

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 8th December 2015. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: CVC, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Adam Willmott
Di Peisley
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid

Apologise: Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman
Edwina Curtis-Hayward

878 Apologies

The Vice Chair and Councillor Curtis Hayward were both unable to attend the meeting and sent their apologies.

879 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 12th October 2015 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

880 Policing Update

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been just one incident in the area since the last meeting, it was:-

- 1/12 – a Highland cow seen on B3046 at Chilton Candover

In 2015 there have been 4 crimes in Brown Candover and none in Chilton Candover, in 2014 there was just 2 crime in Brown Candover and 4 in Chilton Candover.

The Chairman asked about progress with the rural policing policy and PC Reid explained the Spending Review announced by the Government meant that there would be no further cuts and that there would be 108 extra officers, however the cuts had a meant 1,000 officers have already been cut.

The Chairman asked about the days PC Reid was working over Christmas and about getting a message out about drink driving and ensuring that drivers watch their alcohol intake if they are driving early the next morning.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for all his hard work in the Parish.

881 Matters arising

Emptying bins and dog mess – The Clerk has agreed with Basingstoke & Deane that the bin by the bus shelter in brown Candover could be moved to the end of Duck Lane by the right of way.

Action: Councillor Willmott to look at moving the bin.

Increased lorry traffic – The Chairman apologised for not having progressed this but agreed to report at the next meeting

Action: Chairman to report at next meeting

Telephone boxes – The Chairman is to talk to the owner of Pelican House about maintaining the telephone box in Chilton Candover and a working party is planned to paint the boxes in the spring.

Action: Chairman to speak to David Locke

882 Financial Update

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the following payments to be made:-

- PAYE (Oct - Dec) - £60.00
- Clerk's salary (Oct - Dec) - £240.00

The invoices for the grass cutting at the bus shelters and from the church for maintenance of the burial ground have not yet been received. The hedge cutting work at both the burial ground and cricket pitch was also outstanding. The only other budgeted payments for 2015/16 are the final salary payment and PAYE for the Clerk along with the allocated money for rural policing, which is likely not to be spent until 2016/17.

The Councillors talked through the budget items for 2016/17. The external audit fee of £120 was removed as this was only incurred because the Parish Council spent more than £10,000 in 2014/15. The budget for hedge cutting was increased by £100 to £640 and a line was added for the Lengths Man at £250 (2 days work). It was agreed that a 10% increase on the precept be requested from £3,000 to £3,300 to support any flood work and general maintenance work required.

At the last meeting the Clerk had been asked to get a short report from the 1st Candover Scout Group about what they had used the grant of £300 on this year, Mrs Whittle had reported the following:-

"I've spoken with Sarah and can confirm that the donations from the parish council have been very well received and put to good use.

The scout group is thriving with around 14 children in each section - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The weekly meetings take place at Brown Candover Club and run throughout the school year. There is a dedicated team of around 6 adults who all generously donate their time to ensure the success of the group.

As the group is reasonably new, we have until recently used the donations to help buy camping equipment and other supplies for the group. However, this year the leaders decided to try something more adventurous and took a group of scouts to an international Scout camp in Switzerland during August. The trip was offered to all the scouts, and there was a good uptake. The committee decided to use the money from both Parish Councils to subsidise the cost of the extra activities that the children were able to take part in during their visit to Switzerland. This enabled those children to take part, who may not have been able to do so otherwise. The activities were great and exposed the children to challenges which involved developing new skills and team work, built confidence and gave them amazing life experiences of the world beyond the valley. Needless to say, the scouts also raised significant funds themselves with car washing, fete stalls and other novel ways. The Switzerland trip was an experiment and turned out to be very successful. The leaders would like to make it something that they can offer to every child during their time with the

scouts and it may therefore happen every 2-3 years. There are also plans for more local camps and experiences for the younger members. We would therefore be truly grateful to continue to benefit from the donations by the parish councils."

The Clerk informed the Councillor that she had been asked by another Council to investigate the funds available for a Lengths Man and to see if any of the local Councils would be interested in joining a scheme.

Action: Clerk to report to next meeting

Councillor Peisley reported that the hedges on the right of way from the end of Duck Lane to East Stratton were very overgrown.

Action: Chairman to speak to landowner

Councillor Curtis Hayward completed the 6 month audit of the accounts and sent the following message to the Councillors about her findings:-

"6 monthly audit – I have examined the bank accounts, cheque books and the ledger. There was one small error in the ledger relating to the council precept which Wendy said she would correct, otherwise everything was in order."

883 CVC Update

Alison Fydler, Chair of the CVC, sent the following update:-

The Children's Christmas party is planned for Saturday 12th December and there are up to 50 children expected. The grant from the Parish Council has paid for the entertainer for the event and the CVC passed on their thanks for the support provided by the Parish Council.

884 Website

Councillor Peisley reported that everything was up to date on the website. There had been an incident where a letter about the Basingstoke half marathon had been put onto the website with a copy signature included. The Clerk had been contacted by the member of staff involved and asked to remove it which had been done, however it appeared the footprint still existed and so technical support had been sort to get the letter fully removed, this had now been completed.

The Clerk informed the Council that Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council were looking to change the protocol for putting items on the website and the Clerk had asked that Councillor Peisley be included with all these discussions.

885 Planning

Lower Down Cottage – The Councillors discussed the plans and while they considered it was a large extension that they had no objections.

The Chairman apologised for not having drafted the letter about Moth House and agreed to circulate this to all Councillors

Action: Chairman to write letter

The new up-lights on the drive at Candover House were discussed and Councillor Peisley questioned if planning permission should be sort for these. It was agreed that as the lights were on very infrequently that they caused little light pollution.

886 Community Store

Councillor Willmott reported that the Community Store Group were keen to move on with getting the planning application submitted, however there was likely to be a Parish Meeting in Preston Candover as some residents had concerns about the location of the design. This meeting had been planned for Saturday 23rd January at 10am in Preston Candover Village Hall.

887 General correspondence

The Clerk had received information about the devolution of power to local areas and Hampshire plans. A public meeting is planned for 1st March which the Clerk intends to attend.

888 Any Other Business

Councillor Peisley informed the Parish Council that the shepherd would be arriving at the library in the next few days as part of the Christmas scene.

The Environment Agency has been cut the weed in the ditches throughout the valley

The culvert at Spybush Lane has been re-pointed and a concrete pad put to improve water flow, however this has been put on the downstream side and not upstream. The work carried out was also not what had been planned where a larger culvert was due to replace this pinch point along the valley. The Chairman had contacted the Highways Team about this waste of funds.

The Clerk had been offered 200 sandbags just in case of flooding, these had been accepted but were yet to be delivered.

889 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th January at Candover Valley Club starting at 7:30pm.

Further meetings dates are:-

- Monday 14th March 2016
- Monday 9th May 2016
- Monday 11th July 2016
- Monday 3rd October 2016
- Monday 12th December 2016