

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 4th October 2021

Time:7:00pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present:	Jonathan Moseley	Chair
	Edwina Curtis Hayward	
	Di Peisley	
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor
	Wendy Simson	Clerk
	<i>Attended part of meeting:</i>	
	Dee Hass	STaND
	Emma Bedford	STaND
	Gordon Dunse	STaND
Apologise:	Adam Willmott	Vice Chairman
	Sam Foote	

1349 Public Forum

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

1350 Declaration of Public Interest

The Chair declared that he was conflicted regarding Chilton Manor Farm and that the Councillor Curtis Hayward would lead any further discussions.

1351 Any additional Agenda Items

The Chairman informed the Council that three members of STaND (Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs), would be joining the meeting to present about Seeking Protection for the North Hampshire Downs. It was agreed that they would be slotted into the agenda when they arrived.

The Chair also asked that Policing be included.

1352 Apologies

Councillors Willmott and Foote both sent apologies which were accepted by the Council. The Chair confirmed that the meeting was still quorate.

1353 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 26th July 2021 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chair signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1354 Matters arising

The Yard – Councillor Curtis Hayward referred to the letter the Vice Chair wrote to Basingstoke and Deane (B&D) about the following issues:

- Feedback from B&D on trading times
- Feedback from HCC on Licencing application
- Feedback from Hampshire Highways about speed limits
- Feedback from Chilton Manor Farm about screening

The response from B&D was:

The applications which relate to the issues to which you refer are the relevant planning applications, notably 18/03603/FUL and 21/01600/FUL. Other applications to which you refer are for listed building consent, where key considerations relate to heritage issues.

Decision notices set out any conditions with which the applicant must comply. Conditions can only be applied where the requirements of various tests are met.

Application 18/03603/FUL was approved with conditions relating to parking and to the public right of way amongst others. Application 20/01600/FUL was approved with a condition relating to parking, again amongst others.

Conditions to control the 'frequency', 'volume' and 'timing' of the use of the site or 'screening' were not imposed, as these were not considered necessary or reasonable, taking into account of consultation responses received, including those from Environmental Health or Highways Officers.

If you are aware of any breaches of planning permission, which may include failing to comply with conditions, the specifics of such breaches should be reported to our enforcement team via planningenforcement@basinstoke.gov.uk.

The covered area adjacent to the café building is already the subject of discussion between us and the applicant's agent.

Any applications for retrospective planning permission are dealt with on their merits, and the same approach will apply to any future applications on the site.

Licensing is administered by the Borough Council: any queries relating to compliance with licences should be addressed to licensing@basinstoke.gov.uk.

The Councillors approved the purchase of 50% of a Speed Indication Device with Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council purchasing the other 50%.

Action: Chair to send Clerk locations of sites for approval by HCC.

The Chair asked that the Clerk contact Licensing to ensure that any applications are sent to the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to contact Licencing

Basingstoke & Deane did not feel that additional screening was needed but it was suggested that the Vice Chair speak to the residents about what would be desired and speak directly to the owners of the Yard.

Action: Vice Chair to arrange meeting to discuss screen needs.

Welcome Booklet – The Councillors approved the Welcome booklet.

Community Infrastructure Fund (CIL) – The Chairman apologised for not having sent out an email about using the CIL funding.

Action: Chair to send email to all residents

1355 StaND Presentation on Seeking Protection for the North Hampshire Downs

The Group explained that they are looking for support from Parish Council for the creation of the North Hampshire Downs as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The objective being to protect the chalk landscape from development as landowners move to building homes on land which had been farmed. STaND is asking that brownfield sites be used within towns to for fill housing needs in the area but have also asked that housing numbers be reviewed. The current allocation for B&D is based on data from 2014, however the same data for 2018 shows that 50% fewer homes are required, and it is predicted that the census data from 2020 will show a further reduction.

A map of the proposed area for the AONB was circulated to councillors but it was explained that this was the third version and there were likely to be further changes. Councillor Gaskell asked about the inclusion of the River Loddon at the northeast of the area as this is a chalk stream but with a clay covering, it was confirmed that this area would be included for that reason.

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) are holding a supper at Preston Candover Village Hall on Friday 12th November at 7pm to generate support for the designation of the AONB. Costs of the application will depend on the number of Parish Councils who sign up for the scheme, but STaND are looking to get Parish Council support by the end of 2021.

The Chair asked if STaND were aware of the proposed water pipeline by Southern Water to remove water from the aquifer in Preston Candover and move it down to Southampton and Portsmouth in times of severe flooding. The Clerk gave each of the members of STaND a copy of the presentation by Southern Water on the proposals.

