

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 28 th July 2025	Time: 6:30pm
Venue:	Candover Valley Club	
Present:	Jonathan Moseley Adam Willmott Antonia Cunningham Emily Martin Juliet Henderson Alex Rowley Wendy Simson	Chair Vice Chairman County Councillor Clerk
Apologies:	Edwina Curtis Hayward Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor

1715 Public Forum

Alex Rowley joined the meeting as a potential candidate for Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council in the next elections. Alex will stand as an independent candidate along with Julian Jones, he has an IT & Infrastructure background and is very involved with his community in Oakley.

1716 County Councillor Update

Cllr Henderson gave the Parish Council an update on the devolution plans including the various models that the 11 District/Borough Councils and Hampshire County Council have put forward. HCC are suggesting 4 Unitary Authorities made up of Portsmouth and the surrounding area, Southampton and the surrounding area, the Isle of Wight and then the rest of the county as the fourth Unitary Authority. Basingstoke & Deane are suggesting 5 Unitary Authorities, the same first three as HCC but Hart, Rushmore and Basingstoke & Deane forming a Unitary Authority and the remaining area creating the fifth. There are two surveys for the public to complete, they are:

Hampshire County Council survey - www.hants.gov.uk/lgr

Basingstoke & Deane Survey - www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recommended-option

Following the survey results the formal proposal will be sent to Angela Raynor on 26th September.

The election of the Mayor for Hampshire will take place in May 2026 along with the District and County elections. The Unitary Authority elections will take place in 2027. Planning will have a top-down approach and housing numbers will be the focus across the county.

The Chairman asked about highways as the repair work completed in the valley has been very poor. Part of the issue is that farming is often contracted out and so large pieces of machinery move from one farm to another and the roads are not built to handle these weights. The Chairman asked Cllr Henderson to drive the Woodmancott Road which is particularly bad.

Cllr Henderson informed the Councillors that in positive news Children's Social Services in the county has been rated as outstanding.

1717 Declaration of Public Interest

The Chairman declared a personal interests in one of the planning applications on the agenda.

1718 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1719 Apologies

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Cllr Curtis Hayward sent their apologies.

1720 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 6th May 2025 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1721 Matters arising

Defibrillators contact list – The Chairman informed the Councillors that he had tried to speak to the Heartbeat Trust about setting up the project but had no success, he agreed to try again.

Bank account update – The Clerk presented the bank mandate to the Parish Council to allow electronic banking; this was signed by the Vice Chair and Cllr Cunningham.

Councillor Training – The next session that Hampshire Association for Local Councils is running for new Councillors is on Tuesday 2nd September from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at Alresford Golf Club, Cllr Martin confirmed that she could attend.

Action: Clerk to book Cllr Martin on the training.

1722 Financial update

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

The Clerk informed Councillors that £2,359.88 has been received this was the S106 funding allocated to the following projects:

- £931.16 – Open spaces (spent on oak benches)
- £327.72 – Play areas (given to Preston Candover towards play equipment)
- £465.61 – Sports & Playing Fields (given to cricket club for new roller)
- £125.25 – Allotments (given to Allotment Charity for weed suppressant)
- £510.15 – Highways (towards SID purchase)

The Parish Council to pay the funding to Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council and the Allotment Charity.

Action: Clerk to add to next meeting agenda.

The following payments were due to approval:

- New Clerk email address - £129.17
- PAYE (April to June) - £80.00
- Clerk's salary (April to June) - £320.00

The Clerk explained that the Clerk's email address was attached to the Candover Valley .org website which is no longer functioning. The Clerk should not use her personal email address for Parish Council correspondence.

The Chairman asked about the Clerk's salary increase, the Clerk explained that this had not yet been agreed but once approved she would bring to the Councillors.

All payments were approved.

1723 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that the Club was being well used with the regular groups. The carpark required some additional scalping to fill the potholes, the garages also needed refurbishment. Councillors asked that quotes for the work be presented at the next meeting.

Action: [Chairman to ask CVC Committee to present quotes for work to next Parish Council meeting.](#)

1724 Flooding

The water levels have dropped considerably due to the warm weather and lack of rain.

The Chairman reported a water leak to the Clerk in Preston Candover, the water board has been made aware.

1725 Lengthsman

The dates for 2025/26 are:

- Thursday 4th September
- Monday 8th December
- Thursday 5th March

The Councillors agreed that on the next visit the Lengthsman should be asked to cut back the vegetation around the CVC at the back by the garages.

Action: [Chairman to send instruction to Lengthsman.](#)

1726 Planning

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

- **Robey's Farm** (24/02945/FUL) – revised scheme of permission 22/03094/FUL. The Chairman did not comment on this application as it is next to his home. The Vicechair led the discussion and agreed that the plans were in keeping with the village and would be built to a high standard as other developments by the same landowner have been. Cllr Curtis Haywards comments were to be collected before a response sent to B&D.

Action: [Vicechair to email Cllr Curtis Hayward and ask for her comments on the plans.](#)

- **Barn at Moth Farm** (25/01673/LDPO) – change of use for barn from storage and distribution to general agriculture including storage of machinery, fertilisers and crops. This was approved under permitted development and was for information only.

1727 Website

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

1728 General correspondence

Alarm at barn on Spybush Lane – The Vice Chair informed the Council that he had been made aware that the alarm at the barn on Spybush Lane has been sounding at random times.

Action: [Chairman to send Vice Chair contact number to report.](#)

New road signs – at the last meeting the Clerk informed the Council that the road signs which have been damaged had been reported to HCC and asked to remove and not replace. It appears that replacements have been installed.

Action: [Chairman to audit new signs.](#)

1729 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.