

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Date: Monday 16th May 2016.

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Ruth Chattell
Tish Owencroft
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid
Richard Walker Chairman of Community store group & Allotment Charity

2 members of the public

Apologies: Adam Alexander
Rob Marks

661 Chairman statement for 2015/16

Changes in personnel – Marion Philips and David Wilson stood down in May 2015

Ruth Chattell joined the Council in May 2015

Adam Alexander joined the Council in June 2015

Arnout Van Der Veer stepped down as a Councillor in January 2016

Summary of activity - Discussion about local funding for rural policing
Community Store discussions & Parish Meeting – 23rd January 2016
Flood plans
New piece of children's play equipment
Defibrillator fitted at Village Hall – 23rd July 2015
Community Relations Meeting – 17th September 2015
TAG Farnborough
War Memorial grants applications
Faster broadband in part of Preston Candover
Lengths Man Grant

The Chairman chose two of the activities to elaborate on, the faster broadband was the first and he asked David Wilson, who supports with the Parish Council website, to give an update on the improved Broadband speed in some areas. He explained that there are 4 cabinets which serve Preston Candover, Nutley and Axford and that cabinet 1 has been upgraded, with plans for cabinets 2&3 to be changed to fast broadband in 2018, but there are no plans for cabinet 4 which serve part of Preston Candover, Axford and Nutley. Currently only 12 residents have expressed an interest in faster broadband of those served by cabinet 4 and a larger number is required for it to be moved to

a higher priority. It was agreed that David Wilson would draft a piece for the July Oxdrove and for it to be circulated to the Councillors

Action: Clerk to circulate draft of Oxdrove piece to all Parish Councils covered by the Oxdrove

Action: David Wilson to speak to Councillor Marks about conversation he has had with BT

A member of the public expressed disappointment that the Parish Council had been given notice on the lease on the field next to the village hall and that this area would return to private ownership on 1st November 2016. It was suggested that under the Localism Act, the Parish Council should register the field as a “valued community asset”. Councillor Chattell, who has joined the Parish Council since the lease was taken out, asked what the arrangements had been prior to the agreement being set up and the Parish Council looking after the area. In the winter of 2013 the field had been used for parking and due to the wet weather had become badly damaged and subsequently closed to vehicles. It was agreed that clarity needed to sort from the landowner about the plans for the area and its future.

Action: Chairman and Vice Chairman to speak to the Estate Manager about plans

Planning applications -

The Croft – Tree work (T/00084/15/TCA) - Granted

St Mary’s church – Tree work (T/00139/15/TCA) - Granted

Nutley Manor Bungalow – rear extension (15/01412/GPDE) - Granted

Marjoram Cottage – side extension (15/01242/HSE) - Granted

Old St Mary’s church – Tree work (T/00139/15/TCA) - Granted

BT Exchange – Tree work (T/00185/15/TCA) - Granted

Fairview Cottage – Tree work (T/00224/15/TCA) - Granted

1 Axford Lodge Cottages – rear extension (15/02099/HSE) - Granted

Brown Acres – Tree work (T/0024/15/TCA) - Granted

The Gables – relocation of access (15/02858/HSE) - Granted

Two Hoots – rear extension (15/03063/HSE) - Granted

Little Axford Cottage – external alterations (15/02718/LBC) - Granted

The Old Cart Shed, Manor Farmhouse – change of use for agricultural building (15/03159/GPDADW) - Granted

Woodham House – Tree work (T/00329/15/TCA) - Granted

Nutley Manor – Construction of a pond (15/03286/HSE) - Granted

Cherry Tree Cottage – replacement windows (15/03570/LBC) - Granted

The Close – conversion of cart shed to garage (15/03479/HSC) - Granted

Wilanda House – side extension (15/04231/HSE) - Granted

1 Lay Hay Cottages – side and rear extension (16/00684/HSE) – No decision

Little Axford Cottage – increase chimney height (16/00851/HSE) - Granted

PC Reid reported that there had been 11 crimes reported in 2015, up 2 on the previous year, these were:-

