

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

**Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014. **Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Candover Valley Club, Brown Candover

<b>Present:</b>	Jonathan Moseley	Chairman
	Sue Marriott	Vice-Chairman
	Edwina Curtis-Hayward	
	Adam Willmott	
	Di Peisley	
	Bob Parks	Chairman of CVC
	PC Andy Reid	
	Wendy Simson	Clerk

**Apologise:** None

**775 Apologies**

None

**776 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes for the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

**777 Police Update**

PC Andy Reid reported that there had been two incidents in the Parish since the last meeting which were:-

- 14/7 – a suspicious transit van seen in Brown Candover and information about hare coursing
- 24/7 – a tree fell across the road at Bugmore Hill

There was just 1 crime of possession of drug which was detected.

The Chairman asked PC Reid about changes to Rural Policing Policy and PC Reid read a short statement:-

*Insert statement from Andy*

After PC Reid left the meeting the Councillors discussed the message given and the impact on the community of losing PC Reid from the area. It was agreed that representation would be made to Simon Hayes, Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner. All the local Parish Councils needed to be made aware of the situation to ensure as much support as possible could be given to keeping PC Reid in the community where he does such an excellent job.

**778 Matters Arising**

**Sand Bags** – Councillor Willmott agreed to keep the sandbags which are currently at his home, as the flood levels have remained high and it was likely that they would be required again this winter.

#### **779 Financial Statement**

The Clerk talked through the financial report and explained that in addition to the £1 interest received on the accounts that £125.00 had been refunded from Basingstoke & Deane for the sandbags purchased by the Parish Council last winter. The Clerk explained that the External Audit was free as there were no errors.

There were four payments to be made, these were:-

- £60.00 – PAYE for July, August & September
- £240.00 – Clerk salary for July, August & September
- £36.00 – for CPRE membership
- £500.00 – donation for the defibrillator for Brown & Chilton Candover

The Clerk asked about the hedge cutting which had recently take place and if this was due payment but it was carried out by the CVC committee.

The Chairman talked through all the payment lines on the budget to confirm at the 6 month point that they were correct. The budget shows a carry in for 2015/16 of about £1,000 which the Council agreed was a better position than keeping too much in the account year on year. Councillor Curtis Hayward took the bank account statements along with the chequebook to complete the 6 monthly internal audit of the accounts.

**Action:** Councillor Curtis Hayward to report back at the next meeting

#### **780 Website**

The Clerk confirmed that the £120.00 for ongoing costs was to pay for the hosting of the server and ownership of the domain. However, there had been no payment request to date and no payment was made in 2013/14.

Councillor Peisley agreed to get some additional information onto the site including:-

- Church service schedule
- Photos of the pet service
- Photos and information about the fete and the amounts raised and donated
- The defibrillator and training times.

**Action:** Councillor Peisley to update the website

#### **781 Telephone Box/Library**

Councillor Peisley explained that the budgeted £50 had not been spent last year and was unlikely to be required in this financial year as Jamie Brand had replaced the glass panels as required free of charge. Councillor Peisley did suggest that additional shelves were required as a number of books were being left on the floor. It was agreed that the work should be given to a member of the community.

**Action:** Chairman to speak to Sebastian Brand about building the additional shelves.

#### **782 Flooding**

It was agreed that there was huge concern about the water levels in the valley and the fact that the ditch had not been dry at all this summer despite some very warm weather. This meant that the weed had grown up into the ditches and was restricting flow of the water. The local authority had walked through the valley from Totford to Chilton Candover on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August but it was decided that it would cost too much to have the ditches cut and

the impact would be low due to the very small drop in height from one end of the valley to the other.

The Council agreed that this work needed to be done in order to allow any additional rainfall to get through the valley and away. The Chairman has asked Charles Bradshaw, who sits on the Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council and has taken a lead role in the flooding situation, for an update.

**Action:** Clerk to circulate update when it is received.

It was however agreed that the Parish Council needed to act now to ensure as much work as possible was carried out to ensure that flooding was minimised in the valley this winter. Councillor Curtis Hayward explained that Ian Miller from the Environment Agency had been very supportive and may be able to support the request to have the pumping station at Totford switched on to take some of the volume of water away.

**Action:** Councillor Curtis Hayward to speak to Ian Miller.

**Action:** Clerk to speak to Jantiene Klein Roseboom, from Preston Candover who has been in communication with the authorities, on if the pumping station can be turned on for a couple of weeks.

Councillor Willmott has a good relationship with the authority that usually cut the ditches and will ask about getting a team out to the valley.

**Action:** Councillor Willmott to speak to Environment Agency about getting some ditch strimming work carried out.

It was agreed that if the Environment Agency would allow the ditches to be dug out that there was funds available to have this work done by the Parish Council.

**Action:** Councillor Curtis Hayward to speak to Ian Miller about permission to dig the ditches

**Action:** Chairman to speak to Graeme Turner and Jamie Brand about day rates for clearing the ditches with their diggers.

If permission is granted then the silt which is taken from the ditches will need to be disposed of. Last winter the silt from the ditches in Preston Candover was put on the roadside but was quickly washed back into the ditch blocking it again. It was agreed that where the bank was wide that the silt could be left on the bank but in narrow areas it would need to be removed.

