

**PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.  
**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall

**Time:** 7:30pm

<b>Present:</b>	Alex Taylor	Chairman of Parish Council
	Tish Owencroft	Councillor
	Ruth Chattell	Councillor
	Ian Simpson	Councillor
	Paul Sadler	Councillor
	PC Andrew Reid	
	David Chattell	Vicar at St Mary's
	Rosemary Bligh	Member of Gardening Club
	Carolyn Dawney	Member of Allotment Committee
	Richard Walker	Chairman of Store Committee
	Catherine Payne	Member of Tennis Club
	Adam Alexander	Member of 1 <sup>st</sup> Candover Scouts
	Gina Alexander	Chair of Village Hall Committee
	Charlotte Whittle	On behalf of Preston Candover School
	8 members of the public	
	Wendy Simson	Clerk for Parish Council
<b>Apologies:</b>	Rob Marks	Councillor
	Daphne Prosser	Councillor
	Tina Spicer	Councillor

**789 Welcome**

The Chairman of Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those who had attended on behalf of one of the local groups to present.

**790 Update on Parish Council activities**

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave an update on the activities in 2016/17, which included: -

- Presentation from Lasham Gliding Club about TAG Farnborough on 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Flooding in Axford in January and February, meetings held with Environment Agency, Highways, local landowners, and Ellisfield Parish Council to draw up a plan to prevent this in the future.
- High speed broadband into cabinet 4 in Preston Candover
- Moundsmere Close transferred from Hyde Housing to Sovereign
- Repairs at children's play area
- Grant for rebuilding changing rooms at Recreation Ground

- Lay-by project
- War Memorial repairs and grants
- Skate Ramp repairs
- Speed Indication Device
- Lengthsman Grant/work

There have been 16 planning applications, 13 were granted, 1 withdrawn and 2 are awaiting a decision.

The Parish Council has received £11,412 income, the majority, £9,519, from Basingstoke and Deane as the precept and grants. The Parish Council spent £9,361 on general maintenance work like grass cutting alongside the larger projects. The Parish Council has £10,170 in the account as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. A further £14,696 is held by the Highways as section 106 money, the Parish Council plan to spend this on 2 Speed Indication Devices, having the lay-by opposite the school repaired and work to improve the children’s crossing area.

There have been three new Councillors join the Parish Council, Paul Sadler and Ian Simpson were present at the meeting and introduced themselves, Tina Spicer was away but the Chairman introduced her in her absence. Charles Bradshaw who recently retired from the Parish Council after 15 years of service was thanked by the Chairman and all those present for his service. A gift will be given to Charles at the Annual General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**791 Policing update**

PC Reid delivered his annual report for the Parish, which was as follows: -

**Preston Candover**

Reported crimes in 2014	9
Reported crimes in 2015	11
Reported crimes in 2016	14

Sadly, an increase in reported crimes for the third year in succession with three more crimes reported in 2016 making fourteen compared with eleven in 2015.

The reported crimes were two burglary dwelling offences of which enquires are still ongoing, a garden shed broken into which is linked to these dwelling burglaries. Two other outbuildings were also broken into during the year; one was the changing hut at the recreation Field. We had an assault by a stranger on a lady who works at a large house who caught him in the grounds; this is a very usual type of crime in this area. We had three thefts reported during the year, a head collar for a horse; some cash, which is also, still a live enquiry and some chimney pots taken from a garden whilst the occupant of the house was attending her partner’s funeral. Three criminal damage offences were reported all being to growing crops by poachers.

Sadly, in July we had the fatal glider crash that took place at Moundsmere Manor. The Air Investigation Branch with Police assistance investigated the incidents.

Other events in the parish included we had two damage only road traffic incidents (accidents), five fallen trees across roads, five fallen trees across roads, five false/faulty burglar alarms activations, two concern for welfare calls both people were found to be in order, a report was received of an injured footballer at the recreation ground which the Ambulance Service dealt with and a report of an injured deer. We also had a man who sent a text to his wife saying “help” in the Preston Candover area, due to the bad signal she was unable to contact and called the Police; subsequently she managed to find him where he said it was a “practical

joke". Suitable advice was given, as a great deal of resources would have been brought in to find him including the use of the Police Helicopter.

I also had the pleasure of attending the local fete and firework display, which in 2017 will need further planning regarding the parking of spectators. I attended the War Memorial with a class of children from Preston Primary School to lay a wreath on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

I also carried out speed enforcement in the village issuing warnings.

With the Parish Councillor and Councillor Chattell a great deal of work has been done regarding the use of speed indication devices, which should be in place in early 2017.

