

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH ASSEMBLY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 18TH May 2015. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Tish Owencroft
Rob Marks
Ruth Chattell
John Beale
Wendy Simson Clerk
Four members of the community

Apologies: Arnout Van Der Veer
PC Reid

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The Clerk had received apologies from PC Reid as he had been called away from the valley.

484 Welcome to Parish Assembly

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any of the members of the public had any specific questions for the Council, two of the visitors had come to present information about the Allotment Charity and the others had come to hear what was happening.

485 Election of the Chairman

Councillor Taylor agreed to stand again as Chairman; none of the other members chose to stand. Councillor Prosser proposed Councillor Taylor as Chairman and Councillor Owencroft seconded this. The Council then voted in Councillor Taylor as Chairman.

486 Co-option of Councillors

Councillors Prosser and Owencroft had been elected to the Council unopposed. Councillors Bradshaw, Marks and Van Der Veer had not completed the documents required and so the Council agreed to co-opt them onto the Parish Council. Councillor Prosser proposed all three for the role of Councillor and Councillor Owencroft seconded this.

Two new Councillors had been identified to fill the two vacant Councillor roles and so Councillor Marks proposed Ruth Chattell and John Beale as Councillors and Councillor Prosser seconded this.

This then meant all the Councillor roles are filled.

487 Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman asked Councillor Bradshaw if he was happy to stand again as Vice Chairman and he agreed. None of the other Councillors expressed a wish to stand. Councillor Marks proposed Councillor as Vice Chairman and Councillor Prosser seconded. Councillor Bradshaw was duly elected to the role.

488 Declaration paperwork

All the Councillors completed the Declaration of Office form as Councillors and signed it. The Chairman also completed the Declaration to Office of Chairman form. The Clerk witnessed all the signatures.

489 Audit of 2014/15 accounts

The Clerk read out the statement for the Parish Council to agree and then the Chairman signed off the full audit report.

490 Allotment Charity Update

Richard Walker from the Allotment Charity attended the meeting to give a short update on the progress of the Charity. The Charity was originally known as the Allotment Charity for the Labouring Poor and was originally set up when 2 acres of land at the top of Stenbury Drive was left to the Community. One acre of the land was leased to build Moundsmere Close on a 175 year lease while the remaining acre is use for allotments and a field for dog to be walked.

The income for the charity was generated by the income from the invested capital and currently was about £4,000 per year.

The Parish Council nominate three of the five members of the Charity board and these have been Richard Walker, Charles Bradshaw and Daphne Prosser. Richard explained that the role was not over onerous with two meetings a year. At the meetings the board discussed applications for support from individuals or groups within the community. None of the other Councillors expressed an interest in becoming involved and so the Parish Council votes in the three exiting members of the board for another 4 years.

Richard explained that most of the allotments were currently rented but that the charity had agreed to lease half plots as some people found a whole allotment daunting. The field used for dog walking was also to be used for grazing horses this year. An electric fence was to be installed to stop the horses wandering and allow space for dogs to continue to be walked.

491 The Chairman's Statement

The Chairman read out a short statement about what had happened in 2014/15, a full copy of this statement is attached to these minutes.

492 Public Participation Session

Adam Alexander expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council but asked if he would be able to attend meetings for a year to see how much work would be involved. The Chairman informed the Council that Adam spent a lot of time riding the bridle ways and rights of way and so would be ideally suited to take on some responsibility for this area as Marion Philips had done some good work in keeping them clear while she was a Councillor but had now

stepped down from the Council. It was agreed that Adam would be part of a working party looking after the bridleways and report to the Clerk.

Richard Walker asked for his thanks to be minute for all the hard work being carried out by the Parish Council and in particular the Chairman. He reported that he had heard a number of very complementary comments about how the centre of Preston Candover was now looking.

493 Minutes of the last meeting

The Council agreed the minutes as a true record of the last meeting and approved the Chairman to sign them off.

494 Allocation of roles within the Parish Council and updates

Parish Website – Councillor Marks, Beale and Van Der Veer agreed to set up a working party to look at the Parish Council website and try to make it more interactive and ensure the information on it was kept up to date. It was agreed that they would look at the system being used to run the website as it wasn't very user friendly. It was hoped that community groups could be encouraged to upload content to their part of the website directly to reduce the burden on one individual to do all the work on the site. The working group also had ideas about using Face book and U-tube to get the community to interact with the Parish Council.

