

agreed that enforcement needs to be in place for reduced limits to be effective and HCC are asking that all revenue from speed cameras be kept by the County Council and not passed to the Home Office.

The change in Parish boundaries in May will mean that Damian Hinds will become MP for the Candover Valley.

The Chairman asked if the Rural Round Table Events with the Police Commissioner was being planned for 2023, Cllr Henderson agreed that these events had been useful and would request that a date be organised.

Safeguarding, particularly of children, remains a high priority. HCC are looking to reduce the numbers of children in Children's Homes and look for more Foster Families as this model is more nurturing for the children involved.

The "Big Chalk" continues to be on the agenda, Cllr Curtis Hayward asked about the plans for the warehouse complex at J7 of the M3, Cllr Henderson explained that she had spoken to the Planning Committee against this application being granted but that it was unusual for the Planning Committee to decide against the Planning Officers who have recommended that the application be granted.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Henderson for her time and hard work for the community, Cllr Henderson then left the meeting.

1462 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 26th September 2022 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chair signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1463 Matters arising

Sign for free logs – The Vice Chair asked for a sign to inform residents that the wood from the felled willow trees could be taken, the Clerk had produced a sign as requested.

Riparian responsibility piece for the Oxdrove – The Clerk included a piece in the Oxdrove to encourage those homes with a riparian responsibility to maintain their waterways.

List of homes that do not get a copy of the Oxdrove – The Chairman is to speak to each of the residents who deliver the Oxdrove to identify the homes that don't take it and ensure that additional copies are ordered for January.

1464 Financial update

The Clerk reported that the following payments required authorising at the meeting:

- Website domain renewal - £41.18
- External Audit - £240.00
- Hedge cutting - £720.00
- Reissue hedge cutting cheque from 2020 - £640.00

The Clerk also presented two invoices for the Lengthsman work:

- 590407 - £2,400
- 590414 - £400

Councillors approved the payments.

The Clerk had received no application for grants.

Cllr Curtis Hayward informed The Parish Council that she had completed the 6 monthly audit of the accounts and was satisfied that they were all in order.

1465 Budgets

The Clerk had prepared a report showing the current balance of the accounts and predicted expenditure to the end of the financial year. The closing balance was expected to be £17,425 but this did not include any Grant payments. This also included £9,868.91 of CIL funding which the Councillors agreed should be included within the accounts but on a separate line to ensure that the balance was easy to identify.

Action: Clerk to re-arrange the financial statement to separate the CIL funds

The Councillors discussed the Grants and agreed to amalgamate the three regular grants for CVC (£1,000), The Church (£300) and the Scouts (£300) and include them as one line with a budget of £2,000 against it. The Councillors also discussed budgeting for projects but agreed that this would be allocated from the CIL funding where possible.

The Councillors agreed that while the Lengthsman Grant was secure for 2023/24 that the Parish Council should budget for this work to be carried out in the following years.

The Councillors agreed that there was no justification for increasing the precept at this time so it was approved that precept would be requested for £4,120.

1466 CVC Update

The Chairman informed the Councillors that work to resurface the road up to the CVC was being planned with a resident quoting for the work. The road is owned by the properties, but the CVC Committee are looking at having work done in the carpark at the same time.

The shed which houses the cricket mowers needs to be replaced and the Cricket Club are looking to purchase a shipping container to replace the existing garage and shed.

A group of residents are planning to replace the rooves on the two garages behind the CVC, this project will only require the costs of materials.

Saturday evenings remain busy with a regular group attending for a drink.

The CVC plan to have a New Years drinks party for residents.

1467 Flooding

The Chairman informed Councillors that water levels in the aquafer had risen significantly and were currently at the same level as they were in 2014/15 when there was flooding in Preston Candover. The ditches and grips were all being well maintained, and reports were that water was flowing through the villages and into the water meadows.

1468 Lengthsman

The next visit dates are:

- 17th January 2023
- 1st March 2023

1469 Planning

One application has been received; it is:

Robeys Farm (22/03094/FUL) - Demolition of a granary barn and its associated ancillary structures. Conversion of the cow barn at Robey's Farm into 3 no. private dwellings and associated landscaping works involving change of use of land from agricultural to residential. The Chairman informed Councillors that B&D had failed to send letters out to neighbouring properties to inform them of the application, this has now been rectified.

The Chairman had declared an interest, so Cllr Curtis Hayward led the discussion on the application. There were concerns about the additional dwelling's wastewater adding to the volume in the valley and potential flooding. Concerns were also raised about lighting and ensuring that light pollution was not created by the exterior lights on the new homes. The Councillors agreed that the development would be more attractive than the current derelict barns and the removal of the large barn and the hard standing would ensure water could be absorbed into the new gardens.

The Councillors agreed that they had no objections to the plans but asked that comment be made about ensuring sympathetic exterior lighting for a rural area was used.

1470 Website

The Clerk reported that the website is up to date including the paperwork for the conclusion of the audit.

1471 General correspondence

The Chairman had been in discussions about the Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, and it was suggested that a Big Lunch be organised for either Sunday or the additional Bank Holiday Monday. A budget of £1,000 was allocated to the event.

The Chairman has contacted two residents about training for the defibrillator and is looking to book in for a Saturday morning in January.

1472 Date of next meeting

- Monday 23rd January 2023, it was agreed that a 6:45pm.