

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2017.	<b>Time:</b>	7:30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Preston Candover Village Hall		
<b>Present:</b>	Paul Sadler Ruth Chattell Daphne Prosser Tina Spicer Ian Simpson PC Andy Reid Wendy Simson	Vice Chairman      Clerk	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alex Taylor Rob Marks Tish Owencroft	Chairman	

#### **841 Apologies**

The Chairman, Councillors Owencroft and Marks was not able to attend the meeting and sent apologies

#### **842 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chairman.

#### **843 Police Update**

PC Reid apologies for not being able to attend the last meeting, he explained that there had been 1 incidents since his last report in May, they were:

23/5 – a suspicious tipper van selling “surplus gravel” in the area

20/6 – a serious dangerous driving allegation in Nutley

26/6 - a damage road traffic incident in Preston Candover

3/7 – a damage road traffic incident with an overturned in Nutley

4/7 – reports of a man taking photographs of a naked woman in the Old Church Yard in Preston Candover

9/7 – an injury road traffic incident on B3046 (car went through a fence)

28/9 – an abandoned 999 calls, all in order

1/8 – an abandoned car in a field in Preston Candover which had broken down

17/8 – Travellers abandoned a Suzuki Jeep in Preston Candover, it had been used for poaching

17/8 – the school in Preston Candover was found to be not secured

6/9 – a tree partially across the B3046 in Preston Candover

There were also 4 false burglar alarm activations

For 2017 to date there have been 15 crimes, they are:

Damage of crops in Preston Candover

Damage to a padlock in Nutley

Damage to cars at Moundsmere, 1 arrest

A theft in Preston Candover, which has been detected

A non-dwelling burglary at Moundsmere

Minor crimes in Preston Candover

PC Reid commented on the Speed Indication Devices (SID) which have now been installed, the one in Nutley needs to be angled up slightly as it only catches traffic at the last moment.

**Action:** Clerk to speak to Lengthsman to ask him to adjust.

The rotation of the SID was discussed and has been agreed as:

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| Rotation 1 | SID 1 – The hill in Nutley                     |
|            | SID 2 – By the Old Timbers in Preston Candover |
| Rotation 2 | SID 1 – Garden Close in Preston Candover       |
|            | SID 2 – Wield Road                             |
| Rotation 3 | SID 1 – By Village Hall in Preston Candover    |
|            | SID 2 – Dummer Road, Axford                    |

It was agreed that once all the devices had been in all the positions that the data would be checked to see if there were any locations which needed more support than others. This information should be available for the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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

The grass by some of the signs has gotten very long on the verges, also PC Reid asked if the verge by the sign to the Police House be cut and the sign cleaned.

**Action:** Vice Chairman to meet with Lengthsman to discuss tasks to do

PC Reid also commented on the completed lay-by and school crossing project. Both have been very well received.

#### **844 Matter arising**

**Hedge cutting in Axford** – Councillor Simpson informed the Council that he had spoken to the resident about the hedges along the Dummer Road in Axford and explained that they would be cut back after the birds have finished nesting. Councillor Simpson explained that the Highways Department should cut the hedges, however he has spoken to Preston Farms and they will cut them as soon as possible.

**Changes to the bus service** – Councillor Prosser gave the Councillors and update on the situation to date. A copy of the letter detailing the Parish Council and local resident's issues with the new service was sent to the Transport Department on 28<sup>th</sup> August. Councillor Prosser had asked for a meeting between the Parish Council and the Transport Department to discuss the issues and possible solutions.

The Clerk Informed the parish Council that she had invited Anna McNair Scott to either of the Parish Council meetings in the Candover Valley and had received an email from Councillor Anna to say that she and Peter Shelly from the Transport Team would be able to attend the Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September in Brown Candover. This is a public meeting and so residents will be able to attend along with any Councillors.

It was agreed that the key points needed to be made at the meeting but also that any possible solutions be talked through.

**Action:** Councillor Prosser to inform anyone who may be interested in attending the meeting of the date.

#### **845 Financial Update**

The Clerk presented the finance report.

