

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 27th March 2017. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Tish Owencroft
Ruth Chattell
Tina Spicer
Ian Simpson
Paul Sadler
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid

Apologies: Rob Marks

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

774 Welcome to new Councillors

The Chairman welcomed the new prospective Councillors to the meeting and introduction were made. The Chairman asked if all were happy to stand as Councillors and they agreed, Councillor Owencroft then proposed the three new members and Councillor Prosser seconded the motion. The 3 new Councillors then formally joined the meeting.

775 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 16th January were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

776 Police Update

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

- 18/1 – an injured deer on the Bradley Road
- 25/1 – Call about concern for the welfare of a Preston Candover resident, all in order
- 29/1 – fly tripping on the Bradley Road
- 3/2 – an abandoned 999 call from Preston Candover (pocket dial error)
- 6/2 – Speed enforcement on Dummer Road, Axford – 2 warnings issued
- 10/2 – talk given to children at Preston Candover school about internet safety
- 26/2 – rural criminals spotted in Preston Candover in a vehicle linked with rural crime
- 2/3 – a tree partially across the B3046 by the Old Rectory

- 8/3 – Slight injury road traffic accident between a car and 4x4 on B3046 junction with Church Lane
 - 12/3 - Call about concern for the welfare of a Preston Candover resident, all in order
- In 2017 there were 6 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 car has been burnt out at the far end of the Dummer Road just before the junction with the A30. PC Reid confirmed that they were looking to identify the owner and if it had been stolen.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for his report for 2016, which is attached with these minutes, and for his ongoing support to the community.

777 Matter arising

Nominations for Vice Chairman Role – it was agreed that as the Parish Council has 3 new members that this post be left vacant until the AGM in May.

Councillors Roles and Responsibilities – The 3 main roles which required filling were: -

- Right of way – Ian Simpson
- Planning – Tina Spicer
- LengthsMan duties – Paul Sadler

Action: Clerk to post the updated roles and responsibilities list on all notice boards.

778 Financial Update

Two payments were made since the last meeting, they were:-

- £450.00 – Flood clearance work
- £47.11 – Fuel for wood chipper

The Clerk presented to the Councillors 3 payments which required signing off, it was: -

- £235.50 – PAYE (Jan - Mar)
- £354.30 – Clerk's salary (Jan - Mar)
- £120.00 – meeting room hire

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

The VAT claim has been processed and £1,203.90 was claimed back.

Councillor Chattell agreed to become a signatory for the bank account. He Clerk also needs to remove Charles Bradshaw from the account.

Action: Clerk to get paperwork to amend bank signatories

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit of the accounts by John Murray is booked for Monday 24th April and the External Audit by BDO is planned for 12th June.

779 Lay-by Project and Speed Indication Devices

Councillor Chattell explained that the Parish Council has £14,696.26 of section 106 money to be spent on "Highways". Section 106 money is created when new properties are added to a community and are allocated to specific areas to ensure that there is sufficient infrastructure to support the additional residents.

The Parish Council are look to spend this money on two projects which are: -

- Two speed indication devices (SID) which will be rotated through 6 locations in the villages. These signs flash up the speed limit to remind drivers if they are going too quickly.
- The lay-by opposite the old post office to improve the drainage, redo the kerbstones and the improve the crossing area used by children for the school. This project originally included installing a path along the back of the lay-by however having consulted with those regular users of this area it was agreed that is was not required.

A quote has been put forward by the Highways Team to install or amend the posts for the SID at £531.63. The Parish Council had been quoted £500 plus VAT for the work, it was agreed that the Highways Team be used to carry out this work.

Action: Councillor Chattell to inform Highways that the quote has been accepted and to go ahead with the work.

The locations for the 6 posts were discussed, they are: -

- **Dummer Road, Axford (NEW POST No6)** - The most suitable location is outside Grove Bungalow. On the opposite side of the road is an existing sign post. At this location, there is less hedge growth. I suggest installing a permanent post extension to enable temporary speed limit reminder sign deployments. This site could be used in both directions if required.
- **B3046 Axford (NEW POST No 5)** - I suggest relocating the 'pedestrians in carriageway' warning sign on the furthest post to the post in the foreground. The remaining signs could be adjusted to provide space at the top of the post for a temporary deployment of a speed limit reminder sign.
- **Preston Candover (Wield Road) (NEW POST No4)** - I suggest replacing the old existing post with a taller post and remounting the 30 repeater plates. This post could then be used for temporary deployments of an SLR sign.
- **B3046 Preston Candover (nr Garden Close) (NEW POST No2)**- There is a damaged post nearby. The sign post could be replaced with a new taller post and the 30 repeater plates remounted. This post could then be used for temporary SLR sign deployments.
- **B3046 Preston Candover (nr Village hall) (NEW POST No3)** - I recommend using Lamp Column No 6A for SLR sign deployments.
- **Preston Candover (NEW POST No1)** - You could use the 'road narrows' sign post which isn't too far away from your chosen location.

The Councillors approved these locations. The cost of the SID is,

PTSC 901 (Radar speed sign) - £1795.00 + VAT

Traffic statistics software suite - £250.00 +VAT

Delivery charge - £30.00 + VAT

Total cost - £3,870 + VAT (£4,644)

Action: Councillor Chattell to ask Highways to raise a PO number for the purchase of the purchase of the SID.

The lay-by part of the project requires a site visit and Councillor Chattell is pushing for this to happen as the best time for the work to be completed is during the 6 weeks' summer holidays.

780 Planning

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

- New signage at Purefoy Inn – no objections
- Replacement garage and relocated access at Church End – no objections

781 Children’s play areas

Councillor Owencroft is getting a quote to replace one of the fence posts at the children’s play area.

782 Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that she had asked several companies for quotes to repair the skate ramp, two companies had responded they were: -

- Fearless Ramps – remove and replace 9 sheets of 8x4 Satellite transitional riding surface at £3,150 + VAT.
- Radii Skate Park Repairs –
 - Like for like replacement of riding surface. - To remove Satellite top layer and plywood first layer. Make all repairs to steel framework. Supply and fit one layer of best quality Birch Throughout plywood and one layer of Satellite Pro. Total including labour and all materials £ 4595.00
 - Like for like replacement of standing platforms. - To remove Satellite top layer and plywood first layer. Make all repairs to steel framework. Supply and fit one layer of best quality Birch Throughout plywood and one layer of Satellite Pro. Total including labour and all materials £ 2150.00
 - Plywood conversion of riding surface. To remove Satellite top layer and plywood first layer. Make all repairs to steel framework. Supply and fit two layers of best quality Birch Throughout plywood. Total including labour and all materials £ 3095.00
 - Plywood conversion of standing platforms. To remove Satellite top layer and plywood first layer. Make and all repairs to steel framework. Supply and fit one layer of oversized 24mm Birch Throughout plywood. Total including labour and all materials £1650.00.

At the meeting the Clerk believed that the quotes from Radii were 4 different quotes but it appears that quote 1&2 are to be combined and quotes 3&4 are to be combined for the costs are £6,645 or £4,745. This therefore needs to be discussed further at the next meeting. The skate ramp is to be closed until it has been repaired.

Action: Councillor Simpson to tape off the ramp and Councillor Chattell to put a sign up to say it is closed.

783 War Memorial

Part of the funding for the war memorial project is due to be transferred to the Parish Council before the end of the month. This should mean work can start with the project in April and is believed to take 5-6 months as the stone will need to be ordered and cut.

784 Flooding

The website address to sign up to and get updates on ground water levels is <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

785 Highways

Councillor Prosser reported that the large pot hole on the B3046 between Preston Candover and Axford has been filled.

786 General Correspondence

None

787 Any other business

Councillor Chattell brought in her "Good Councillors Guide for one of the new Councillors to borrow, this was given to Councillor Sadler.

Action: Clerk to order two new copies for Councillors Spicer and Simpson.

Action: Chairman to pick up Rights of Way folder from Adam Alexander and pass onto Councillor Simpson.

Councillor Sadler asked if there was still a vacancy for the Allotment Committee as reported in the last minutes.

Action: Clerk to speak to the Chairman of the Allotment Committee and ask.

Councillor Prosser asked about the hedges on Moundsmere Close and if the landlord could be asked to cut them.

Action: Chairman is meeting with Sovereign Housing on Monday 3rd April and will discuss this.

788 Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 27th April at 7:30pm

Annual General Meeting and normal Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 15th May at 7:30pm