

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. **Time:** 8:00pm  
**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall

**Present:** Alex Taylor Chairman  
Ruth Chattell  
Tish Owencroft  
Rob Marks  
Tina Spicer  
Paul Sadler  
Ian Simpson  
Wendy Simson Clerk  
PC Andy Reid

**Apologies:** Daphne Prosser

#### **809 Apologies**

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

#### **810 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### **811 Police Update**

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

- 1/4 - two suspicious men on motorcycles seen outside the Purefoy Arms at 02:10am
- 27/4 – Burglary of a dwelling on Dummer Road, Axford
- 29/4 – Damage road traffic incident (accident) in Nutley, the driver was from Slough and didn't know the road and lost control.
- 15/5 – Speed enforcement carried out in Preston Candover and 4 drivers warned.

In 2017, there were 9 crimes in Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council area, they were: -

- 3 criminal damage to crops, 1 on 24/1 and 2 on 26/2
- An assault allegation & counter allegation in Preston Candover on 12/3
- Theft of a quad bike from Preston Candover on 16/3
- A harassment allegation made on 24/3 which is an ongoing enquiry.
- A dwelling burglary on 27/4
- Criminal damage to a motor vehicle on 27/3

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for his ongoing support to the community.

## **812 Matter arising**

**Updated contact list** – the Clerk thanked the Councillors for the information supplied and explained that the updated list has been published on all 3 noticeboards.

**Bank Mandate** – Clerk reported that Lloyds had processed the bank mandate and Charles Bradshaw has been removed as a signatory and Councillor Chattell has been added.

## **813 Financial Update**

Three payments were made at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April, they were: -

- £240.00 – grass cutting (March invoice)
- £223.00 – HALC subscription
- £414.36 – Electricity for street lamps for last 12 months

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

- £228.00 – grass cutting (April invoice)
- £920.97 – insurance
- £120.00 – Internal audit fee
- £39.42 – refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

Two payments have been received, they are: -

- £1,200 – grant for war memorial from B&D
- £5,136.50 – precept and grants from B&D

The 16/17 accounts are due to be externally audited by BDO on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## **814 Lay-by Project and Speed Indication Devices**

Councillor Chattell informed the Council that a meeting had been booked on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 8:30am to look at the school crossing area and the lay-by. The meeting has been booked to coincide with the busy before school time so the Highways Team can see how many issues occur during this time.

At the children's crossing area, the railings do not line up but the cost of moving the fence just one foot to ensure they do line up may be prohibitive. It may also mean that they are over the drains which would not be practical.

At the lay-by, the Parish Council are looking for the drains to be cleared and then a plan of how the drainage in the area can be improved. New curb-stones are also required to stop the mud from the grass verge falling onto the layby and blocking the drains.

There may be an issue with the Speed Indication Device (SID) as Highways have asked if the units the Parish Council were planning to purchase are TOPAS (Traffic Open Products and Specifications) registered. The units researched do not hold this accreditation and the only manufacturer who does have this is Westcotec.

Following the meeting the Clerk contacted Westcotec who are based in Dereham in Norfolk, the product is all made in Dereham and options are: -

- Mini SID which shows just the speed, this weighs 7kg including the battery and the battery life is 4-5 weeks. Cost is £2,625 + VAT
- SID which is twice the size of the min and shows the speed and "Slow Down". This weighs 10kg without the battery and then an additional 10kg for the battery. The battery will last 7 – days. Cost is £2,800 + VAT

- Data Collection package which records the date, time and speed of all vehicles and includes analytical software. This has been very useful to show that at a time of day a vehicle speeds through the area, or can show real time data for traffic flow and speeds if the Parish Council were looking to apply for a reduction. Cost is £250 + VAT.

The Clerk did ask if there was a discount for buying more than one unit but there isn't.

The cost of the Pandora units for 2 of the basic models is £3,870 (+VAT) which includes the software pack. Two of the mini units would be £5,500 (+VAT).

The Westcotec website can be found at <http://www.westcotec.co.uk/product/product-name/>

PC Reid suggested that the Clerk speak to the Clerk of Ashford Hill and Sherborne St John Parish Council as they have both purchased the SID devices. Penny, the Clerk from Sherborne St John has responded to say that they purchased 2 devices some years ago but that they had broken and were not cost affective to repair. The now rent 2 signs from B&D at a cost of £4,160 per year.

#### **815 Planning**

There have been 2 planning applications since the last meeting they are: -

- Change of use of an agricultural paddock and track gate to residential entrance at Norton House, Nutley – no objections form Parish Council
- Erection of a part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension with internal alterations and changes to fenestrations at Lower Farm, Preston Candover – no objections from Parish Council.

#### **816 Flooding**

Councillor Marks reported that it had been a very dry winter and that the bore holes were all very low.

#### **817 Rights of Way**

Councillor Simpson had been informed that a right of way across a field had been allowed to overgrow, having spoken to the farm manager a path has now been cut in the crop.

#### **818 Website**

Councillor Marks explained that he had little time to look at the website and requested that someone else takes on this responsibility.

**Action:** Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting

#### **819 Children's play areas**

Councillor Owencroft has not had the bill through for the repairs carried out by Lapset on the equipment at the children's play area despite having chased several times.

The Lengthsman has painted all the equipment at the play area which is now looking lovely.

**820 Recreation Ground**

The Parish Council agreed on a patch to the skate ramp at £595 including VAT by Radian Skatepark Repairs. The company are busy but have agreed to fit the Parish Council in as a priority.

**Action:** Clerk to chase up

**821 War Memorial**

Charles Bradshaw has informed the Parish Council that Blackwell and Moody have cut most of the stone and hope to be on site 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of June. The Clerk suggests that if the work is completed that at the end of the next meeting the Councillors walk down to have a look at it.

**822 Highways**

Councillor Prosser was not at the meeting to report.

**823 General Correspondence**

None

**824 Any other business**

The Clerk had circulated information about training for new Councillors from HALC to see if any of the new Councillors would be interested. It was agreed that the handbook was very useful and gave all the information needed. Two copies of the latest version have been ordered.

The Chairman had been approached about a board which the school had taken down which held tiles made by children from the school some years ago. There was a plan to look to save the artwork but upon investigation the back board is rotten and the tiles have been stuck to this. It does not appear possible that the tiles can be removed without breaking them so it was agreed that the piece would be skipped. All children/parents have been informed.

Councillor Sadler had seen a piece in "The Field" magazine which offered £15,000 to any community which could decrease its water use by 15%.

**Action:** Councillor Sadler to bring more details to the next meeting

Charles suggested that Mr & Mrs Saunders be sent a thank you for re-painting the mile stone outside their cottage.

**Action:** Clerk to email and thank them.

**824 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm