

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 11th March 2014. **Time:** 7:00pm
Venue: Candover Valley Club, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Adam Willmott
Di Peisley
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid
Two members of the Parish

Apologise: None

736 Apologies

There were no apologies at this meeting.

737 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 8th January 2014 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

738 Police Update

PC Reid explained that Most of the instances which had occurred since the last meeting were weather related and these included:-

- 1/1/ - tree across B3046 at Brown Candover
- 6/1 – Flooding through Candovers
- 25/1 – Freak winds brought down cables and trees throughout the Candovers
- 7/2 – Low Voltage cable down in Gunner Lane
- 10/2 – A Car broken down in flood water in Brown Candover
- 12/2 – Tree hit a school bus (no injuries)

There was just 1 crime which was cannabis found during a house search in the Candover Valley.

The Chairman asked for the communities thanks to be recorded to PC Reid as he came home early from his holiday in order to help with the flooding issues.

739 Matters Arising

Feedback on planning application at Old School House – The Clerk reported that she had contacted the architect about the progress of the application and had been told *“I have made a pre-app application; it is unlikely we will have any answers in time for your next meeting. However, as promised I will report back to the PC whatever the outcome.”*

Sand Bags – The Council discussed the timely purchase of the sandbags and the fact that Basingstoke and Deane had provided many more to help keep the flood water away from homes. It was agreed that those which had not been polluted by getting wet could be collected up and stored in case of future issues.

Action: The Chairman to talk to Robey's Farm about a possible storage location.

Localism Training – The Clerk gave a brief overview of the Localism Training provided by Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) on 30th January. The key point was around creation of a Neighbourhood Plan which would enable the community to get agreement on how the area would be developed and what would be agreed and what would not. It was discussed that if Candovers Parish Council joined Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council and perhaps a couple of others which also fell into Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council area, that a plan could be written to cover these as a group. The Clerk explained that funds would be made available up to £7,000 to cover the costs of writing the plan so it may be possible to get a consultant to develop the document after meeting with key members of the community.

Action: Clerk to investigate consultants to help write the Neighbourhood Plan.

Burial Ground deeds – The Clerk apologised that she had not been able to get these deeds to the archive office in Winchester.

Action: Clerk to get the deeds stored in Winchester.

740 **Financial Statement**

There were a number of payments to be made at the meeting:-

- £240 for the Clerk's salary
- £60 for the PAYE contribution
- £100 for grass cutting at the bus shelters
- £80 for grass cutting at the burial ground

These were all agreed and signed by the Council.

The hedge cutting at both the cricket pitch and burial ground has been booked for the end of March and so the Clerk was asked to keep the financial year open until this payment has cleared.

The Council asked if the telephone boxes were covered on the insurance policy.

Action: Clerk to check and have the telephone boxes added if required.

The Chairman raised a new initiative which Andy Fannon, a resident of Swarraton, is championing across 3 villages in the valley, Northington and Swarraton, Brown and Chilton Candovers and Preston Candover, to purchase a defibrillator for each village. The defibrillators would be owned by the project but be stored in central positions such as the telephone box. The Chairman explained that due to the distance and road type from the nearest Ambulance Station that if someone was to have a heart attack that help could not be received quick enough to save the person. By having these devices in the community and a number of people trained to use them that lives could be saved. The Parish Council felt it was a good idea but agreed that they would donate 50% of the £1,000 cost and the remaining money would be raised by the community through a golf event for all three villages.

Action: Clerk to add to budget for 2014/15

741 Planning

Moth House – The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the situation at Moth House and answered several questions from the Council and members of the public. The matter is in the hands of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council’s Planning Team.

Woolpack Gate – The Chairman agreed to speak to the estate manager, Mr Clive Hancock, about the plans for removal of the gate.

Action: Chairman to speak to Mr Hancock and report back to Councillors.

1 Chilton Candover - This application for a single storey extension at the rear had no objections from the Council.

Tree work at 18-21 Moth Cottages – no objections

Tree work at Yew Tree Cottage, Chilton Candover – no objections

Tree work at 2 Old School House – no objections

742 Candover Valley Club update

Mr Parks reported that the Candover Valley Club were looking to raise £20,000 for the renovation work to the front bar and patio area. The plans for the work had been displayed and a suggestion box set up to allow everyone to have their views heard about the plans. There are also a number of activities planned to help get this money including the golf day on 15th March and a quiz on the 5th April. It is hoped that the work will start in late summer.

743 Flooding

The Chairman explained that photos had been taken along with numerous conversations with the Highways Department, Environment Agency and Borough Council to decide what work is required to ensure the pinch points along the valley are removed and water can flow through and get away quicker in future. It was agreed that once the water levels had dropped that a letter be sent detailed what had been agreed to the agencies.

The Chairman explained he had also spoken to Councillor Mark Ruffell about the situation to ensure he was briefed about what was planned.

Councillor Curtis Hayward spoke about the pumping station and getting the channel cleared in future prior to the winter to ensure the water would flow through. It was reported that a wire mesh had been placed across the channel by Southern Water to stop debris but that this was restricting the flow. It was agreed that Councillor Curtis Hayward would write to Southern Water on behalf of the Parish Council to ensure the work required is completed.

Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward to write to Southern Water.

The Council also asked about the trees which have fallen and are blocking the channel.

Action: Clerk to ask Basingstoke and Deane about who owns the trees etc and ensure they are dealt with.

Action: Clerk to write to B&D, Highways Agency and Environment Agency to thank them for their work in the valley.

744 Website

Councillor Peisley reported that she had got the minutes loaded onto the website following her training and although it had been slow that she felt more confident with the process.

745 General Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the Farleigh Lane would be closed on 24th March for a couple of days.

746 Any Other Business

Shop Closure – Councillor Willmott reported that a committee had been set up to look at alternative way of running the shop. However, the current owners are keen to move on and there are issues with finding at new site. The Chairman reported that there may be man in North Waltham who would be prepared to run the store.

War Memorial – Councillor Willmott explained that he hadn't been able to catch up with Jamie Brand about the work required.

Wind Turbines – The Chairman reported that the determination date had not been decided but could be as late as June and may coincide with the date for the Bullington Cross development.

747 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7:00pm at the Candover Valley Club back room, this will be the Annual General meeting.

Action: Clerk to propose the next few meeting dates so they can be advertised.