

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 9th April 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chair
Adam Willmott Vice Chairman
Edwina Curtis Hayward
Antonia Cunningham
Sam Foote
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Juliet Henderson County Councillor
Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor

1583 Declaration of Public Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests declared.

1584 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1585 Apologies

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Borough Councillor Diane Taylor had indicated that she may be able to join the meeting. Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell also sent apologies.

1586 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 22nd January 2024 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chair signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1587 Matters arising

Speed Indication Device – The Clerk has received an update on the offer from Elan for two Speed Indication Devices for £3,999, the Councillors agreed to look for a local donation.

Action: [Chairman to report back at next meeting.](#)

Painting the two telephone boxes – Cllr Cunningham apologies that she hadn't got the quotes, but the weather had not allowed the contractor to look at what was required.

Action: [Cllr Cunningham to bring quote to the next meeting.](#)

1588 Financial update

The Clerk circulated the financial statement prior to the meeting along with posting on the Parish Council website.

The Clerk explained that the VAT claim has been made for £1,694.23, this is excluding the invoices being approved this evening. A further £500 from the final Lengthsman invoice (SI289), plus £36.98 for the two Parish Council invoices was still to be claimed for 2023/24.

Action: Clerk to make a claim at the end of the first quarter for the remaining VAT.

The Parish Councillors signed off the following payments:

- PAYE (Jan to Mar) - £75.00
- Clerk salary (JAN to Mar) - £300
- Website domain - £119.88
- Councillor Training - £57.60
- HALC subscription (24/25) - £176.00
- Insurance (24/25) - £214.00

The Clerk has confirmed that the Section 106 funds of £465.61 for Sports & Playing Fields can be given to the Cricket Club towards a roller for the Cricket Wicket. The Councillors approved this donation.

The Chairman suggested that the £931.16 for open spaces should be used to improve the signage for the two villages.

Action: Clerk and Chairman to look at current signage and put together a proposal for the next meeting including costs.

The £327.72 for Play Areas was discussed with a view to providing some play equipment for residents to use on the area outside the club.

The Clerk informed Councillors that a date for the Internal Audit was being booked to ensure the paperwork is ready for the next meeting.

1589 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman Informed Councillors that the Pickleball has been promoted and that the first event was planned for Saturday 13th April.

The car park needed scalping to fill the potholes and the Parish Council were asked for a contribution. Cllr Foote suggested that Mid Hants Bulk (01256 861016) might give a good price for bulk orders.

1590 Flooding

Water level graph below.

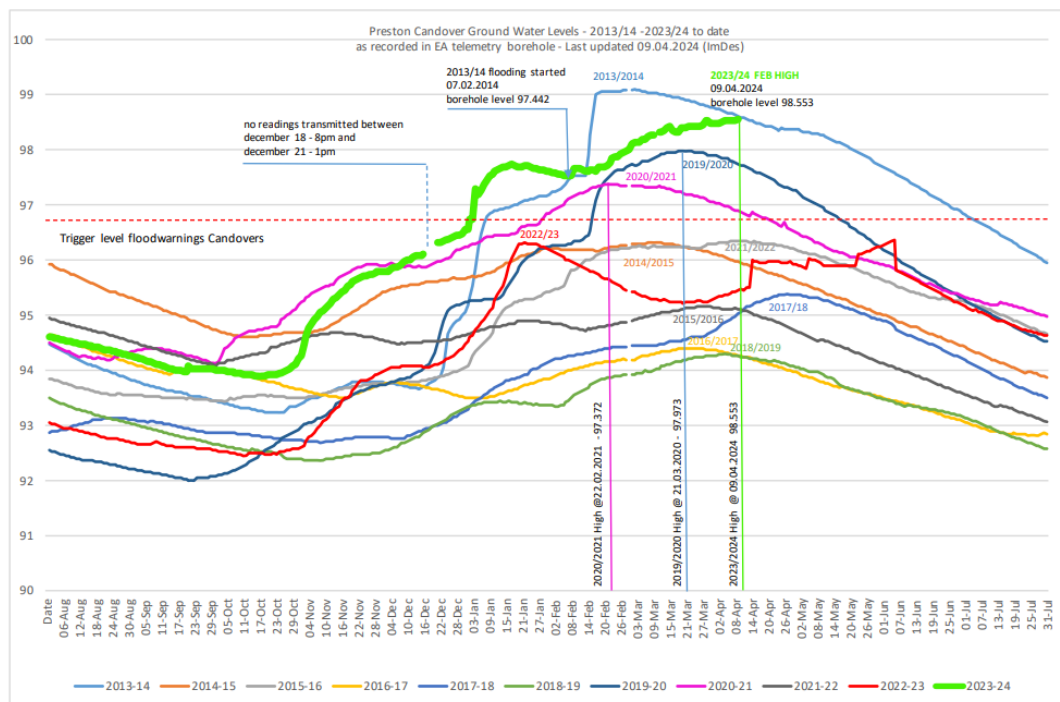
Tuesday 9th April 2024 water levels are (98.553) at highest level so far this winter, and at same level as the same day in 2014.

