

**CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** Candover Valley Club

**Present:** Adam Willmott Vice Chairman  
Edwina Curtis Hayward  
Sam Foote  
Antonia Cunningham  
Wendy Simson Clerk

**Apologise:** Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor  
Juliet Henderson County Councillor  
Jonathan Moseley Chair

**1596 Election of the Chairman**

Prio to the meeting Cllr Moseley agreed to stand as Chairman, there were no other nominations. Cllr Curtis Hayward proposed the nomination and Cllr Cunningham seconded. The Councillors elected Cllr Moseley as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**1597 Election of the Vice Chairman**

Cllr Willmott agreed to stand as Vice Chairman, there were no other nominations. Cllr Curtis Hayward proposed the nomination and Cllr Foote seconded. The Councillors elected Cllr Willmott as Vice Chairman of the Council.

**1598 Co-option of Councillors**

The Vice Chairman confirmed that the Chairman was in discussions with a couple of residents about the vacancy created by Cllr Foote moving out of area.

Cllr Foote suggested that he was likely to be living in the area at the next meeting so would attend and step down at that point.

**1599 Chairman's statement**

**Changes in personnel**

- Antonia Cunningham joined the Parish Council in December 2023.

**Summary of activity -**

- Coronation celebrations.
- Lengthsman contract extended for another year.
- Hampshire Wildlife Trust working in Water Meadows

- Rural Crime Roundtable with Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm in Cliddesden Village Hall.
- Defibrillator Training – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

### **Planning applications – 10 in total, 3 property, 5 tree work, a byway and a change of use**

- 2 new windows at Chilton House (23/01333/LBC)
- Yew Tree Lodge (T/00284/23/TCA)
- Tree work at Thorneydown (T/00531/23/TCA) – Councillors had no objections.
- Tree work at Candover Park (T/00557/23/TCA) – The Chairman agreed to visit to inspect the planned work and report back to Councillors before the deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> December.
- Diversion of Candover Restricted Byway 703 and 12, this can be viewed at: <http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap/pathors>
- Change of use from class B8 document storage to car storage for Unit 2, Moth Farm Dairy (23/03035/FUL)
- Tree work at Murad’s Cottage (T/00034/24/TCA)
- The Garden Cottage, Breach Farm, Dummer (24/00302/FUL)
- Moth Farm Dairy, Spybush Land, Brown Candover (24/00724/GPDADW)
- Yew Tree Lodge, Dundridge Lane, Chilton Candover (T/00189/24/TCA)

### **Summary of financial statement -**

- £4,881 income from Basingstoke and Deane, including precept of £4,120.
- £11,000 income from Lengthsman Grant plus £1,200 administration for Candovers Cluster
- Cllr grant of £750 grant towards the Coronation celebrations
- £250 for hire of marquee
- £24.98 income from bank interest
- £5,916.14 payments made.
- Opening balance £11,337
- Closing balance £12,427

Section 106 funds of £3,755.20 – held by B&D

CIL funds of £6,333.91 – transferred to Parish Council in 21/22

### **1600 Police report**

#### **ASB ENVIRONMENTAL**

A safe which had been destroyed was located on Gunners lane. The item in question had been linked to the Burglary in the village Store, Preston Candover, which had occurred in the early hours of the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. The safe was located around 0930 hrs and was stolen from the shop around 0200hrs. It is clear that criminals had stayed local to the area whilst breaking into the safe and removing any items of value from within.

#### **CONCERN FOR WELFARE**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> Oct an engineer had attended a property in the area of Gravel Close Brown Candover after an appointment was made by the resident. The engineer was unable to get a response at the property despite knocking hard. The property had windows open and as such the premises was unsecured. The engineer has reported his concerns to the Police and after brief investigation the resident was located in Winchester Hospital after being admitted.

#### **CRIMINAL DAMAGE X 2**

Between 0212 & 02:27hrs Caller reporting that unknown person(s) have been onsite overnight in a vehicle which has been used to crash through hedges to gain access to the lake. Once at this location a duck has been shot on the pond, a pheasant has been shot out of a tree. In crashing through the hedges a partial number plate has been left behind. No details of this given.

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 0000 & 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 0000 a handle / lock had been damaged on garage door. Other bits located nearby. This was clearly an attempt to gain entry. No lines of enquiry for Police. Approximate damage caused £200.

#### **HARE COURSING**

29<sup>th</sup> December INFT is gamekeeper reporting a truck with a bright light on driving around the farm- believed to be poacher. No CCTV or any index of the vehicles available to follow up.

#### **IMPAIRMENT**

23<sup>rd</sup> May 24 a member of the public followed a vehicle down Spy Bush lane who was driving all over the road and a strong smell of cannabis emitting from within. Index of the vehicle has been passed and work is being undertaken behind the scenes. This report will be used for intelligence as opposed to action due to the time that has since passed.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH x 2**

Police had received a call from a resident well known to Police for mental health related issues. They had reported that Police had left her at the village hall after a pantomime.

30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 another report was received from the same caller stating a female and a baby had come into her address and sat beside her.

The appropriate teams within the Mental Health departments are aware of this resident and assisting in their welfare.

#### **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE**

6<sup>TH</sup> April 2024 two white Suzuki vehicles have been seen by the caller flashing full beam into light hedges around the location, caller has followed the vehicles from old Alresford, whilst on the phone he has lost sight of the vehicles but stated direction of travel was towards Preston Candover. No VRM on the cars so no lines of enquiry. Likely to be linked to a similar incident at Preston Farms.

### **1601 Internal Audit Report for 2023/24**

The new Internal Auditor did not produce a report but signed off page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

**1602 Certificate of exception**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2023/24. Councillors approved that the Parish Council met the criteria for exception as detailed on page 3. The Vice Chairman signed the form.

**1603 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24**

The Clerk read out the 8 statements on page 5 of the AGAR and the Councillors confirmed that the Parish Council had the appropriate controls in place. Statement 9 was answered as N/a as the Parish Council does not have any Trust Funds. The Vice Chairman signed form.

**1604 Accounting Statement for 2023/24**

The Councillors confirmed that they had read the Accounting Statement on page 6 of the AGAR and that the figures submitted agreed with the Annual Accounts. The Vice Chairman signed this page of the AGAR.

The Clerk confirmed that the completed AGAR, Annual Accounts and Explanation of Variances were posted on the Parish Council website along with the dates for the exercise of public rights to view the accounts.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm.