

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 16th March 2015. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Marion Philips
David Wilson
Arnout Van Der Veer
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid

Apologies: Tish Owencroft
Rob Marks

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The Clerk had received apologies from Councillors Tish Owencroft and Rob Marks to say they would not be able to attend the meeting.

447 Minutes of the last meeting

The Clerk made the Parish Council aware that an amendment had been flagged under point 438 “flooding” that the minutes should read “may require removing” and not “will require removing”. The Clerk had made this amendment to the copy of the minutes signed by the Chairman. The Council agreed the minutes as a true record of the last meeting and approved the Chairman to sign them off.

Action: Councillor Wilson asked for a copy of the amended minutes to be uploaded to the website.

448 Matter arising from the previous meeting

Change of signatory on bank account – The Vice Chairman had completed the bank mandate with an advisor from Lloyds bank to support through the process. The Clerk had asked the advisor in the Alresford branch to look over the form, who picked up that shortened names had been used, these were corrected at the meeting and signed by the Councillors required.

Action: Clerk to get Councillor Owencroft to sign the mandate and take it to the bank.

VAT Claim – The Clerk informed the Council that she had put in a claim for £1,513.94, which should be paid into the Council’s bank account in the next couple of months.

Election paperwork – The Clerk had forwarded the paperwork for all the Councillors to be nominated for election and also to consent to be nominated. Councillors Philips and Wilson explained that they did not wish to stand for election and so would not be completing the

paperwork. Councillor Prosser had complete both forms and the nomination forms were filled in for all the remaining Councillors. Therefore the paperwork still outstanding is consent to nominate forms for:-

Alex Taylor
Charles Bradshaw
Arnout Van Der Veer
Rob Marks
Tish Owencroft

This paperwork has to be delivered to Basingstoke and Deane office by 9th April so the Clerk asked the Councillors to deliver the forms to her home address by Friday 27th March.

Action: Councillors to complete and forward forms as required.

As there are 8 positions and only 6 nominations there will not be an election unless more than 2 additional people stand. If there are only the required number of nomination or less then all those nominated will get a position and if there are any vacancies these can be co-opted.

449 Police Update

PC Reid reported the following update:-

- Concern for a lady's welfare in Axford on 22/2
- A speed enforcement day in Preston Candover with 3 DAT warning being issued on 25/2

The Chairman thanked PC Reid on behalf of the community for his hard work and support.

450 Financial statement

The following payments were agreed at the meeting

- £1,248.00 – for Jim Kimber for work at village hall
- £48.00 – for village hall hire for February and March
- £235.60 – PAYE for Clerk for January, February and March
- £354.30 – Clerk's salary for January, February and March
- £76.00 – for plaques for Silver and Diamond Jubilee Oak Trees and bench

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

The Clerk asked that as a number of the Councillors had issues with printing off the new format finance statement if the Council were happy for her to return to the old format. The Councillors agreed.

Action: Clerk to produce finance statement for 2015/16 in old format.

451 Update on CHEF Grant

The Chairman reported that Councillor Marks had put the two signs up about dog fouling on the pedestrian gates onto the field next to the village hall.

The plaques had been ordered for the two Jubilee Oak Trees (Silver and Diamond) and the Chairman showed the Councillors the wording which was agreed. There was also a version for the bench which has been placed by the children's crossing area.

Councillor Philips informed the Council that the additional street lamp had been ordered and was due to be installed on Monday 23rd March. It was agreed that both the Chairman and Councillor Philips would be available to meet the contractor and ensure that the post was

fitted in the correct location. Councillor Wilson asked how high the post was due to be, this had not been specified in the contract but Councillor Philip agreed to get this confirmed prior to the 23rd March.

The Clerk explained that she had requested the invoices for this work and had received different costs to those paid so this was still be sorted out.

452 Right of Way

There was nothing to report on the rights of way.

The map board mock up has been taken to the office where they are manufactured which is in Kings Worthy. Councillor Philips spent some time with the manufacturer to ensure that the design idea was understood. Councillor Philips has also completed the order form and sent this off with digital copies of the photos and QRL code. It was believed that this process was completed but a short statement was requested for the board as a heading. At the meeting Councillor Phillips read out the proposed statement which the Parish Council agreed on. The wording is:-

“The Preston Candover and Nutley Parish is surrounded by open downland. The area is interlaced with footpaths and bridleways, providing access to unspoilt countryside, and giving the opportunity to wander through some of the most beautiful parts of the county and observe and enjoy its natural history.”