Something to watch for is a long recession period (June/July) and a likely high level at the start of winter 2024/25.

There being no natural watercourse a greatly capacity constrained culverted system between Preston Candover and Chilton Candover is causing problems like 2014. The water is directed under the road via culvert which is too narrow for the volume of water and so the water flows back towards Preston Candover. This issue is being addressed.

Cllr Willmott confirmed that the water is flowing well through the villages and there are no areas of concern, but the volume of water seen this year is considerably higher than recent years.

Cllr Curtis Hayward informed the Councillors that water was collecting in different areas of the water meadows to other years, there seemed to be no reason for these changes.



1591 Lengthsman

The Clerk has requested dates from RP Commercial Services for visits in 2024 and 2025.

1592 Planning

The Council received three applications; they are:

- **The Garden Cottage, Breach Farm, Dummer (24/00302/FUL)** – The application is to demolish the existing cottage and replace, The Clerk has passed to the Clerk at Dummer Parish Council as this property is closer to that Parish.
- **Moth Farm Dairy, Spybush Land, Brown Candover (24/00724/GPDADW)** – The application to for the proposed change of use from agricultural building to form 3 dwelling (class 3 dwelling houses) and for associated development. The application is a notification for prior approval under permitted development and the dwelling will be staff dwelling for those working at the Woolpack and also on the estate. – the Councillors had no objections.
- **Yew Tree Lodge, Dundridge Lane, Chilton Candover (T/00189/24/TCA)** – The application is to remove a Leylandii. Cllr Cunningham confirmed that it was the wrong tree in the wrong place. The Councillor had no objections.

1593 Website

The Clerk has updated the website.

Cllr Willmott suggested that the marquee which the Parish Council hires out should be advertised on the website. The Clerk circulated a copy of the original advert for the marquee which was updated by Cllr Curtis Hayward.

Action: Clerk to post on the website.

1594 **General correspondence**

Planning Frameworks - Cllr Willmott gave the Councillors a brief overview of the training on Planning Frameworks. It was suggested that a Parish as small as Brown and Chilton Candover should consider if a Design Plan was needed as most concerns should be included in the Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan. A new "Neighbourhood Priority Statement" was being launched which would be simpler than a Neighbourhood Plan and would better suit the Parish Council. It was suggested that no action be taken until later in the year when the B&D plan was consulted and also any change of Government/direction.

Action: Cllr Willmott to ask for an example of a Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

Defibrillators - The Clerk presented the remainder of the key rings with the Defibrillator code produced by Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council as part of the defib training.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council sign up for a piece of software which allows someone who is on their own with someone in need of the defibrillator to get someone to collect it for them. Councillors discussed if this could be done via a WhatsApp group, but it was agreed that the software would be worth a trial.

Action: Chairman to complete the paperwork to register for the project.

1595 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 27th May 2024, this will be Cllr Foote's last meeting.