

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 27th July 2026 **Time:** 6:30pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present: Jonathan Moseley – via video call Chair
Adam Willmott Vice Chairman
Emily Martin (from 7:15pm)
Antonia Cunningham
Felicity Child
Juliet Henderson County Councillor
Alex Rowley Borough Councillor
Marc Connor Borough Councillor
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: None

1815 Public Forum

Borough Councillor Update

Cllr Rowley informed the Parish Council that the Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan has been paused whilst the issue of water supply for new developments is researched. This will effect several large planning applications in the area including Upper Swallick.

Plans for two large warehouses at Popham have been approved and there is the possibility of additional units at the site. Residents in Dummer are concerned that traffic will not follow the designated route onto the M3 particularly if there is congestion and will instead drive through the village.

Cllr Connor explained that the Leader of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Paul Harvey, has opposed the application for Upper Swallick and has said that without the infrastructure being in place that the new homes should not be built. Southeast Water have suggested that a new pipeline could be built to bring water from Surrey but this won't be in place until 2040. The Chairman asked what would happen if the plans were refused, Cllr Connor explained that Central Government could mandate the building and take planning powers from the Borough Council.

County Councillor Update

Cllr Henderson explained that a judicial review of the changes to Unitary Authorities has been requested by Hampshire County Council, there isn't a huge amount of support for the application. It is still planned that the Shadow Authority will be elected in May 2027 and will go live from May 2028. There are concerns about the financial viability of the Mid-Hants Unitary Authority and if this collapses then costs for facilities such as Care will be pushed onto the neighbouring Unitary Authorities.

Hampshire County Council have 1,600 “Looked After” children, most of these can be moved to foster care but for those with complexed needs this is not an option.

17% of the population of Hampshire is over 85 years old, currently 45 people a month are added to the cohort not able to pay for their own care and so are funded by Hampshire.

An additional £15million has been given to Hampshire County Council to support improvements in the roads. This funding is being used to resurface stretches of road which are in poor condition and it is hoped that there will be fewer temporary fixes in the winter months. Hampshire are responsible for 5,500 miles of highways and it is estimated that it would cost £600million to fix them all.

Cllr Henderson informed the Council that her grant funding was now available for 2026/27, Councillors agreed to look at an application to support the new Speed Indicator Device.

Speeding remains an issue in rural areas. Cllr Connor suggested that once North Hants Unitary Authority is in place and takes responsibility for highways that a 20mph limit be set up in all rural villages.

Cllrs Henderson, Rowley and Connor left the meeting at 7pm.

1816 Co-option of new Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Felicity Child to the meeting and thanked her for standing as a new Parish Councillor. Felicity agreed she was happy to join the Parish Council, the Chairman proposed that she be co-opted and the Vice Chair seconded this motion. Felicity was duly co-opted as a Councillor.

The Clerk explained that she would send Cllr Child a link to the Register Of Interests documentation which must be completed. The Clerk also suggested that Cllr Child attend one of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils “New Councillor” training days.

Action: Clerk to send Cllr Child all paperwork and dates for training.

1817 Declaration of Public Interest

The Chairman asked if any of the Councillors had an interest in any of the agenda items, none were declared. The Clerk explained to Cllr Child that an interest may be an application for their own property or a purchase where one of the suppliers is known to the Councillor.

1818 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1819 Apologies

Cllr Martin had informed the Vice Chairman that they would be late due to delays on the trains.

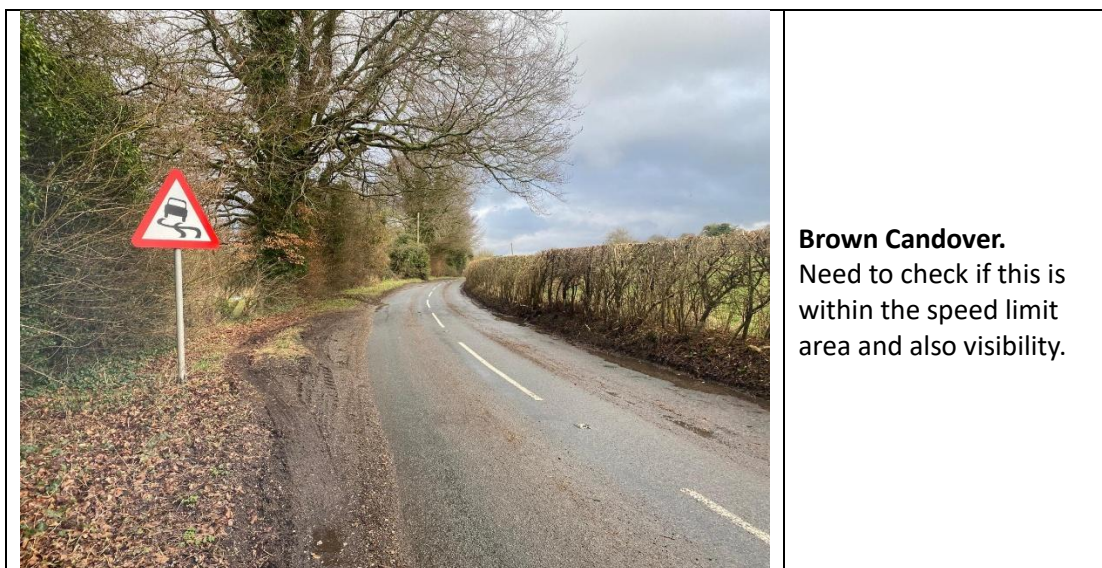
1820 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 19th May 2026 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Vice Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1821 Matters arising

Locations for Speed Indicator Devices – the following sites were suggested as possible locations for the speed indicator:

	Chilton Candover, entering from Preston Candover. The Clerk explained that this falls outside of the 40mph speed limit and so would not be a valid site.
	Chilton Candover. There must be adequate forward visibility. In a 20mph speed limit this is a minimum of 60m, and in a 30mph speed limit this is a minimum of 90m, and in a 40mph speed limit this is a minimum of 120m. We would therefore need to measure if this is the case for this site.
	Brown Candover entering from Totford. See note above.



Brown Candover.
Need to check if this is within the speed limit area and also visibility.

The Chairman asked if there were any other sites that these should be put forward. Cllr Cunningham suggested at the bottom of Dundridge Lane in Chilton Candover.

Action: Cllr Cunningham to take a photograph and check if there is an existing signpost in the area.

Old Fete Equipment – The Chairman confirmed that any useable items had been offered to the Village Hall Committee in Preston Candover.

1822 Financial update

The Clerk circulated the financial statement prior to the meeting along with posting on the Parish Council website.

The following invoice were presented for payment:

- Clerk salary (April to June) - £360.00
- PAYE (October to December) - £90.00
- Hedge Cutting – 800.00
- DM Payroll Services - £130.50
- Grant to CVC for replacement garage doors - £990.00

Council approved all payment.

The bank mandate has been completed, this adds Cllr Martin as a signatory along with the Vice Chair and Cllr Cunningham.

DM Payroll Services have suggested that a direct debit be set up for the PAYE payments to HMRC. This will ensure payments arrive on time and will not be dependant on when the Parish Council meetings fall. The Councillors approved setting up the direct debit.

Action: Clerk to set up Direct Debit to HMRC.

The External Auditors have reviewed the pack and have made the following comments:

What is the issue?	What do we need?
The Authority have confirmed they are in compliance with Assertion 2 however this is in contradiction with the Internal Auditor.	The Internal Auditor has indicated that authority has failed in regard to Internal Control Objective G, this would mean the authority has not complied with Assertion 2 and as such the Box should be amended to say "No".

Councils Consideration of the Improvements Suggested by the Internal Auditor	We note that the Internal Auditor has recommended the authority to outsource payroll due to issues that occurred during the year. Has the authority made any consideration of this, and if so, could we provided with documentation of such.
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The Clerk has amended the Annual Compliance Statement in line with the first item the External Auditor has indicated. The Clerk informed the Council that the Vice Chair needed to initial this change.

The Clerk sent the External Auditor the May Parish Council meeting where the Internal Audit feedback was recorded along with the Parish Council's resolution to engage an external payroll specialist, this satisfied the second point from the External Auditor.

Action: Clerk to scan and send the External Auditor page 4 of the AGAR and a copy of these minutes.

1823 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that the garages have both been rented to local people at £500 per year. The attic has also been cleared to provide storage for the clubs and groups which use the facility.

The Cricket Club garage is on the agenda to be refurbished next, the vegetation is to be cleared in September to assess what is required. The CVC Committee have suggested that they may ask for a grant to support any work which is required.

Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

1824 Flooding

The water levels have dropped significantly and most of the ditches are now dry.

The Chairman informed Councillors that a project to allow the river to take it's natural course from Preston Candover to Chilton Candover is being worked through. Preston Farm and Chilton Manor Farm are part of the planning process and there is a walk through the valley on 13th August to allow the group to assess what is required.

The Vice Chairman informed Councillors that residents on Bryces Lane are looking at installing a silt trap in the water meadow. The sign about the water meadows has been installed.



1825 Lengthsman

The dates for 2026/27 are:

- 26th august

- 2nd December
- 1st March

The Chairman asked if the August date could be changed to the winter months when work on clearing the grips and culverts is required.

Action: Clerk to ask Lengthsman to swap dates.

1826 Planning

The Council received four applications since the last meeting; they are:

- **Locks Barn (26/00987/HSE)** – Revised single storey extension to extend permission and associated works, detailed previous altered and permitted in 20/00205/HSE application and revised in 21/00964/ROC. No objections.
- **Pegs Cottage (26/01117/LBC)** – Repair works and chimney risings, shed extension and boundary treatments. No objections.
- **Murads Cottage (T/00282/26/TCA)** – T1 – Ash suffering advanced Ash Dieback (Class 3) needs to be felled just above ground level. No objections.
- **1 Farleigh Road (T/00274/26/TCA)** – tree works. No objections.

1827 Website

The Clerk informed Councillors that the website is all up to date.

1828 General correspondence

The Chairman suggested that the note to remind those with a riparian responsibility to clear their ditches be put in the October and November editions of the Oxdrove.

1829 Date of next meeting

Monday 28th September 2026 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.