453 Community Website

Councillor Wilson reported that he uploaded the minutes and church rostra to the website but had nothing else to add as no copy had been received. The Word press package used by the system is a useful tool and is used by a number of website designers so Councillor Wilson did not recommend starting again with the site but agreed that it could be better used. One suggested was that the discussion function could be activated to allow the community to post their thoughts and comments. This would need to be monitored and may need to be time delayed to stop unwanted posts being displayed.

Action: Councillors Wilson, Marks and Van Deer Veer to develop future plan for discussion at next meeting.

454 Planning

Meadow House, Church Lane, Preston Candover – The Councillors looked at all the plans and the much larger profile of the proposed building as the new property is three storey including using the roof space and the existing bungalow only one. The brick and flint front of the property was considered in keeping with the area but the Councillors were disappointed that the back of the building was plain render.

The Vice Chairman took the plans to study and agreed to let the other Councillors know his comments.

The Bothy, Alresford Road, Preston Candover – Again the Councillors studied the plans and agreed that the additional garden room was in keeping with the building and area and had no objections.

The Croft, Alresford Road, Preston Candover – The Councillors felt that the removal of the self seeded Beech tree was OK but questioned the amount of height being removed from the cherry tree, taking it from 20m to 8m and if the tree would survive this.

Action: Clerk to contact the tree department at Basingstoke and Deane and ask about this tree work and its impact.

455 Council Property

The Chairman apologised for not having spoken to the Purefoy about the area behind the bus shelter but it was agreed that it was important to complete the work started at the village hall and lay-by before starting a new project.

Councillor Prosser asked if the two picnic benches and the seat had been added to the insurance policy, the Clerk explained that they hadn't but would contact Came & Co to ensure they were on the new policy.

Action: Clerk to add benches to policy.

The chain which was down at the war memorial has been repaired.

456 Flooding

The plan for the larger work required through the valley which was expected for this meeting, has not been made available. The Vice Chairman has chased this up with the Environment Agency and Hampshire County Council but it is not yet signed off.

Work has been carried out to replace the small pip under the road outside the church to take water away from the war memorial and into the ditch. The culvert by the old bus stop has also been removed. The path from the war memorial to Stenbury Drive, along with the road surface at the Wield Road junction all needs attention and the Vice Chairman is chasing these points.

Councillor Wilson asked about timeframes for getting the major works completed? It was agreed that the work done to date had impacted the water levels but the dryer winter had helped ensure that Preston Candover hadn't had the issues it had last year, but the community would want to know when to expect action. The Vice Chairman explained that he didn't have timelines until the plan was received.

457 Play areas

The Chairman reported that children's play area is in good shape.

The hole in the skate ramp is still to be repaired.

458 Recreation Ground

The Chairman had met with Bob Parks to discuss possible funding but a committee needed to be formed to decide what the recreation ground would be used for and what funding would therefore be needed. Councillor Wilson agreed that as he was stepping down from the Parish Council that he would support the group at the recreation committee.

459 Highways

Councillor Prosser has asked for the salt bin to be moved away from the area which floods at the war memorial.

Councillor Prosser is also dealing with the trees at the BT building and children's crossing area. All these trees have been inspected and work should be carried out prior to the next meeting.

The Chairman asked about the self set tree which is at the back of the lay-by. It was agreed that the paperwork be completed to get permission to remove it.

Action: Councillor Prosser to complete paperwork to remove the tree.

460 Shop Update

Councillor Marks wasn't at the meeting to give an update but it is believed that there isn't much to report currently. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Bob Woods, the Chairman of the Community Store Group to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to invite Bob Woods

461 War Memorial

Nothing further to report since the February meeting

462 General Correspondence

The Clerk had received information through from the Pensions Regulator to say that as of April 2017 that the Parish Council will need to offer a pension to all members of staff, i.e. the Clerk.

463 Any other business

Councillor Prosser had been asked to request use of the field next the village hall for a party being held at the hall on 16th May, the Parish Council agreed providing it was dry and no vehicles were parked on the field.

Councillor Philips explained that she also had a booking for the village hall on 23rd May and asked for permission to use the field as well. Again the Parish Council agreed on the same basis.

The Vice Chairman asked that the Clerk record a huge vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his hard work in the area around the village hall and lay-by, it was agreed by all the Councillors that the area was much improved for all the work done.

The Chairman asked for a small working party to remove the stones raked up form along the track to the tennis courts. It was suggested that Michael Maxwell may be prepared to take them away as they can be used as hardcore for the farm tracks.

The Vice Chairman also raised the plans for TAG Farnborough which had got a huge amount of public criticism about the additional flights in and out of the airport. The Vice Chairman explained that he was monitoring the situation and would keep the Parish Council informed.

464 Date of next meeting

Monday 20th April 2015, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.