

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present:	Jonathan Moseley	Chair
	Adam Willmott	Vice Chairman
	Edwina Curtis Hayward	
	Sam Foote	
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor
	Wendy Simson	Clerk

Apologise: Juliet Henderson County Councillor

1538 Declaration of Public Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests declared.

1539 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1540 Apologies

Cllr Henderson sent apologies.

1541 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 24th July 2023 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chair signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1542 Borough Councillor update

Cllr Paul Gaskell joined the meeting to give an update on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. He explained that there had been a new leader and a change from a Conservative Lead majority to a Coalition. This had meant that the Council had not met since May.

The key focus is the Local Plan and consultation meetings are taking place and it was suggested that an invite to the Candover Valley should be made. Cllr Gaskell agreed to open the discussion with the Clerk to follow up.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Gaskell at the end of October about dates.

There is concern about housing numbers as the borough is currently short by 3,500 new homes and there are several large development sites which may be supported to generate the numbers needed, these include Merrydown (9.000), Popham Airfield, Micheldever and a site on the A33 east of Basingstoke. The Chairman asked about the new Garden Town at

Cliddesden, Cllr Gaskell explained that this had not been approved but was still in the system. Cllr Gaskell expressed concerns about the quality of the infrastructure being installed as part of the new developments and the ability to sustain the volume of residents.

1543 Matters arising

New Councillor – The Clerk has had no responses from the advert in the Oxdrove or from circulation around the parish. The Chairman informed the Council that he had approached a possible candidate and was waiting for a response.

New Internal Auditor – The Clerk informed Councillors that she had spoken to Paul Reynolds who confirmed that he has capacity, and the cost would be £250. Councillors approve this cost.

Action: Clerk to appoint Paul Reynolds as the Internal Auditor for the parish.

1544 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 £7.65 in interest had been received for the year to date.

Payment to be approved at the meeting are:

- Lengthsman invoice SI-143 - £2,700
- Grass cutting at the bus shelters - £99.00.
- Grass cutting at the burial ground - £355.00.
- HMRC (July to September) - £75.00
- Clerk's salary (July to September) - £300.00

All payments were approved, and Cllr Curtis Hayward and the Vice Chair signed the cheques. The chairman informed Councillors that the hedges were due to be cut on the 30th & 31st October.

The Clerk passed the paperwork to Cllr Curtis Hayward for the 6 monthly audit.

1545 CVC Update

The Chairman Informed Councillors that the Club had a couple of issues with technology, but these were being sorted out.

A member of the Committee had suggested a game called Pickle Ball which could be played in the back hall of the club and the kit was £310. CVC would plan to charge residents a small fee to hire the hall and play and it would offer an opportunity to be more active particularly in the winter months. The Councillors agreed this was a great idea and approved the purchase for the CIL funds.

Action: Chairman to arrange for the items to be ordered and invoiced to the Parish Council for payment.

1546 Flooding

The Clerk presented Councillors with a graph showing currently water levels in the valley.

Jantiene has explained that Current water level high (94.006) and very responsive to rain.

Following a cloudburst a spike was recorded on September 21 with a rise of groundwater levels of 125mm (12.5cm) (!!) in a single day.

Rain recorded at Breech Farm 66mm, or 6.6cm.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council has sandbags and sand available if needed.

1547 Speeding & Road Safety

The Chairman circulated details of a meeting held with Sergeant Martyn Evans in Preston Candover on Friday 15th September to discuss how to slow traffic through the villages. The Clerk reported that without evidence of fatalities or serious accidents that Highways were unlikely to act. The police have limited resources but do plan to bring the speed check van to the valley in October and again closer to Christmas to carry out checks.

A resident has offered to donate two new speed indication devices to be situated at either end of Brown Candover to slow traffic. The Clerk has identified two sites and sent to Highways for approval.

Westcotec have quoted as follows:

- Portable Mini Speed Indicator Device (miniSID), battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £2,980.00 each excluding VAT.
- Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with SLOW DOWN Legend beneath, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £3,175.00 each excluding VAT.
- Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with Smiley / Angry Face beneath, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £3,289.00 each excluding VAT.
- Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with Thank You / Slow Down Legend beneath, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £3,607.00 each excluding VAT.

Evolis have quoted as follows:

- The EVOLIS SOLAR-MOBILE Pack - Go green on a budget! The fully autonomous Solar powered Evolis radar is ideal for permanent placement or mobile use! It includes a 80 X 94cm, 100W solar panel and two 12V/22AH batteries, one mounting bar, as well as traffic data collection and all the standard pack features. Only: £2250!
- The EVOLIS ULTRA-MOBILE Pack - Need to move your radar to different locations every week or two? Then this is the product for you! The entirely battery-operated Ultra-Mobile pack with an autonomy of 7 days on average, is ideal for multiple location projects and frequent location rotation! It includes four 12V/22AH batteries, an external battery charger and one mounting bar as well as traffic data collection and all the standard pack features. Only: £2200! Note: For effortless mobility, we recommend ordering additional mounting-bars to be pre-installed at the designated locations - only £25 each.
- With our Twin Pack promo, we are offering x2 radars for £3999. (offer ends Oct 31st).

The Chairman explained that Old Alresford had purchased the Evolis models, and it was suggested that the Clerk contact the Parish Council to get feedback on charging, battery life, etc before a decision is made.

1548 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman is due to visit on:

- 28th November
- 27th February

The last visit had been focused on Bryces Lane and the Vice Chair reported that a good job had been done.

1549 Planning

The Council received an application for tree work at Yew Tree Cottage just before the last meeting. The Chairman visited and inspected that work to be carried out and no objections were made by the Councillors.

The Council had another application for tree work at Thorneydown, again this was discussed, and no objections raised.

1550 Website

The Clerk reported that the website is up to date.

1551 General correspondence

Cllr Henderson emailed to remind Councillors about the Rural Crime Roundtable with Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones on Tuesday 17th October at 6:30pm in Cliddesden Village Hall. The Chairman encouraged as many of the residents to attend as possible.

1552 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th November 2023, it was agreed that a 6:30pm.