

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Time: 6:30pm
Venue:	Candover Valley Club	
Present:	Jonathan Moseley Adam Willmott Edwina Curtis Hayward Antonia Cunningham Emily Martin Wendy Simson	Chair Vice Chairman Clerk
Apologies:	Juliet Henderson Paul Gaskell	County Councillor Borough Councillor

1663 Public Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1664 Declaration of Public Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests declared.

1665 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1666 Apologies

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

1667 Co-option of new Councillor

The Chairman introduced Emily Martin to the meeting, Emily gave the Councillors a brief overview of her experience of living in Brown Candover.

Cllr Cunningham proposed that Emily be co-opted, the Vice Chair seconded this, all Councillors approved the co-option of Cllr Martin.

The Clerk gave Cllr Dodson a copy of the Register of Members Interests to complete. A link to the new Councillor training was also to be provided.

Action: Cllr Martin to complete and returned to the Clerk to Register of Interests

Action: Clerk to send link to Hampshire Association of Local Council (HALC) courses for new Councillors.

1668 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 11th November 2024 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1669 Matters arising

Defibrillators contact list – The Chairman informed the Council that this was still to be completed.

Action: Clerk to add to next agenda

Seating options for Cricket Pitch – The Chairman circulated information about round tables for the patio outside the CVC, to allow residents to sit and enjoy the cricket and for use by the club. The offer was for a softwood table to seat 8 people at £299 each.



A local carpenter has offered to make a similar table in oak for £320 for the materials and £200 a day for the labour, it would take two days to make the table. The oak tables would therefore cost £720 each.

The Councillors agreed that three of the tables would provide ample seating for the events at the CVC and that some of the CIL funding held by the Parish Council be added to the £931 of S106 funding allocated under Open Spaces.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that the funding needs to be spent by mid-March or the S106 funding will be returned to the developer. Basingstoke & Deane require the invoice and a photograph of the table in place.

Action: Chairman to confirm order for three round tables.

Councillors agreed to look at covers for the tables to protect them from the winter.

The S106 funding allocated for Play Equipment (£327.72) and Allotments (£124.92) have been approved to be spent in Preston Candover at the Play Area on Stenbury Drive and the Allotments.

Chase invoice for grass cutting – the Clerk confirmed that the invoices have been received.

Flooding photographs to Cllr Cunningham – Cllr Curtis Hayward explained that the photographs of the flooding in 2000 are on a very old laptop which no longer works, however it is believed that all the old photographs are with the resident coordinating the plan.

1670 Update on Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

The leader of the Squirrels popped into the meeting after their meeting in the main hall. He explained that the Cub and Scout group stopped at Easter 2024, and they tried to launch it again in the summer of 2024 but only had 4 children sign up.

Squirrels are the youngest age group catering for children between 4 and 6 years old. There are currently 12 children enrolled but the group needs 25 to cover the costs of the hall hire, materials, etc. Winchester Scout Group are currently covering the costs of the new group and have agreed to support for 12 months. Marketing has taken place with flyers outside the school

in Preston Candover. The Chairman asked for a soft copy of the flyer so it could be circulated through all Parishes in the area.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council had supported the Scouts in the past and would be happy to supply the grant paperwork for the future.

1671 Financial update

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

The following payments were due to approval:

- Administration of Lengthsman Fund - £550.00
- Clerk's salary (Oct to Dec) - £320.00
- PAYE on both above - £190.00
- Website domain - £224.74
- Grass cutting at Bus shelters - £99.00
- Grass cutting at Burial Ground - £90.00
- Donation towards grass cutting in churchyard - £324.00

All payments were approved.

1672 Budget for 2025/26

The Clerk produced the completed precept request paperwork as agreed at the last meeting for £4,120. Cllr Cunningham and the Vice Chair signed the form along with the Chair and Clerk.

Action: Clerk to forward to B&D

1673 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that The Committee were looking at the garages at the rear of the CVC which are used for storage. Some years ago, the roof was repaired by volunteers, but it needs to be done professionally now as it leaks. Quotes are being obtained, and the CVC Committee may ask if some of the remaining CIL funding can be used to support this project.

Cllr Cunningham asked when the last fete was held in Brown Candover, the Chairman explained that the last fete was in 2016. The following year the village held a "Mad Hatters Tea Party" with an inflatable and games for the children and a silent action and afternoon tea. There were plans to revive the fete for July 2020, but the pandemic stopped this. The Chairman offered to support if residents wanted to revive it again. Everyone agreed the Brown and Chilton Candover Fete was one of the best in the area.

1674 Flooding

The Vice Chair and Cllr Cunningham gave an update on the Flooding Emergency Action Plan which is being developed. It was agreed that they would walk the length of the river to identify any issues since the last rainfall.

The Chairman also alerted Councillors to the need to identify a new source of sand at short notice due to the Foote family moving from the dairy farm. The Clerk explained that the Councillors at Preston Candover & Nutley had the same discussion, a resident in Preston Candover works for a builder's merchants and could deliver sand quickly.

1675 Lengthsman

The Chairman agreed that clearing grips would be the focus of the next visit on 6th March. The Vice Chair asked if this date could be moved forward to clear grips. The Chairman suggested that if required residents should dig out any grips which had been filled with silt as this needs to be done quickly to ensure water escapes into the river.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the Lengthsman scheme will continue into 2025/26.

1676 Planning

The Council received three applications; they are:

- Lone Barn (24/02701/HSE) – demolition of front porch extension, replaced with new roof, windows/doors to create entrance hall and first floor landing. Reconfiguration of retained front extension, replacement roof, infill brickwork. Revisions to windows/doors across all elevations. No objections from the Parish Councillors.
- Yew Tree Lodge (24/02703/HSE) – demolition of existing garage and removal of chimney stack. Erection of two-storey extension to side and a single storey orangery to rear. Installation of a dormer and rooflight to the front and installation of new rooflight to rear. No objections from the Parish Councillors.
- The Woolpack (24/00789/FUL) - Erection of ground floor extensions to pub, detached plant room and landscaping works including a new raised decking area with pergola and retractable canopy. External refurbishment work comprising of redecoration of external finishes, new lighting scheme, outdoor planting, replacement roof to existing pergola/outside kitchen space, new fencing, and paving areas. Various internal alterations. No objections from the Parish Councillors.

1677 Website

The Clerk has updated the website.

The site has had 778 views in the last 12 months and 82 in the last 30 days.

1678 General correspondence

B&D Local Plan

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council have put out a call for land as part of the Local Plan.

Cricket Nets

The cricket nets have been damaged in the recent storms, but it has been confirmed that the Cricket Club plan to secure them again and add guy ropes to provide further stability.

Hampshire County Council devolution

The Clerk had circulated a link to a meeting with Hampshire County Council about becoming a Unitary Authority, the meeting is at 5:45pm on Wednesday 5th February. Councillors can join via Teams on:

Alternatively, you can join by dialling into Teams and entering the information below when prompted:

Meeting ID: **314 971 790 373**

Passcode: **5fH6uB3n**

The Vice Chair asked if the meeting is being recorded for those not able to attend.

Action: Clerk to ask about recording and how to get access to this.

1679 Date of next meeting

Monday 24th March 2025 at 6:30pm.

Councillors agreed to move the May meeting from Monday 26th, which is a Bank Holiday and the start of half term, to Tuesday 6th May.