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked if STaND had engaged with the Environment Agency as they were taking an active role in monitoring the Candover Brook.

The Chair agreed to share the content of the STaND presentation with the two Councillors not at the meeting and agree if support would be given to the designation of the AONB.

Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting so final decision can be minute.

1356 Financial update

The following Lengthsman invoices are due to be paid at the meeting:

- Invoice 1522 - £960
- Invoice 1560 - £1,920
- Ellisfield invoice - £1,000

The following Parish Council payments were presented for approval at the meeting:

- PAYE (Jul to Sept) - £60.00

- Clerk's salary (Jul to Sept) - £240.00

The Clerk informed Councillors that the following sum have been received:

- Remaining 50% of precept - £2,060
- Interest – 2p

The grants were approved as:

- Candover Valley Club (CVC) - £1,000
- St Peter's Church - £300
- 1st Candover Scout Group - £300

The accounts including the chequebooks with payments to be made were passed to Councillor Curtis Hayward for the six-monthly audit. It was agreed that feedback be given at the next Parish Council meeting unless there were any issues.

Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting

1357 CVC Update

The Chair explained that the Booking Secretary had stepped down and two residents had agreed to pick up the role.

The fire alarm system has been replaced and the issue with the burglar alarm has also been rectified.

The facility is being well used with a variety of groups and clubs using the hall on a regular basis along with the bar being open on Saturday evenings.

1358 Flooding

The Chair confirmed that the empty sandbags are ready if needed along with a supply of sand at Church Lane farm. The Lengthsman has been asked to dig out all the grips at the next visit on 7th October.

Councillor Curtis Hayward informed the Councillors that the Environment Agency were due to dig out the stream and planned to bring a digger this year to ensure as much vegetation as possible can be removed.

Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward to alert Councillors when digging is due to begin.

Councillor Gaskell comments that he was having trouble getting hold of Jantiene, the Chairman agreed to intervene.

1359 Lengthsman

The last visit planned for 12th July did not go ahead due to staff shortages, this is due to be planned for later in the year. The next dates are:

- 7th October
- 29th November
- 24th January

The Clerk informed the Council that Hampshire County Council were looking to remove the funding for the Lengthsman Scheme as detailed in item 4 of the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day, Executive Member for Highways Operations Decision Day and Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability Decision Day held on 23rd September:

45. The second element of this savings proposal is to change the way the Parish Lengthsman (PL) service is delivered. This is a wholly discretionary activity within the overall highways service where revenue funding (circa £1,000 per parish per year) is offered to local parish and town councils to enable lower priority highway maintenance work to be prioritised and delivered through locally commissioned service providers. It is proposed that the funding provision for PL is removed and, instead, the service offered to parish and town councils on the basis of a self-funding pay model, either through local sponsorship or increased precepts. The saving will be £200,000.

46. It is not anticipated that either of these proposals will have a direct impact on people with protected characteristics. However, removal of the funded PL scheme may impact smaller rural parishes where an increase in precept may not be supported and/or there are limited sponsorship opportunities.

Full minutes can be found at:

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=773&MId=8465&Ver=4>

The Clerk has been informed that this decision is to be reviewed by the new portfolio holder. The Chair asked that the Council be kept informed of any updates and if the decision is not reversed then the Parish Council would need to ask for further work to be done as this money forms a vital part of the small Parish Councils ability to maintain Public Rights of Way along with Highways and other amenities.

Action: Clerk to forward email to all Councillors and any further correspondence.

1360 Planning

The Parish Council had one application to discuss:

- **Ruby Cottage (21/01648/LBC)** – to replace ten windows. The Councillors had no objections.

1361 Queen Jubilee Celebrations

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council intended to hold a “Big Lunch,” a Church Service at St Peter’s and light a beacon. The Council also plan to plant a tree.

The Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting to look at activity in Preston Candover was being held at the Purefoy on Tuesday 12th October at 6:30 with all groups including the school, shop, Village Hall along with clubs attending. It is planned to identify the types of activity planned and ensure that any rentals of bouncy castles, marquees, etc are booked immediately as there will be a shortage.

Action: Clerk to make Councillors aware of plans.

1362 Policing

The Chair met with the new Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones in Dummer recently and was very encouraged by her attitude towards rural policing.

There is a meeting at 11am on Wednesday 6th October at Candover Valley Club where a number of Officers including the local Chief Constable will be available to discuss rural policing.

1363 General correspondence

None

1364 Date of meeting in 2021

- Monday 22nd November 2021