The Clerk asked that as the site was joint with Candovers Parish Council that the working party liaises with Councillor Di Peisley about plans.

Action: Working party to speak to Di Peisley.

Planning – The Vice Chairman was happy to pick up this role and suggested that Councillor Beale be involved too.

Council Property – The Chairman agreed to take on this role as he had taken a very active role in ensuring they were all maintained.

The area behind the bus shelter which requires some clearing is still to be tackled.

Children's Play Area and Skate Park – Councillor Owencroft is happy to continue looking after these two areas and has done some research work about the purchase of an additional piece of play equipment from the section 106 funds. Councillor Owencroft also circulated the latest inspection report which shows that the skate ramp is now considered to be a low risk due to a couple of bolts being missing. The slide needs a coat of paint and Councillor Owencroft explained that she had some left from when the replacement top of the spring toy was purchased and she would use this.

Recreation Ground – The Chairman agreed to continue to support this committee while they got a working group together but that the Parish Council would then be able to step away from this.

Community Relations (joined up thinking!) – The Council discussed and agreed that a role to coordinate other groups within the community and provide a conduit between these groups. Councillor Chattell agreed to take on this role and to arrange an informal event in September where all these groups could be invited and say a few words about the goals. The groups identified to date are:-

- School Governors
- PC School Association

- PC Pre School
- Scouts
- Tennis Club
- Lunch Club
- Village Hall Committee
- Gardening Club
- Church
- Community Store Committee
- Preston Estate
- Moundsmere Estate
- Police
- Recreation Group Committee
- Allotment Charity
- Candover Choir
- Cricket Club
- Purefoy Arms Public House

Councillor Chattell asked if any of the Councillors had other names to add that they let her know.

Highways – Councillor Prosser was happy to continue in the role. Councillor Prosser informed the Council that she had an on-going list of work to be done including cleaning all the road signs throughout the valley. Councillor Prosser was planning to meet with Keith Thomson from the Highways Department in the Parish to walk through and discuss all the issues which require addressing.

Councillor Beale asked about the 40mph speed limit for the road between Preston Candover and Axford and Councillor Prosser agreed to speak to Keith about this too.

Street lamps – Councillor Prosser agreed to continue with this role and asked for a new list with the additional lamp post included.

Legal Issues – The Vice Chairman agreed to take on this role

Civil Emergencies including flooding – Councillor Marks and Councillor Van Der Veer agreed to share this role.

Community Store – Councillor Marks agreed to liaise with the Community Store Action Group and report back to the meetings

War Memorial – The Vice Chairman agreed to continue work on this role.

Affordable Housing – as part of the Allotment Charity the Vice Chairman agreed to report back on this role.

495 **Financial statement**

The following payments were agreed at the meeting:-

- £1,000 – grant for Village hall
- £1,000 – grant for Recreation ground
- £1,000 – grant for tennis club
- £300 – grant for Scouts
- £863.00 – Insurance
- £414.00 – grass cutting

- £668.89 – replacement gates at field next to village hall
- £262.79 - VAT on street lamp invoice

The Councillors agreed all these payments and the cheques were signed.

496 General Correspondence

None

497 Any other business

TAG Farnborough – The Vice Chairman updated the Council on the situation with the plans to increase air traffic at Farnborough and the impact on the local community including Lasham Airfield. The Vice Chairman has written to the Chief Executive of the Civil Aviation Authority and this has been picked up by HALC and circulated to a number of Parish Council which weren't aware of the plans.

Rural Policing – It is believed that the required money to secure a Police Office remains in the Upton Grey and Candovers beat area has been raised in theory. Councillor Mark Ruffell has been in talks with the Police Commissioner to ensure that the plans are completed and an agreement made.

Training for new Councillors – Councillor Chattell asked if there was any training for new Councillors. At the time of the meeting no training had been organised but HALC have since sent out information about a session they are running.

Lay-by design consultation – Once plans have been drawn up for the lay-by path it was requested that these be circulated to ensure local residents were informed.

498 Date of next meeting and AGM

Monday 15th June 2015, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.