairman to write letter](#)

**Speed Indication Device** – Councillor Marks was not at the meeting to give an update.

**Seat at village Hall** – The Chairman reported that he was awaiting further contact with the land owner's lawyer, and was anticipating that the Parish Council would be able to obtain a license which would allow the Parish Council to place a seat on this land.

**Playground equipment literature** – Councillor Davidson had brought a catalogue for external works which gave suppliers of play equipment. There were a number of items which may be appropriate including a spinner (£985) or spring toys (£400-£500). The Council discussed what age of child the play area was used by and would a more substantial piece of equipment such as a roundabout be more appropriate.

**Action:** [Councillor Davidson to bring most recent version of catalogue to next meeting for further discussion.](#)

**War Memorial** – This is on hold until the spring when work can be carried out.

**Meeting with Preston Candover School** – The Chairman explained that he had met with Katie Harris (Head Teacher) and Jonathan Moseley (School Governor) to discuss the parking situation at the school. It appears that the issue is greater in the afternoons when parents arrive early to collect children and so have to park up. The Chairman has subsequently written a full report showing existing and potential parking areas to alleviate the situation. The Chairman has had a meeting with Lord Sainsbury about the use of the field next to the Village Hall as parking and the way in which this has now been ploughed up by cars. The Parish Council will ask Lord Sainsbury to close this field for parking as it is no longer useable and to protect it from further damage. The Chairman will send his report to the County Council for consideration.. The Parish Council agreed that it may be possible to use funds from the Section 106 pot to support part of this work.

**Action:** [The Chairman to report back at the next meeting](#)

**Insurance at Skate Park** – The Clerk brought in the insurance policy and the Skate Park is not shown as a specific line item. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the insurance company and identify what is required in the way of inspections and maintenance.

**Action:** [Clerk to contact insurance company and report to next meeting](#)

**Bus Shelter Repairs** – The Chairman explained that he has asked Graham Prosser to consider taking on the work.

**Clearing culverts under the road in Preston Candover** – The Vice-Chairman was not at the meeting but has been in contact with the Environment Agency to ensure this work has been done. He also forwarded a copy of the recent report about the valley which the Clerk circulated copies of at the meeting

**Website Planning meeting** – As Councillor Wilson was not able to attend the meeting, a date could not be set but the Chairman will ensure a date is arranged.

**Gate latch for play area** – Councillor Owencroft was not at the meeting to give an update

**Use of the room at the Village Hall** –The Chairman reported on a discussion he had with the chairman of the Village Hall Committee, at the New Year’s drinks party, relating to the use of the small room at the rear of the hall as a Parish Office. The Village Hall chairman said the room was needed for the storage of equipment and catering supplies and was not available for other purposes.

The Chairman said he thought that was disappointing as it would deprive the community of some useful additional services which the Parish Council could provide if it had formal use of the room. He said that the Council could not, under law, contribute directly to the running costs of the hall, but was able to pay rent for office premises; it could also install a broadband telephone connection, with wi-fi, which would benefit all users of the hall, and, possibly, even provide a mobile phone connection for smart-phone users over the skype network. He also said that he would be able to donate a computer which residents, without internet connection, could use by visiting the office at certain times.

Having an office in the community would also provide the Council with the opportunity to display planning applications for public view, and arrange meetings with individuals or small groups to discuss local issues.

The Chairman suggested that, perhaps, the Council should make enquiry to see if there were any other suitable premises in the parish.

#### **49 Financial statement**

**Payments to be made** – The Clerk explained that there were no payments due this month.

**Precept for 2012/13** – The Clerk explained the paperwork for the precept had been sent to Basingstoke and Deane as required.

#### **50 Planning Applications**

There have been two planning applications submitted in January

**An amendment to the application for Nutley Water Tower**, which included:-

- Visibility to the north of the vehicular access has been improved requiring the removal of additional hedgerow. The red line has been increased to include the enlarged visibility splay and proposed bin storage area.
- The proposed design of the vehicular access has been amended, including changes to the design of the access gate, surface material and bin storage area.
- Additional bio-diversity information has been submitted.

Having looked at the plans the Parish Council agreed that they retained the strong objections they had put forward to the plans.

**Action:** Clerk to respond to the planning department at Basingstoke and Deane with these comments.

**A planning application through for Malmsmead** to erect a two storey extension to the north elevation and a single storey to the west. Conversion of outbuildings to ancillary annex accommodation with the erection of single storey extension to the east and external alterations.

The Parish Council discussed the plans and Councillor Davidson agreed to look at them more closely and give a report back to the Council about any issues.

**Action:** Councillor Davidson to report back to Parish Council about plans in sufficient time for a response to be sent before the 5<sup>th</sup> February cut off date.

**51 Council Property**

Nothing further to report

**52 Section 106 funds**

The use of Section 106 funds was discussed as part of the plans for parking at the school.

**53 Flooding**

Covered with the clearing of culverts under matter arising.

**54 Valley & Council Website**

Covered under matters arising

**55 Play area inspections**

The Clerk circulated copies of the latest inspection report, however as Councillor Owencroft was not at the meeting this was not discussed further

**56 Highways/ Rights of Way**

Councillor Phillips reported that she had been in contact with Hampshire County Council and that the person responsible for Rights of Way had been employed but due to the Christmas break was not yet in post.

Councillor Phillips brought along a booklet called "Seven Scenic Strolls in Preston Candover" by Freddie Osgood. She explained that it was just what she was planning to put together and had maps of the local round walks for people to use. Councillor Phillips explained her only concern was around the use of the maps within the booklet which were from Ordnance Survey and so not to be reprinted. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council was a member of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement and maps could be accessed via this route. The Parish Council agreed that it should be put on the website and a small number printed for local use.

**Action:** Chairman to give Councillor Phillips the link to the Public Sector Mapping Agreement website to access the maps.

**57 General Correspondence**

The Chairman explained that he had reviewed the street lighting contract and was happy for it to be signed up to.

**Action:** Clerk to email SSE Contracting and get this moving.

**58 Any other business**

None

**59 Date of next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:30pm at the Preston Candover Village Hall.

The Chairman asked if members were happy to stay in the hall due to the cold and it was agreed that they should.