### **Axford**

Reported crimes in 2014            2

Reported crimes in 2015            0

Reported crimes in 2016            3

There were three reported crimes in this parish during 2016, these were when a metal container was entered at a building site and two sets of tools belonging to two employees were stolen; the theft of a chainsaw and hedge cutter valued at over £300 from the side of the road whilst the workmen were using them on the other side of the hedge, a total opportunistic crime.

Other incidents in the parish included in 2016 was the severe flooding in February resulting in two homes being flooded out, three damage road traffic accidents, one in Berrydown Lane and two on Dummer Road, one at 05:37 involving a tractor and a car. We also had reports of a man sat in a deck chair watching traffic go by, this was at 23:05 on a June evening and a false burglar activation.

Both the Speed Camera Van and I carried out speed enforcement the village, I alone issued twenty-two warnings for vehicles travelling over the speed limit but below the enforcement speed, I also issued two enforcement notices on two drivers travelling at 40+mph.

### **Nutley**

Reported crime in 2014            1

Reported crime in 2015            0

Reported crime in 2016            0

Another good year in which no reported crime has taken place in this parish. Other incidents that were reported in this parish included three injury road traffic incidents (Accidents), one involving two cars and a deer on the B3046, the deer went through the windscreen of the car and ended up in the rear seat, the car then overturned. We also had two damage road traffic incidents, two false/faulty burglar alarm activations at the same address, a tree partially overhanging the main B3046 and sadly a thatched roof on an old cottage caught fire and was destroyed. Thankfully the family could get out of the house and no injury was caused.

### **2017**

#### **Crimes:**

Preston Candover (6) – 2 x criminal damage, 2 x assault reports, 1 x theft of vehicle, 1 x other crime.

Axford (2) – 1 x dwelling burglary, 1 x damage to motor vehicle

Nutley (0)

### **Other Incidents**

Preston Candover – injured deer, 3 x concern of welfare calls, fly tipping, abandoned 999 call, tree across road, injury road traffic accident, Suspicious men seen in the village, and an internet safety talk to school children.

Axford – speed enforcement

### **792 Church Update**

St Mary's is one of nine churches and ministry is shared with Stephen Mourant in Ellisfield. Together we take services in our church building following a rota through the month, as published in the Oxdrove, Hill & Dale and Farleigh Parish Magazine.

Locally, St Mary's is the church which the Primary School bring children for Christmas, Easter, Leavers service and Harvest.

We have only two service per month, the second Sunday is Family Worship and the fifth Sunday is the more formal communion. There are also several special services throughout the year including Christingle, Carol Services, and Christmas Day. However, the vicar still has things to do on the other Sundays and I usually go to Bradley, Wield and Northington. I also stay in touch with the churches in the top end of the group – Cliddesdon, Ellisfield, Dummer and Farleigh. There are various styles of worship from the traditional, very formal, and more informal services.

It is a privilege to be asked to conduct services for Baptism, Weddings, or Funerals and to be involved with families on those occasions. Sadly, there are two funerals next week, one in Preston Candover and one in Chilton Candover.

The condition of the churchyard is sometimes a point of conversation – with very limited funds we are grateful to those who give financially or time to rake, sweep, cut, etc. We do want to offer the village a pleasant place in which loved ones may be remembered or just is simply a nice green peaceful place to sit and be quiet.

But of course, not everyone wants to find themselves in church, I know there are people with belief and faith who are not regular worshippers. Occasionally we put on an event with a speaker. Recently in Preston Candover we had the Queen's helicopter pilot, based at Odiham, and a month ago a bombing survivor who had a lot to say about his experiences of violence, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Cambridge Maths Lecturer and colleague of Stephen Hawkins, spoke about science and faith.

I am available to the whole community, it is on a self-selecting service, if you want to talk, pray, off-load, etc., I am willing to help.

Anyone who wants to talk about belief and explore beliefs a bit more, I am happy to put on an Alpha course (Google it and you get Bear Grylls saying it was the best thing he ever did), there is also loads of stuff on other videos that is worth watching and thinking about. Failing that we can always meet in my other office just opposite the church if that suits, Matt would be pleased to see us!

### **793 Gardening Club Update**

The Candover Valley Gardening Club has members from Dummer to Alresford and currently membership stands at around 30. Guests and new members are always welcome and this year membership is £12 per person. This includes afternoon/evening garden visits – normally

around £8 per person. Last year we visited five gardens ranging from small and very local but packed with a huge variety of plants both favourites and the unusual, to Hillier's Arboretum in Romsey. We also enjoyed our annual BBQ this year in a very local garden thanks to Carolyn. This event always attracts many members and guests and mostly we have enjoyed a sunny evening.

We welcomed seven speakers with talks on shrubs, lilies, container planting and had a very amusing evening with the runners up of the BBC Great Allotment Challenge, where we discovered the "Challenge" was more about gardening with a camera in your face!

