

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 12th October 2015. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: CVC, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Adam Willmott
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Di Peisley
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid

Apologise: Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman

866 Apologies

The Vice Chair gave her apologies as she was required to attend another meeting.

867 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 21st July 2015 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

868 Policing Update

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been a number of incidents in the area since the last meeting, these were:-

- 3/9 – a non dwelling burglary at Moth Farm Shooting Lodge
- 3/9 – theft of a dog from Manor Farm, it was later found in Eastleigh
- 4/9 – criminal damage to garden lights and a fountain motor in Brown Candover
- 26/9 – a suspicious Jeep Cherokee was seen in Spybush Lane, found to be on duplicated Jersey plates
- 27/9 – a Ford Maverick was found burnt out in Spybush Lane, this has caused damage to crops
- 7/10 – a member of staff from the Woolpack Inn was reported missing but was later found safe and well
- 9/10 – a driver from Alresford reported being tailgated from Spires Lane to Basingstoke

In 2015 there have been 4 crimes in Brown Candover and none in Chilton Candover, in 2014 there was just 1 crime in Brown Candover and 3 in Chilton Candover.

The Chairman asked about progress with the rural policing policy and PC Reid explained that the plan to base him from Tadley was now in place and that he travelled to the office each day to collect his vehicle and briefing.

The Councillors asked about speeding in the area and what controls other Parish Councils have used to ensure speed limits are adhered to. PC Reid informed the Council that

Cliddeston has invested in the “Speed Watch” initiative and was keen to spread the costs by working with other Councils to better utilise the equipment. The Speed Camera Van was deployed in the village and PC Reid agreed to investigate getting in booked for higher up the Candover Valley.

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

869 Matters arising

Emptying bins and dog mess – New bins have been installed at all 3 bus shelters and at the bottom of the Wayfarers Walk. These are emptied each week by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Councillor Peisley reported that the bin at the bus shelter by the telephone box in Brown Candover wasn’t being used much and Councillor Willmott suggested that it could be moved to the end of Duck Lane, where walkers often take their dogs.

Action: Clerk to speak to B&D about moving the bin.

Increased lorry traffic – An email had been received from Steve Brine in Alresford about the issues with the large lorries using the small and unsuitable roads in the area. The Chairman agreed to get in touch to understand what solutions were being suggested. The Councillors agreed that the number of lorries had declined slightly but felt this may be due to a seasonal reduction in the production and packing of salad products.

Action: Chairman to report at next meeting.

Telephone boxes – Councillor Peisley informed the Council that the unit in Brown Candover requires sanding down before a new coat of paint can be added as there is a large amount of rust particularly on the top. Councillor Curtis Hayward suggested that her husband may be able to support with this task but that it may be better to wait until spring.

Action: Councillor Peisley to put together a working party and organise a date for the spring to tidy up the telephone box/library in Brown Candover.

The Chairman agreed to speak to David Locke about the unit in Chilton Candover as this also needed some attention.

Action: Chairman to report at next meeting

870 Financial Update

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

- PAYE (July – Sept) - £60.00
- Clerk’s salary (July – Sept) - £240.00
- CPRE Membership - £36.00
- Children’s Christmas Party - £300.00

The payment of the remaining precept (£1,500) was received from Basingstoke and Deane in September along with 20p interest from Lloyds.

The Clerk handed the accounts to Councillor Curtis Hayward to complete the 6 monthly review; however the cheque book was not passed on as the Lady Vice Chair needed to sign the cheques.

Action: Clerk to pass chequebook to Councillor Curtis Hayward once cheques have been signed.

The Councillors then reviewed all payments and budgeted amounts, there were a couple of items which needed follow up which include:-

- Grass cutting invoice for bus shelters from Michelle Brand

- Litter picking invoice

Action: The Chairman agreed to chase up these payments

The Chairman asked for an update on what the grants were used for, in particular the one given to the Scouts as the CVC, church and cricket club were all apparent.

Action: Clerk to ask for an update from the Scouts

The £120 budgeted for website maintenance was questioned as this had been allocated for the last couple of years and not spent. The Clerk explained that Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council were looking to make some changes to the website which the two Councils share and were investigating if a local college would pick it up as a project. The Councillors agreed they were happy to work alongside the Preston Candover Councillors.

The budget line for "clearing ditches of silt" was discussed as this included a variety of work. It was agreed that this would be amended to "Maintenance of the Candover Brook".

Action: Clerk to amend line item title

The Clerk had forwarded an email from the Highways Team to say that the culvert at the end of Spybush Lane was being repaired on Monday 19th October.

Councillor Willmott reported that the War Memorial was looking OK but that "Christ needed work", it was agreed that this should be carried out after the work on the spire has been completed.

871 CVC Update

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

New committee settling in and finding out what works and what doesn't. This year we have probably done too much, but now working out regular weekly, monthly and annual events, as well as promoting the club for hire, and increasing membership - this will continue.

The excellent news is we are running on an increased profit. And we have managed to do a good round of refurbishment too.

Social events

Weekly

- Thirsty Thursday's and Saturday Night Guest hosts will continue every week

Monthly

- the last Friday of each month will be an activity - quiz, band, comedian, open mike etc

Annual

- beer festival was a huge success and managed to make a decent profit (numbers still coming in and out but somewhere around £760). Hopefully with good WOM we will do better next year with increased footfall. Music was heard for miles, but next year plan to have music facing up the way, so hopefully only Celia will get the brunt (it was a beautiful clear day too).

- we have Firework Extravaganza on 31st October and then Annual Ball on 21st Nov

- Children's Christmas party on 12th Dec. Thank you very much for sponsorship.

Karate, beavers, quilters and scouts all thriving at the club.

Refurbishment plans for 2016/2017

- 2 new disabled doors leading from the main entrance hall (current ones are broken) as well as disabled access into the club

- Paint internal gloss (probably do this bit by bit)

- new patio outside of main hall for party hires, and new garage doors

- block doorway from kitchen to back walkway (OK'd by council) to install larger oven, increase ventilation over fryers, make all work surfaces aluminium and new chest freezer (this will be imminent as current one old and broken)
- paint main back hall, new dado rail, new curtains and floor sand (Carol's team at IBM to help in the spring)
- double doors from away changing room to main back hall, so we can put tables on trolley for easy access
- paint main hall entrance and new carpet

872 Website

As discussed under financial statement

873 Planning

Chilton Farm – Internal alterations (new application due)

Chilton Farm – Change of use for farm building into office (new application due)

Lime Tree Cottage, Brown Candover – Erection of single storey side extension and associated works. Enlarge window and French doors to replace window. (No objection)

Moth House – The Councillors discussed the Planning Committee's decision to pass the retrospective application at Moth House for the outbuilding being on land designated as pasture. It was agreed that a number of members of the community were disappointed and confused by this decision and the mixed message it communicated. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Head of the Planning Department at Basingstoke and Deane and ask for their explanation of the process and final decision.

Action: [Chairman to draft letter and circulate](#)

874 Community Store

The Community Store Group held an exhibition at Preston Candover Village Hall between 10th and 12th September. A report giving the feedback from this meeting has been circulated with these minutes for the Councillors comments.

875 General correspondence

The Clerk had received information about school places for 2016, which she circulated. Some of the small leaflets were left at CVC for the community and the poster is to be added to the Parish Council notice board.

Action: [Clerk to put up poster](#)

876 Any Other Business

The Clerk asked about meeting dates for 2016 and it was agreed that suggested dates be included within these minutes, therefore suggested dates of:-

- Monday 25th January 2016 (to sign off budgets for 16/17)
- Monday 14th March 2016
- Monday 9th May 2016
- Monday 11th July 2016
- Monday 3rd October 2016
- Monday 12th December 2016

877 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 7th December at Candover Valley Club starting at 7:30pm.