### **783 War Memorial**

Councillor Wilmott updated the Council on the work which has been carried out on the memorial ready for the 11<sup>th</sup> November as the Armistice Service is due to take place at St Peter's this year.

Jamie Brand has done most of the woodwork and Graeme Turner is going to mend the paving area around the base of the memorial. It was agreed that the current plaque was in keeping with the rustic style of the area and so should not be replaced with a shiny new one. Charles Marriott is to cut the box hedge around the memorial closer to the date.

### **784 Candover Valley Club update**

Bob talked through the events of the last couple of months which have seen a number of the long standing members of the committee leave. This has meant that changes have been made to who carries out various tasks and also manning the bar and kitchen. Bob explained that Saturday night had been the main focus and that different couples have volunteered to man the Club on various weekends. The format was that they provide a dish for the kitchen

and also man the bar, which means that they have invited friends and attendance has been good. To date there has been a curry evening, cottage pie and Swedish meatballs are planned. So far it has been very successful with between 15 and 40 people on a Saturday evening.

One of the darts teams has left the Club but it is hoped that the second team will stay and so cover for weeknights will need to be found.

The renovation work is due to start in October, with the false ceiling being put in to bring the level down to that of a normal room. Colour samples are being tested on the walls and feedback given about which would best suit. The cost of the internal work is budgeted to be £20,000 – £25,000. Bob explained that the Club had £16,000 in the bank and this along with the donation from the Parish Council of £5,000 should be enough to carry out the work required. A grant from Basingstoke & Deane has been applied for and dependant on this additional work can be carried out including the patio extension. In total the external work planned for 2015 is budgeted to cost an additional £10,000.

#### **785 Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Curtis Hayward has spoken to Andrew Rushmoor, Senior Planning Policy Officer at Basingstoke & Deane. The conversation was as follows:-

Andrew Rushmoor said that in determining whether Candovers Parish Council should produce a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), The Council should consider the amount of work that a NP would require set against the possible benefits of having one. Andrew confirmed that compiling a NP is a big time commitment. If there are any significant potential areas for development in the area then a NP may be worthwhile.

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked whether other small Parishes were creating NPs, Andrew said that it tended to be those areas where housing had been designated in the local plan or in some smaller villages such as St Mary Bourne where they do not have a settlement boundary and there are a lot of redundant farm buildings.

Councillor Curtis Hayward enquired as to whether the conservation status of the area and with its open landscape features having been particularly noted in the Basingstoke & Deane document would still protect it in the future. Andrew replied that Government Policy was still to protect conservation areas and landscape and to avoid flood zones. The emphasis should be redevelopment and not development in places with isolated locations without good access and amenities.

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked how the planning department would view development outside of the conservation strip in areas that had been offered for affordable housing. Andrew said that issues as to how such developments would affect the setting of the conservation area would be considered and there would be limitations to the size to ensure it was not disproportionate.

Having discussed the issue the Parish Council agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan would be a huge undertaking and would give very few benefits so no action would be taken at this time. The Chairman thanked Councillor Curtis Hayward for the time she had spent on the project.

#### **786 Planning**

**Internal work at the Woolpack Inn** – The Councillor had considered this application in the period since the last meeting and had no objections.

**Moth House** – The Clerk explained that she had tried to get hold of Rachel White the officer looking after this application but she is on leave. The Clerk will contact Rachel week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September and will circulate feedback to all the Councillors.

**Action:** Clerk to circulate feedback about Moth House

**Gates at Woolpack Inn** – The Chairman explained that he had spoke to Clive Hancock about the gates and removing the pair of larger gates and replacing them with a bridal gate as detailed in the approved planning application. The Council discussed this and agreed it was not in the Parish Council's gift to be able to do this and suggested that a retrospective application be made for the gates which could then go through the correct process.

**Action:** Chairman to feedback to Mr Hancock

**Wind Farm at Woodmancott** – the Chairman informed the Council that an appeal to the planning application being refused had not yet been received, however the closing date for this was 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**787 General Correspondence**

None

**788 Any Other Business**

**Lunway's Inn** – The Council discussed the area where the Lunways Inn was on the A30. The Plymouth Brethren have purchased the site and have a number of static units on the site. The Council were interested in what the plans were to look like.

**Action:** Clerk to try to find plans for the next meeting

**Recycling Bins** – Bob explained that the Club are now being charged for emptying the bottle banks and a cost of £250 was fixed for the first 2 years and this was about to increase to £500 in April 2015. For this reason he requested that the Parish Council inform the community that they could no longer use the bottle banks

**Action:** Chairman to write an email to usual mailing list.

**Stanchester Archaeological Dig** – Councillor Marriott informed that Council that the dig in Chilton Candover during the summer had gone very well and the group were planning to return in 2015. Councillor Marriott thanked the Parish Council for the option to borrow the marquee, however this was too large and Bob Parks' smaller marquee had been perfect for the site.

**789 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7:00pm at the Candover Valley Club.

Future meetings:-

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December