On to this year and we have some equally interesting speakers and we will be visiting some gardens on Ellisfield, Tufton and Longstock. In addition to these afternoons/evening visits we are also planning a visit to Blenheim Palace Flower Show in June. We will be taking a coach for a day visit and as well as our members, we welcome any guests who would like to join us. This is the only visit where members are asked to contribute. Entry is normally £15.30; however, members have coach travel included for £25.00 per person. The price for travel from Preston Candover to Blenheim return can only be bettered by people with a bus pass and ten hours to spare to get there. More details are on the noticeboard at the back on the Village Hall and on the website.

Every year we sell tea and cakes at the Lake House in Northington when the gardens are open under the National Gardens Scheme. This year the gardens are open on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June. Lord Ashburton has opened his garden under this scheme for many years and if you haven't been, I highly recommend it for the wonderful borders, a stroll round the lake and of course, the tea and homemade cakes.

Our annual plant sale this year is taking place at PC School Fete on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, look out for us there. We will be handing out free cucumber plants to the children to grow on and bring to our Annual Show.

Our Annual Show will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. It is an Open Show in the Village Hall which means it is open to everyone. It's a fun day with classes from usual veg and flowers to crafts, baking and special sections for children to include the Great Cucumber Challenge! I'm not talking Alresford Show proportions and as far as we are concerned, it's just about having fun, absolutely no pressure to go home with a cup!

The Schedule for the show as well as other information about the Candover Valley Gardening Club can be found on our website [www.cvgc.btck.co.uk](http://www.cvgc.btck.co.uk)

Not all of us are master gardeners but we all enjoy a challenge.

#### **794 Allotment Association Update**

Set up at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a small parcel of land was donated and the income was to be used for charitable purposes. Today the charity owns Dicker Field at the top of Stenbury Drive. In 2009, half the field was used for Moundsmere Close which is affordable housing for local people. It was leased on a long-term rental to Hyde Housing Association and it is now managed by Sovereign.

The remaining half of the field is used partly for recreation and dog walking and is maintained by the charity.

There are five trustees, three appointed by the Parish Council they are Charles Bradshaw, Daphne Prosser and Richard Walker, and two co-opted members Eileen Jamison and me.

The main objective of the charity is the “relief of persons in need, hardship or distress” in Preston Candover. Confidential applications for grants of money, goods or services can be made by individuals, groups or organisations which benefit people in the community. The funds available to the charity are from the leasehold sale of the land now occupied by Moundsmere Close. Only income from the capital can be used and that is approximately £3,500 to £4,000 per year. We spend about £1,300 on maintaining the grounds in 2016 and we made grants of around £3,000 to individuals and groups.

### **Allotments**

There are currently fifteen allotments, ten are by the play area at the entrance to Moundsmere Close and a further five are behind the flats at the far end of the close. Most are rented but this year we do have one half and one full sized plot if anyone would like some fresh air and exercise.

### **795 Community Store Update**

In January, the Community Store Committee and the Village Hall Committee put a joint piece in the Oxdrove about what progress had been made in 2016 the designs and getting planning permission. Quotes were due in January and plans for fund raising were in place.

Sadly, the quotes were high and there were other concerns from the Village Hall Committee including the long-term liability of the extension, disruption to the fabric of the building, the effect on the plans for the heating system and shared services.

There have been several meetings to get the plans back on track including a proposed separate building occupying the same area as the extension but not connected to the Village Hall. The building would be a chalet style, timber construction and had several advantages including: -

- Cheaper to build
- Quicker to build
- Independent
- Removeable
- No further impact on trees
- Simpler relationship with Village Hall as just pay ground rent
- Still in the centre of the village

The plans were well received initially but unfortunately have been rejected by the Village Hall Committee. However, a counter proposal to extend the annex to the left-hand side of the Village Hall was offered by the Village Hall Committee. This was rejected by the Community Store Committee and so both groups are looking for a way to progress.

There were several questions to both the Community Store Committee Chairman and the Chair of the Village Hall Committee. The views of both parties were restated.

### **796 Tennis Club Update**

The Tennis Club has three floodlit courts which allow play 12 months of the year. There are currently seventy-four members and membership can be on a single or family basis with fifty-five families currently members. Prices are £132 for an annual family membership, £84 for a single membership and £30 for a junior.

There is no need to pre-book court time if members fancy a game and there are also drills on a Wednesday evening with approximately twelve people attending.  
A charity ladies' tournament is being held in May (possibly 25<sup>th</sup>) to raise money for the Lily Foundation and Cancer Research.

#### **797 Village Hall Committee Update**

There are four different exercise classes held in the Village Hall each week, which provide an exercise class to meet most people's needs, they range from yoga to aerobics. The Hall can also be hired for private tuition at just £5/hr for our small meeting room.

The events at the Village Hall are expanding and two cycle groups use the Hall as a pit stop as part of an annual event. In May, there is to be an Inner Circle Motorbike Club event on the field next to the Village Hall, this has been advertised in several specialist magazines and attendees could be 50+.

The traditional annual events of the fete and bonfire night continue and the Village Hall Committee see the fireworks as being an excellent way for them to give back to the community as they fund the display each year.

#### **The over 60's Luncheon**

The over 60s luncheon is a very important monthly event for the older members of the community and has been running for 5 years. Gina Alexander cooks a full meal each month, with Tish Owencroft organising wine and attendees. Those who can't get to the luncheon are offered a lift or for a meal to be taken to them. Those who can attend do as it is a very social activity and everyone enjoys the opportunity to chat. Whilst the Village hall committee played a part in the setting up of this wonderful Luncheon it operates independently of the hall. Hire is graciously paid for by the allotment charity, as is the Christmas Luncheon. Each month there is a raffle where funds are raised and donated to the Hall.

The Village Hall Committee are very supportive of the Community Store and can appreciate the value of retaining a shop within the village. Every effort is being made to identify a suitable plan which will meet the needs of all parties.

#### **798 1<sup>st</sup> Candover Valley Scouts. Update**

There is a thriving Beaver Colony, Cub Pack, and Scout Troop in the Valley and in addition to regular meetings the group goes on camping trips and have been to Europe, with another trip planned for summer 2019. Funds have been raised to buy new camping equipment ready for trips locally in the summer holidays.

The packs learn a variety of skills and the opportunity to develop within a safe environment is important. Additional volunteers are always needed to ensure events can be held, with the younger groups a higher number of leaders are needed, making these groups logistically more difficult to run. If anyone would like to volunteer please visit the First Candover Valley Scouts website at [www.1stcandover.org.uk](http://www.1stcandover.org.uk) also follow us on twitter

#1<sup>st</sup>candovervalleyscouts.

#### **Leaders:**

Sarah Clark GSL Akela

Rebecca Jackson BSL Chil  
Adam Barrett-Alexander ACSL Baloo

**799 Preston Candover School Update**

The school is thriving and is almost at capacity with just 4 spaces. The School has an “Outstanding” Ofsted grade, which it received in 2010. The Fun Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> June is an important event in the school year as it is at the end of the academic year and celebrates those children moving on to their next school. The Winter Fair is also well supported and is planned for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December this year. There are always lots of craft stalls and interesting gift ideas on sale.

Work is being carried out at the front of the school to better lay out the carparking area and help to divide it from the children’s play area. This work was planned to be completed during the Easter break but has run into the new term.

**800 Purefoy Arms Update**

Paul from the Purefoy didn’t make the meeting as he had a busy evening in the pub, which is great news. The new chef is producing some excellent food and weekends are becoming very busy. The pub hope to be able to support the community and so do not plan to hold events such as quizzes which are used as fund raisers for community groups.

**801 Close**

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked everyone for their contribution to the evening and looked forward to the year ahead.

**Appendix – Calendar of events**

- May** 18<sup>th</sup> – Gardening Club  
20<sup>th</sup> - Inner Circle Bike Show  
25<sup>th</sup> – Over 60s Luncheon  
26<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night at Preston Candover Village Hall
- June** 18<sup>th</sup> – Village Fete  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Gardening Club visit to Blenheim Palace  
24<sup>th</sup> – Fun on the Field  
29<sup>th</sup> – Over 60s Luncheon
- July** 27<sup>th</sup> – Over 60s Luncheon  
28<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night at Preston Candover Village Hall  
TBC – “Stars in their eyes” at Preston Candover Village Hall
- Aug.** 13<sup>th</sup> – Gardening Club “Flower and Produce Show”  
25<sup>th</sup> – Over 60s Luncheon
- Sept.** 28<sup>th</sup> – Over 60s Luncheon  
29<sup>th</sup> – Quiz night at Preston Candover Village Hall

- Oct.** 13<sup>th</sup> – Primary School “Back to School Quiz”  
19<sup>th</sup> – Candover Valley Gardening Club  
26<sup>th</sup> Over 60’s Luncheon
- Nov.** 4<sup>th</sup> – Bonfire Night at Preston Candover Village Hall  
11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service at war Memorial  
12<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Sunday Service at St Mary’s  
16<sup>th</sup> – Candover Valley Gardening Club  
24<sup>th</sup> – Quiz night at Preston Candover Village Hall  
30<sup>th</sup> – Over 60s Luncheon
- Dec.** 2<sup>nd</sup> – Winter Fair at Primary School  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Christingle at St Mary’s  
14<sup>th</sup> Over 60s Luncheon