

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 17th October 2016. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Tish Owencroft
Ruth Chattell
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid
1 member of the public

Apologies: Rob Marks

724 Apologies

Councillors Marks was not able to attend the meeting.

725 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 19th September were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

726 Public Forum

Mr Jon Brown asked to join the meeting to discuss a piece of land he and his siblings had inherited on the Wield Road with a view to putting a small development in the north (bottom) corner. Mr Brown explained that there was currently a stable block and some chicken sheds in this area and he showed the Councillors plans for a ½ acre site with 4-5 homes consisting of a mixture of 3, 4 and 5 bed properties. Mr Brown explained that he had spoken to the planning department at B&D who had not dismissed the plans but had suggested that he and his family speak to the Parish Council to gauge local views about housing needs. Mr Brown suggest that additional homes would ensure local facilities such as the public house and shop would be more viable with additional families living in the community.

Councillor Prosser explained that the site falls outside of the development area of the village and that some years ago plans to develop the land had been refused. The Vice Chairman pointed out the affordable homes on Moundsmere Close and the issues with planning for the project.

The feedback given to Mr Brown was that the Parish Council would not be able to support such a project as it would set a precedent and potentially open the door to developments on other fields on the outskirts of the village which need to be protected.

727 Matter arising

Vacancy for Councillor – The Parish Council still has two vacancies but no one has expressed an interest in joining.

Action: Clerk to put an advert in the December Oxdrove asking for volunteers

Lay-by & pathway – Councillor Chattell has been in touch with Jenny Moon and the plans have been agreed as: -

- Provide a formal kerb to the layby
- Survey /repair the soakaway and possibly provide two drainage gullies to improve usability for pedestrians and vehicles
- Review the provision of the crossing facility so that it lines up and there is more hard standing for pedestrians to use whilst waiting to cross from the school.
- Possibly provide a virtual footway between the carriageway and the parking area. (subject to Road Safety Audit as the existing footway route is behind the cars and adjacent to the carriageway).

The Parish Council approved these actions and Councillor Chattell is to now meet with The Delivery team from Hampshire Highways and the Head Mistress from the school (Mrs. Simrit Otway). Ms Moon had indicated that the cost of the project may be the £15,000 held by Hampshire Highways as section 106 money. It was agreed by the Council that a commercial quote had been gained for approximately £5,000 and that this was a more realistic cost.

Action: Councillor Chattell to report after meeting with Highways Team and School.

728 Police Update

PC Reid gave an update on the activity since the last Parish Council meeting which included the following five incidents: -

- 20/9 – false burglar alarm activation in Axford
- 24/9 - false burglar alarm activation in Nutley
- 3/10 – speed enforcement on B3046
- 11/10 – concern for welfare for resident in Preston Candover
- 13/10 – injury road traffic accident in Nutley

There were also 2 crimes which were: -

- 21/9 – criminal damage to crops in Preston Candover
- 5/10 – public order offence (road rage in Preston Candover)

The Councillor discussed the option to buy a speed indication device or rent one from B&D. The Clerk had found the information that Councillor Marks had collected about two suppliers whose websites are

- www.radarspeedsigns.co.uk
- www.radarspeedsign.com

The costs were between £1,900 and £2,500 two years ago so it was estimated that they were likely to be no more than £3,000 now. The cost of rental was £1,000 for 3 months and it was agreed that buying a unit would be better value. The minutes also indicated that the unit could be purchased from the section 106 money for highways.

Action: Clerk to order price list and catalogue for next meeting

Action: Clerk to check hire prices

Action: Clerk to check that section 106 money can be used for this.

Councillor Prosser asked about the speed limit between Preston Candover and Axford which was dropped to 40mph. Although the reduction had been granted there was no funds for

the signage. PC Reid informed the Councillors that the police had not been notified of this change.

Action: Councillor Prosser to speak to Highways to confirm reduction and signage

729 Financial Update

The Clerk presented to the Councillors 1 payment which required signing off, it was: -

- £312.00 – grass cutting (September)

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

The Parish Council had received a letter from the Preston Candover Village Hall Committee about the cost of registering the land next to the village hall under their ownership. The cost was £200 and the Committee asked if the Parish Council would cover this cost. Having discussed the matter, it was agreed that the Parish Council could not use public funds in this way.

Action: Clerk to write back to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee informing him of the Parish Council's decision.

730 Flooding

The Vice Chairman and the Chairman from Candovers Parish Council had met with the new Lengths Man to get agreement on the work required.

Simon Crump and his team had drawn up plans for drainage in the Candover Valley, however these were only to remove surface water and as the issue is with ground water it was agreed that the plans would not have the desired effect.

The Clerk had received an update on the project to stop removing water from the Itchen Valley as it was having a negative impact on the wildlife of the area and instead pump water out of the Candover Valley. The license however was originally for 27 million litres a day but has been reduced to 5 million litres a day and so Southern Water are looking at the feasibility.

731 TAG Farnborough

Nothing further to report

732 Rights of Way

Nothing further to report

733 Community Website

Nothing further to report

734 Council Property

The Chairman has been clearing the area behind the bus shelter of rubbish,

735 Planning

1 Farriers Close – side and rear extension (16/03227/HSE) – The Councillor felt this was too large for the size of the plot.

Gobley Cottage – side extension (16/03294/HSE) – The Councillors had no objections to these plans

8 Stenbury Drive – certificate of lawfulness (16/03415/LDPO) – No comments

736 Children’s play areas

Councillor Owencroft has painted the remaining part of the fence.

The Clerk gave out the H&S check and there are several minor issues which the Parish Council need to look to get fixed.

737 Recreation Ground

The H&S check has now flagged the skate ramp as high risk, from 15/10 inspection. The Clerk was meeting Richard Pennington from Sovereign to look at the issue on Tuesday 18th October at 4:45pm.

Action: Clerk to report at next meeting

738 Highways

Nothing further to report.

739 War Memorial

The Vice Chairman reported that the grant from the War Memorial Trust is still being debated.

740 Community Store Update

Planning permission has been granted.

741 General Correspondence

The Clerk has received notification from BT that the telephone box in Axford is under threat as BT look to shut these under-performing boxes down. The Clerk explained that as there was no mobile coverage in the valley that it was important that a telephone box remain in use to allow anyone who is not from the area to contact help if required without having to knock on a stranger door.

Action: Clerk to defend telephone box!

742 Any other business

The Vice Chairman informed the Parish Council that he intends to retire in February 2017 having served 15 years on the Parish Council. The Parish Council discussed the issues with attracting new Councillors and it was agreed that the large projects that had been undertaken were almost complete, with the War Memorial and Lay-by still progressing. The Vice Chairman agreed to see the war Memorial Project through to completion. The Councillors therefore agreed that the number of meetings could be reduced to 6 per year: -

- 16th January 2017
- 20th March 2017
- 15th May 2017
- 17th July 2017
- 18th September 2017
- 20th November 2017

It was also agreed that updates be circulated between meetings and recorded on the minutes to allow the meeting to be used to discuss the important issues and this would ensure that they were kept concise.

743 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st November 2016, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.