- A theft of caravans from a farm
- A Basingstoke man was found in possession of illegal drugs
- 4 cases of criminal damage, 3 of which were poachers and 1 damage to wasp traps
- 3 non dwelling burglaries, 1 at the Purefoy where a blender was stolen and 2 at farms where nothing was taken
- 1 assault of a dog bite at the Purefoy
- A complaint of harassment

The incidents in 2015 included:-

- 4 false burglar alarm activations
- A chain saw salesman in the village
- An injured deer
- Dogs left in cars in the hot weather
- A missing person who was found in good order
- A HGV parked on the Wield Road
- Concern for welfare after an abandoned 999 call
- A drink driver who was later caught in Southampton and banned from driving

PC Reid also covered the school crossing for several days when the Lollypop Lady was off ill.

The parking at the Primary School continues to be an issue and PC Reid has made reports to the relevant authorities. P Reid has also spoken at the school about the dangers of traffic and also internet safety.

There have been a number of speed checks carried out in the area both with the Speed Camera Van and by PC Reid, 4 enforcement notices were issued and 11 warnings.

A member of the public asked about the Speed Watch initiative which Cliddesdon have put into place and how it worked. PC Reid explained that they had purchased the equipment at approximately £1,500 and it required 3 members of the team to be in attendance. Details of any speeding incidents are passed to the police but the group do not have the power to stop vehicles or issue fines.

Action: [The Clerk is to ask Cliddesdon Clerk about costs of hiring the equipment for use in Preston Candover](#)

PC Reid thanked the Parish Council for their on-going support and the Chairman thanked PC Reid on behalf of the community for all his hard work.

663 Annual Report from the Allotment Charity

Richard Walker updated the Parish Council on the Charity and work carried out in 2015. The Charity had collected approximately £4,000 of income prominently from interest on the capital investment and had distributed £3,000 to people and societies who need support. Any requests for support are dealt with confidently by the Committee and they are open to all request.

The allotments are all rented and the creation of some half plots has helped with this.

Dickers Field is no longer being used to graze horses and will have a path cut round the edge to allow dog walkers and Moundsmere will top it during the summer. A new sign saying “permissive access” has been put up as this area is not a right of way.

664 Community Store

The Community Store Group and Preston Candover Village Hall Committee are working in partnership to design and build an extension to the village hall to house the new community shop. The architect who was employed to draw up the plans for the stand alone design has been brought back in to incorporate some of the features which the public liked about those plans into the new design.

The Planning Authority are requesting details of parking facilities and how traffic congestion will be minimal, but as parking will be shared with the village hall it is hoped that sufficient spaces will be available. Richard asked the Parish Council about the plans for the lay-by and if these could include additional spaces (2) at the end furthest from the village hall. The Chairman agreed that the Council would investigate but suggested that visibility may be an issue. The parking at the tennis club was also discussed but concerns had been raised about access from one of the local residents.

Members of the Community Store Group have been helping out in the current store to gain experience and also help the current owners. Richard wanted to publically thank the owners of the store for continuing to operate and allow the post office to remain open; this will allow it to be transferred to the new store when open.

The Chairman had been sent a letter asking if the Parish Council would give a grant towards these initial set up costs for the project. Councillor Prosser asked why £10,000 was required to draw up the plans again. Richard explained that the money was not just for the architect but also for other surveys and planning works. He also explained that as the extension would cost in the region of £100,000 to build that there was a desire for the design to be as in keeping with the area as possible.

The timeframes are that the initial plans should be received from the architect in the next 2 weeks and it is hoped that they will then be agreed and sent for planning consent. It is hoped that the new store will be open in spring 2017.

665 Sign off year end accounts for 2015/16

The accounts are being internally audited on Friday 20th May and will then be presented at the next Parish Council meeting for sign off prior to being sent for external audit.

666 Questions from the public

There were no further questions from the public and the meeting was closed