

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 8th April 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present:	Jonathan Moseley	Chair
	Adam Willmott	Vice Chair
	Antonia Cunningham	
	Emily Martin	
	Edwina Curtis Hayward	
	Alex Rowley	
	3 members of the public	
	Wendy Simson	Clerk

Apologies: Juliet Henderson

County Councillor

1773 Public Forum

Anna and Matt Winter joined the meeting to discuss a recent planning application (26/00534/AGPD) to erect a agricultural building for grain storage. Permission was granted under a General Permitted Development Order but Councillors had concerns about using the green field site and if any options were more suitable.

The previous Farm Manager had looked to install an additional barn adjacent to the carpark at the Yard, this would have been very visually impactful. The success of the Yard has mean that safety when moving large farm machinery was an important factor for deciding where to place the barn which is needed to store grain for a very short period after harvest and before it is taken to be dried in Mitcheldever. The barn would be used for storing fertilizer and machinery throughout the year.

The old grain dryer was condemned in 2018 and the barn is 10,000 square feet which remains empty. The floor has holes where the equipment was sited so is not easy to use for anything else.

Over the last 2-3 years the trailer have been brought into the farmyard using a track next to no. 1 & 2 cottages and then behind them across the field. The managers have also looked at creating two driveways to allow a one way system but all these options still raise huge Health & Safety concerns with members of the public visiting the Yard. The grey barn in the farmyard was used to keep fertilizer but an application (26/00393/GPDAG) has been made to change the use to a production facility with storage and distribution for Moonroast Coffee.

The owners have discussed all the options with Apex who manage the farming of the land and it was agreed that the field off Bugmore Hill was the most suitable. The advantages of this site are that the large farm machinery is not taken near the Yard or the light industrial units in the area. The barn would have a water supply along with

solar and a generator for power. The lorries collecting the grain will come through Northington, left at the Woolpack, up the valley and instead of stopping at The Yard, they'll keep going and turn right just before Preston Candover. They'll return the same way.

The Chairman asked if the new barn could be bunded so a bank and some new trees would screen it from view. It was agreed that this would be considered as part of the plans.

Cllr Curtis Hayward asked if Highways had commented on the road width for such large lorries turning at both the Woolpack and the junction just before Preston Candover. Bugmore Lane/Bugmore Hill are both narrow but Apex have confirmed that there are a number of passing places along the road.

The Chairman asked when the work was expected to start on the new barn, it was confirmed that it is planned that the barn will be ready for the harvest this year. All other options have been explored including any capacity in other locations in the area but there is nothing suitable.

The Chairman asked if there were any other plans at the farm which the Parish Council should be aware of. Other uses for the large barn which used to house the grain dryer have been explored including a local vineyard who were looking at two fields and the barn as processing space. Paddle has been very popular but there are several local facilities, it is also very noisy. The owners explained that they were very aware of the impact of the Yard on the valley with additional vehicles and parking, there is therefore nothing imminent planned to expand the farmyard and it is hoped that this new barn will remove the large farm machinery traffic from the area.

The play area has been installed, this will only be open when the Yard is open, a gate will be closed when not in use.

Parking has been an issue and it is understood that some vehicles belong to dog walkers who are not customers of the Yard. A booking system is being explored to try to reduce this. It was suggested that a charge could be collected for parking and returned when spending in the Yard, there were concerns that this was not in the spirit of the business.

The Chairman asked that the Parish Council be informed of any new plans in advance of the planning applications being made and suggested that hosting a public session at the Yard to present new ideas would be great opportunity to showcase ideas and gather residents feedback.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 7:15pm.

The Chairman invited Alex Rowley to give any updates.

Basingstoke & Deane hosted a Community Resilience Event and Alex picked up a pack for Candovers Parish Council. The Clerk explained that the invite hadn't been received until very late due to the organiser using an old email address.

Government has agreed the map for the Local Government Reorganisation and Basingstoke & Deane, Hart and Rushmore will form a Unitary Authority. A shadow authority with the new structure will be set up 2027 and will run in parallel with the current model until 2028.

1774 Declaration of Public Interest

The Chairman asked if any of the Councillors had an interest in any of the agenda items, it was confirmed that there were none.

1775 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1776 Apologies

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

1777 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 9th February 2026 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1778 Matters arising

Additional locations for Speed Indication Device (SID) – The Chairman has identified two new sites which can be used for the SID, they are at the entrance to Brown Candover on the B3046 travelling from Totford and after the speed limit sign in Chilton Candover just before the entrance to the Yard.

Action: Chairman to send photographs of posts and what/three/words locations to Clerk so an application can be made to Hampshire Highways.

Prices for new Speed Indication Devices – The Clerk has received an offer from Elan for two Speed Indicators including solar panels to charge for £4,499 plus VAT & delivery. Northington Parish Council are looking to purchase a unit so the pack could be split between the Councils. Alex suggested that Donna Jones may pay for the Speed Indication Device, the Clerk explained that she understood that the funding was for the yellow speed cameras and not for Speed indication devices.

Reduced Speed Limit – the Vice Chair spoke to Nick Adams King, Leader of Hampshire County Council, at a recent event who suggested that the Parish Council look to apply again for the change of limit from 40mph to 30mph.

1779 Financial update

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

The following invoices were presented for payment from 2025/26:

- Clerk salary (January to March) - £320.00
- PAYE (January to March) - £189.40
- Two Lengthsman invoices SI847 & SI883 - £6,000
- Ellisfield Parish Council Lengthsman invoice - £1,000

Council approved these payments.

The Clerk confirmed that a VAT claim for £2,074.11 had been made and received.

The Clerk had received the invoice for the insurance for 2026/27 (£214.00) and the HALC membership (£180.00), payment was approved for both these invoices.

The Clerk informed Councillors that notification had been received from the Pension Regulator to confirm if any staff were eligible to auto enrol for the pension. The Clerk explained that she did not earn sufficient to qualify and so would return a nil balance.

1780 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that the two garages are being re-roofed and so all the equipment stored in the units was being sorted out with most being thrown away as is no longer useable.

Ten tonnes of scalplings are being delivered on 18th April for the parking area.

A drinks party has been arranged for a couple who have moved out of the valley, it will take place later in the day on 18th April.

Saturday evenings are well attended and allow for a catch up with other residents.

1781 Flooding

The water is still flowing through the valley, but any danger of flooding has now passed as the vegetation starts to grow and suck up the water.

1782 Lengthsman

The dates for the 2026/27 visits have not yet been issued but will be circulated as soon as they are.

1783 Planning

The Council received four applications since the last meeting; it is for:

- **Building at Chilton Manor Farmhouse (26/00393/GPDAG)** – Notification of proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a production facility with storage and distribution. To be determined under General Permitted Development Order.
- **Chilton Manor Farm (26/00534/AGPD)** – An agricultural building for storing crops and equipment at field off Bugmore Hill. To be determined under General Permitted Development Order.
- **Candover Park Estate (T/00161/26/TCA)** – Tree No. – Hornbeam – reduce height of tree to circa 12m above ground level, retaining the cavity that has formed at circa 10m above ground level. The exact pruning point shall be chosen to seek to ensure the cavity is not opened at the top, retaining the cavity as a dry feature. [No objections](#)
- **Land at West Fram, Popham (26/00526/FUL)** - Part A: Full planning permission for a new roundabout access from the A33; internal spine road, creation of development plots with associated earthworks and plateauing; delivery of plateaus and access for associated development plots; site-wide structural landscaping and infrastructure; and a single warehouse (Use Class B8) and ancillary office, with associated access, hardstanding, landscaping, parking and supporting infrastructure.
Part B: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the development of employment floorspace falling within Use Classes B2 and B8, with ancillary office space on the development plots; community and leisure

uses within Use Classes E, F1 and F2; ground mounted solar within Use Class Sui Generis up to 15MW; Energy Centre within Use Class Sui Generis; HGV Parking and Welfare Area within Use Class Sui Generis; as established through Part A of this application. [The Councillors agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be called to discuss this application and for Steven Ballard to be invited to present the work done to date.](#)

Action: Clerk to ask Steven Ballard for suitable dates to attend a meeting.

1784 Website

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

The updated policies were circulated to Councillors for approval and uploading to the website.

1785 General correspondence

Cllr Curtis Hayward informed the Parish Council that Simon James has an event at Northington Village Hall on 25th April to discuss the cleaning products that we should all be using.

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that a new bridge has been installed at the water meadows.



A new seat created from a tree will be placed near the bridge to allow walker to enjoy the view.

The Clerk had received a copy of the Winterbourne Guidance from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust. The Vice Chair and Cllr Curtis Hayward have both been given copies.

The Chairman asked what process should be followed if traveller enter a piece of land, the Clerk explained that there is a checklist to follow which has all the telephone numbers required.

The Parish Council do not own any land so it would be the responsibility of the landowner to have the group evicted.

The Clerk has been contacted by a resident looking to hire the marquee. The Chairman agreed to speak to them about collection and return of the unit.

1786 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.