

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 21st November 2016. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Rob Marks
Tish Owencroft
Ruth Chattell
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid
3 members of the public

Apologies: Daphne Prosser

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Councillors Prosser was not able to attend the meeting and sent apologies

745 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 17th October were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

746 Public Forum

Mr and Mrs Frome joined the meeting to discuss the application they have put forward to convert an agricultural building into a three-bed dwelling, including the erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey side extension, and associated parking and landscaping (application ref 16/04078/FUL). The Councillors felt that the plans were in keeping with the area and would offer no objection. The Vice Chairman suggested the only issue may be with it being outside the settlement area and the restriction on creating new dwellings, however the planning department at Basingstoke & Deane would advise on this.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting about the Parish Council's decision at the last meeting not to cover the land registry costs for the area to the right of the Village Hall. A letter from the Village Hall Committee was read out explaining that the land had never been registered but following the lease taken out by the Parish Council on the field next the village hall, that this area had been included in error. To protect it for the village hall, a solicitor had been engaged and re-registration of the land complete. While the Village Hall Committee had covered the cost of the solicitor, it was felt that the Parish Council should have paid the land registry costs.

The meeting discussed the issue and after the Chairman from the Village Hall Committee left the meeting it was agreed that if a grant application was received to cover the land registration costs that the Parish Council would be supportive.

Action: Clerk to draft a letter for Councillors to approve.

747 Matter arising

Vacancy for Councillor – The Councillors approved the advert presented by the Clerk for the January Oxdrove.

Action: Clerk to forward to Jean Frost

748 Police Update

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

- 20/10 – A deer road traffic accident at Preston Oakhills
- 28/10 – an injured deer on B3046 in Preston Candover
- 5/11 – Parking issues at firework display in Preston Candover
- 17/11 – An injury road traffic incident on B3046 in Nutley involving 2 cars and a deer

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 Chairman asked about progress with the plans for keeping rural policing and PC Reid in the area. PC Reid explained that several those originally involved with the plans had moved to other roles and were no longer involved. The Vice Chairman asked if Councillor Ruffell was still pushing the plans and it was suggested that the Parish Council should contact him for an update.

Action: Vice Chairman to contact Mark Ruffell and report back to Councillors

749 Financial Update

The Clerk presented to the Councillors 2 payments which required signing off, it was: -

- £350.00 – clearing the area behind the bus shelter
- £102.00 – grass cutting (October)

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

750 Highways Section 106 funds (Lay-by project & SID purchase)

At the last meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm that the new SID (Speed Indication Device) could be purchased from the section 106 money held by Hampshire Highways. Jenny Moon had approved in the principle this purchase but had asked Adrian Morgan to comment on the proposal. Mr Morgan explained that Hampshire Highways had a device that the Parish Council could rent at £160 for 4 weeks and that the Highways Team were not keen to have high numbers of devices installed in permanent positions as this decreases the impact of the device. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council could buy two of the basic units for the same price as the most advanced unit and that this would be a better use of funds. It was suggested that if 6 poles were erected along the road including Chilton and brown Candover that the devices could be easily moved. The total cost

of the project was estimated to be £4,600 excluding VAT, leaving £10,000 for the lay-by project.

Councillor Chattell is waiting for a date to be confirmed from Jenny Moon to conduct a site visit to look at the lay-by project and children's crossing area, this seems to have been held up by the request for information about the SID.

Action: Councillor Chattell to write an email to Ms Moon to confirm the plans for the SID get a date for the site visit.

751 Budgets

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the General Grant was to decrease in 2017/18 from £1,100 to £605 in 17/18 and would be removed in 18/19. The grass cutting support and Council Tax support would also decrease.

It was agreed that due to the decrease in funds from Basingstoke and Deane that the Parish Council would ask for an increase in precept of 5% or £385.

A budget of £1,000 was agreed for grants and the Council asked that the Scouts, Village Hall, Church, and Recreation Ground all be sent a grant application form.

Action: Clerk to send grant application forms as required.

The £200 put aside for the children's play area was discussed as a new gate is needed.

Action: Councillor Owencroft to get a quote for the next meeting

752 Planning

See Open Forum

753 Children's play areas

Councillor Owencroft confirmed that a section of the fence and the gate both needed work and it was agreed that the Chairman would get a local person to quote while in the area at the weekend. Councillor Owencroft was to get a further quote, two if possible for discussion at the next meeting.

754 Recreation Ground

Richard Pennington from Sovereign was not able to help with the skate ramp issue, so the Clerk suggested that GRP would be the solution. It was agreed that the Clerk would order a kit and that a sign be put up closing the ramp until the work could be done.

Action: Clerk to order GRP

Action: Clerk to put up sign closing the ramp until further notice

755 War Memorial

The Vice Chairman reported that the War Memorial Trust had inspected the stonework and had asked that a quote be sort for getting most of the stonework replaced but not all the pieces as had been in the initial quote.

Action: Vice Chairman to get additional quotes

756 Flooding

The Vice Chairman showed the Councillors the plans for the valley.

The new Lengths Man is ready to start work and the Vice Chairman agreed to send round a list of the work to be carried out.

757 General Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from Richard Walker about reducing the height of a hedge at the allotments and asked for a letter of support from the Parish Council. The Councillors all agreed that work was required.

Action: Clerk to draft letter of support

758 Any other business

The Chairman has a quote for getting a tree pruned at the bus shelter and a fence repaired at £75. The Councillors all approved this payment.

759 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th January 2017, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.