

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 11th April 2022 **Time:** 7:00pm

Venue: Candover Valley Club

Present:	Jonathan Moseley	Chair
	Adam Willmott	Vice Chairman
	Sam Foote	
	Edwina Curtis Hayward	
	Di Peisley (arrived at 7:15, prior notice given)	
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor
	Juliet Henderson	County Councillor
	Wendy Simson	Clerk

Apologise: None

1396 Public Forum

The Chairman offered Cllr Henderson the opportunity to introduce herself and her priorities. Cllr Henderson explained that she was the new County Councillor for the Candover Valley having been elected in May 2021. Rural communities and child education were the two key focuses for her work.

Cllr Henderson is working with a Hampshire Select Committee on a project to implement 20pmh speed limits across all Hampshire villages. The new Local Transport Plan champions “Active Travel” including walking, running, and cycling but speeding vehicles in rural villages meant that these activities were not possible in most areas. The opportunity to implement the speed limit throughout the county gives a consistent message to all drivers. Cllr Curtis Hayward asked about the areas between villages and properties set just outside village signage as traffic often speeds up as it leaves the restricted area, and these properties are negatively affected. Cllr Henderson agreed and explained that each case needed to be identified and the best option selected. The Chairman asked how the limits were policed, Cllr Henderson suggested that this question be put to Donna Jones, the Police and Crime Commissioner at the meeting on Monday 25th April at 6pm in Cliddesdon Village Hall.

The Chairman asked what the Parish Council could do to the project, Cllr Henderson suggested the following:

- Evidence of current speeds from the Speed Indication Device
- A letter to the working party in support of the project
- A survey of what people want in the community

The Council agreed to support the project and provide all the above. Cllr Henderson explained that the initial report was due to be published in October 2022 and a Public Consultation would follow.

The Chairman asked Cllr Henderson about renewable energy. Cllr Henderson explained that she supported the biomass digesters like the ones in Herriard and Dummer and that offshore windfarms were a clean method for producing power but that all options needed to be a hybrid and that no one solution would work alone. Cllr Foote raised concerns about solar farms and how they were decommissioned at the end of their life. Cllr Gaskell explained that there were issues with leakage from the batteries used to store the electricity generated along with cases where one battery has caught fire, which has spread and is very difficult to bring under control. There are plans to build solar farms in the area but the substation at Preston Candover can only accept 28 megawatts of power and most work to 50 megawatts. The Government are looking to build 10 new nuclear power plants, smaller in scale than the original huge plants but these would provide constant clean energy.

Cllr Henderson informed the Councillors that she is allocated a £8,000 grant fund which she would like to be able to support community projects. The Chairman suggested child sized defib pads, which Cllr Henderson agreed would be suitable. The new grants funds are available from June and application should be made closer to the time.

The Chairman informed Cllr Henderson that Cllr Curtis Hayward is a Governor at the Preston Candover Primary School. Cllr Henderson explained that she had met with the Headteacher recently and there were concerns with all schools about the effect of the pandemic. The County Council are looking to provide additional support for schools to ensure children get the building blocks of support around Maths, Reading and Writing. The budget pressures are an issue, but Cllr Henderson explained that the funds raised by the increase in NI contributions Needed to be focused on Adult Social Care to allow local funds to be used to support the projects discussed this evening.

The Chairman thanked both Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell for their contributions.

1397 Declaration of Public Interest

No interests were declared on the topics on this evening's agenda.

1398 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1399 Apologies

All Councillors attended; Cllr Peisley informed the Clerk in advance of the meeting that she would arrive a little late.

1400 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 24th January 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.

1401 Matters arising

Speed Indication Device (SID) – The Clerk informed Councillor that the unit did not have the facility to collect data and an upgrade would be £350 plus VAT with £55 courier charges each way. The Councillor agreed to request this be paid from Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell fund.

Action: Clerk to request grant funding in June

Community Project ideas – The Clerk informed Councillors that the majority of the responses had been for speed calming measures but the patio area at the CVC was also included as an area to be improved.

Action: Chairman to get 3 quotes for the work required.

Painting of telephone boxes - The Chairman apologies that he hadn't got prices as planned.

1402 Financial update

The Clerk reported that the VAT had been claimed against the following invoices:

- £295 for SID
- £2.50 for padlock for SID
- £16.78 for website
- £1,840 for Lengthsman invoices

Payment has been received from HMRC and paid into the Lengthsman account, a payment of £314.28 needed to be made back to the Parish Council account. The Clerk explained that the Lengthsman Fund was continuing into 2022/23 and contracts had been issued to all the Cluster Parishes along with the Contract between Candovers as Lead Parish and HCC. A Purchase Order has not yet been received to allow for funds to be claimed but the Clerk suggested that the full value of £12,100 (£1,000 for each of the 11 Parishes along with 10% for administration) be paid into the Lengthsman account as this would remove the pressure on the account at year end whilst the VAT was claimed. The councillors approved this action. Two payments were made from the Parish Council account for the Clerk's salary and associated PAYE for the period January to March. The Clerk explained that this closed the financial year and that the accounts were going to the Internal Auditor on Thursday 21st April for review. The Parish Council has had an income more than £25,000 so is likely to require External Audit.

The Council discussed the purchase of the child pads for the defib as the Heartbeat Trust had commented *"we would advise to have these if you have a child at risk (under 8 years old or under 25kg) and keep them at the school or with the parents. We would not normally have placed pads in the community cabinet as this could lead to confusion."* The Vice Chairman agreed to speak to the Trust about options.

1403 CVC Update

The Chairman informed the Councillors that Saturday evenings were being well supported and encourage anyone who wanted to come along to attend. Membership costs are to be increased from £12 per family to £15 and there may a small increase on the some of the bar prices.

The Club Committee have approved the purchase of a new urn as the current one leaks; the driveway is also in need of work and the club are in discussions with residents who are required to contribute to costs.

1404 Flooding

Cllr Curtis Hayward informed the Council that South-eastern Water and Southern Water have contacted landowners where the water flows to discuss environmental projects including planting of trees through the flood meadows. These projects appear to be contrary to the Southern Water plans for pumping water from the aquifer during periods of drought.

The Chairman attached a presentation at the Yard by Delour McClaren on behalf of the water companies, there appeared to be no cohesive approach or messages. The Chairman suggested that the key stakeholders in any project needed to be consulted to develop a plan.

1405 Lengthsman

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2022/23 are as follows:

- 11th May 2022
- 25th July 2022
- 26th September 2022
- 17th January 2023
- 1st March 2023

The Chairman asked if there were any areas which required attention, the Vice Chair suggested that the puddles in Duck Lane needed attention.

Cllr Peisley informed the Council that the tree which fell down by the telephone box in Brown Candover had not been cleared, the Chairman agreed to speak to the landowner.

The Vice Chair informed the Council that a tree had fallen across the Wayfarer, the Chairman agreed to speak to the landowner in the area.

1406 Planning

The Parish Council had no applications since the last meeting.

1407 General correspondence

The Clerk had the CPRE magazine which she gave out for Councillors.

1409 Date of meeting in 2022

- Monday 23rd May 2022, this will include the AGM.