

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 11th November 2024 **Time:** 7:00pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chair
Edwina Curtis Hayward
Antonia Cunningham
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologies: Juliet Henderson County Councillor
Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor
Adam Willmott Vice Chairman

1647 Public Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1648 Declaration of Public Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests declared.

1649 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1650 Apologies

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the Vice Chair, Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell sent their apologies.

1651 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 7th October 2024 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1652 Matters arising

Defibrillators contact list – The Chairman agreed to progress this item for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to add to next agenda.

Seating options for Cricket Pitch – The Chairman agreed to progress this item for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to add to next agenda.

1653 Financial update

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

The Chairman circulated the invoice for the hedge cutting at the Cricket Pitch, this was within the budget.

The Clerk had ordered new defibrillator pads for both adults and children to replace the current ones which have expired.

The following payments were due to approval:

- Hedge cutting work - £800.00
- Defibrillator pads - £183.54
- CPRE Membership - £36.00

Action: Clerk to request invoice for grass cutting

Cllr Curtis Hayward took the financial paperwork after the last meeting and completed the 6 monthly audit, it was reported to the Council that all the paperwork was in good order.

1654 Budget for 2025/26

The Clerk circulated a report showing the predicted payments and receipts to the end of the financial year, this predicted a closing balance on the account of approximately £11,500.

The Lengthsman Funding was guaranteed for two years with the current year (24/25) being the second year. The Councillors agreed that the Lengthsman Funds would therefore not be included in the budget for 25/26.

The expenditure including a budget of £2,000 for grants was agreed and a total predicted was agreed at £6,246. The Councillors agreed that the CIL funding could be used to support any infrastructure projects in the Parish including at the Candover Valley Club.

It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would not increase the precept for 2025/26, and it would remain at £4,120.

Action: Clerk to complete the paperwork once received from B&D ready for signatures at the next meeting.

1655 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that at the last committee meeting the finances were reviewed and the Club made a small surplus for the last quarter. This will be used to fund the maintenance work being carried out including clearing and repairing the gutters.

The Scout Group has sadly closed along with the dog trainer, but the Committee are working to ensure new tenants are identified to fill these gaps.

1656 Flooding

The Vice Chair and Cllr Cunningham have been completing work on the Emergency Action Plan for the Parish and have identified the key areas where blocked culverts cause an issue.

Cllr Cunningham asked for any photographs of the flooding in 2000/01 and 2013/14 so that issues which occurred during those very wet winters can be identified and logged.

Action: Cllr Curtis Hayward to forward pictures to Cllr Cunningham.

Cllr Curtis Hayward reported that the Environment Agency have been working on the flood meadows and have had machinery in to cut to vegetation back. Following this work water levels have dropped between 4-6".

The recent dry weather has helped with water levels, but the springs may potentially cause issues after Christmas.

1657 Policy Updates

The policies were reviewed by the Councillors and some minor amendments recommended.

The new Code of Conduct for Councillors was also circulated and Cllrs approved this.

Action: Clerk to update policies on the website.

1658 Lengthsman

The Chairman agreed that clearing grips would be the focus of the next visit on 13th December. The final visit will be:

- 6th March

The Councillors agreed to add £1,000 to the budget for next year to ensure that the work carried out by the Lengthsman can continue.

1659 Planning

The Council received three applications; they are:

- **Chilton Manor Farmhouse (24/02335/FUL)** – Erection of a wild sauna and 2 no, plunge pools. The Cllrs discussed this application and agreed that no objections would be raised but asked that the Planning Department ensure this is not the first plan in the creation of a much larger project.
[Action: Vice Chair to write a comment for Clerk to send to B&D](#)
- **Candover House (24/02405/HSE)** – Removal and replacement of modern sash/casement windows and doors. No objections
- **2 Old School House (24/02500/HSE)** – Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory. No objections.

1660 Website

The Clerk has updated the website.

1661 General correspondence

The Chairman circulate confirmation that planning application WRG042 - Land in Itchen Valley and Candover Valley Hampshire (EIA) has been withdrawn. The application is for the construction and operation of approximately 8.1km raw water pipeline, predominantly as a permanent below ground pipeline (approximately 7.2km) but with five temporary above ground sections of pipeline (approximately 900m) and other temporary accesses, hardstanding, plant (including temporary water booster pumping station) and equipment capable of installation, removal, storage and re-installation in advance of and operation during severe drought events over the period to the end of 2030. Provision of a new permanent pole mounted high voltage power supply at Land in Itchen Valley and Candover Valley Hampshire (EIA) (application number 23/00765/HCS). The Cllrs raised a concern that it has been withdrawn but it likely to be amended and put forward again.

1662 Date of next meeting

Monday 27th January 2025 at 6:30pm.