One cheque had been signed off since the last meeting, it was:

- £570.00 – grass cutting in June & July

There were five payments to be signed off at the meeting they were:

- £342.00 – Grassing cutting (August)
- £240.00 – 4 additional brackets for SID
- £235.50 – PAYE (Jul - Sept)
- £354.30 – Clerk's salary (Jul - Sept)
- £35.00 – Data Protection

The Clerk explained that the external Audit was carried out by BDO in June but the formal results had not yet been received. The Clerk had been informed by BDO at the last inspection that the new piece of play equipment had not been added to the asset register and was to be included in the 16/17 accounts. The Clerk has done this but it appears the rules have changed and this may mean the parish Council get a qualified audit result. The Clerk is to speak to the Internal Auditor when he returns from holiday for advice.

**Action:** Clerk to call Internal Auditor w/b 25<sup>th</sup> September

Councillor Prosser asked if a grant could be given to the recreation ground to help with grass cutting. The Clerk explained that an application would need to be completed and brought to the next meeting for the Parish Council's consideration.

**Action:** Clerk to send Councillor Prosser a grant application form

The Clerk also brought to the Councillors attention that the Maintenance contract on the street lamps appears to have stopped, no work was completed in 16/17 and no invoice has been received to date for 17/18. The Councillors asked that the Clerk find the cost of replacing bulbs as required with and without a maintenance contract being in place.

**Action:** Clerk to bring costs to next meeting

#### **846 Planning**

There have been 4 applications since the last meeting, they are:

- An additional hopper at Preston Farms – for information only
- The Old Timbers (17/02649/LBC) – no objections
- Park House (T/00330/17/TPO) – no objections
- Spires Cottage – the Tree Officer has put a Tree Preservation Order on this Yew Tree.

The Parish Council are not aware of any further applications.

#### **847 Rights of Way**

Councillor Simpson informed the Council that there were no issues with the Rights of Way now.

The Clerk had received an email from Susanne Stoneman offering help from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust with looking after areas within the community. The

Councillors debated this and agreed that the Churchyards (both old and new) would be good options for support.

**Action:** Clerk to respond and suggest these sites

**848 Children's play areas**

The Clerk informed that Councillors that another hole has appeared in the skate ramp, it was agreed that the quote the Chairman had gotten from the contractor who fixed the first hole was approved. The Councillors felt that the ramp needed a full replacement of the surface as these holes would continue to appear. The Clerk had found the process for applying for a grant from the Lottery Fund.

It was agreed that a piece be put in the October Oxdrove to ask for comments about the use of the ramp and test how much it is used and if it is worth repairing.

**Action:** Councillor Chattell to put a piece in the Oxdrove

The Children's play area is in good repair, however there is a branch which needs trimming over the slide.

**Action:** Councillor Simpson to speak to Tree Officer about being able to cut this off

The Parish Council also discussed having spikes to go on top of the swings to stop birds sitting up there. The Vice Chairman suggested that he was having to order some for another job and would let the Council know the price so some could be purchased for this job too.

**Action:** Vice Chair to let Councillors know costs

**849 War Memorial**

Work on the War Memorial has been completed and it was agreed that it looked much better.

The Vice Chairman has had the material costs for a gully round the base of the memorial to be put in but is planning to ask for a working party to complete the work.

**Action:** Vice Chairman to advertise for people to help

**850 Highways**

Councillor Prosser reported that there had been no further work done on the pot holes in the area.

**851 Council Property**

Councillor Prosser reported that the roof on the bus shelter by the Purefoy Arms needed repair.

**Action:** Vice Chairman to speak to Lengthsman about taking on this task

**852 Community Store Update**

There is nothing further to report now

**853 General Correspondence**

The Clerk received a letter from a resident about the Nando's family day which took place on 2 days in August at the Village Hall. The event was very loud and was not for members of the community but stopped people from using the field next the Village Hall for these two days. Some of the members of the Parish Council had also been affected by this event. It was

agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Village Hall Committee asking that notice be given about any such event in the future so the public can be made aware of the implications.

**Action:** Clerk to draft letter to Village Hall Committee and for resident.

**854 Any other business**

Councillor Chattell asked for feedback on the piece she had prepared for the Oxdrove about the lay-by project, school crossing and SIDs. The Councillors approved the piece.

**Action:** Councillor Chattell to send to Jean Frost for publication

**855 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm