

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 22nd January 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

1569 Declaration of Public Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests declared. Cllr Cunningham returned her completed declaration of interests.

Action: Clerk to forward completed declaration of interest form to Basingstoke & Deane.

1570 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1571 Apologies

The Clerk invited Borough Councillor Diane Taylor to the meeting, but she was not able to attend and sent apologies. Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell also sent apologies.

1572 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 11th December 2023 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chair signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1573 Matters arising

New Councillor Training – Cllr Cunningham is not able to attend either of the dates.

Action: Clerk to request future dates and email to Cllr Cunningham.

Speed Indication Device – The Chairman to contact resident again about sponsoring the devices. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council has £6,333.91 of CIL funding which could be used to purchase the devices if required.

Action: Chairman to confirm outcome to Clerk.

Defibrillator Training – The following dates have been booked for training:

Saturday 27th January – CVC

Saturday 10th February – Preston Candover Village Hall

Saturday 24th February – Northington Village Hall

The Chairman has sent out an email to the community about the event and posters have been placed in the noticeboards and shop. Currently there are 10 people booked for the CVC session. Cllr Cunningham agreed to promote on a WhatsApp group she uses locally, the Chairman also agreed to send a reminder to residents.

Action: All Councillors to promote where possible.

1574 Financial update

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

The Clerk explained that a VAT claim was to be raised before the end of the financial year, £244.23 was due to be claimed for Candover Parish Council and £1,950 against the Lengthsman invoices, this includes the invoice for the last Lengthsman visits which are due in February. The Clerk will ensure this claim is made so funds are received before closing the year end.

The Parish Council has approximately £650 of committed expenditure before the year end and currently has a predicted closing balance of £7,153.61. This is higher than budgeted due to the grant for the Coronation costs and rental of the marquee income.

No grants have been given except to the church for grass cutting in the burial ground.

The Clerk asked if the Section 106 funds of:

- £931.16 – Open spaces
- £327.72 – Play areas
- £465.61 – Sports & Playing Fields

could be used to support the Cricket Club with the purchase of a new roller, the response was as follows:

"I am afraid that the Public Open Space and Play Area contributions cannot be used towards the new roller for the cricket pitch. It may be worth asking Paul Martin, who I have cc'd in, whether this request would meet the criteria for the Playing Fields spend.

Typically, Public Open Space and Play Area spends need to support the additional population that a development may bring in.

Play Area contributions can, for example, be used for the extension and/or upgrade of equipped play areas.

Public Open Space Contributions can be used for the provision of additional and/or upgraded facilities within open spaces, for the use of the community. This can include, but is not limited to seating, footpaths, gates, signage, planting, and recreational equipment.

The scoping pro forma can be helpful in identifying potential areas of spend. For the application 14/01272/FUL, a suggested use for the Public Open Space contribution is for the enhancement of Brown Candover Playing Field including additional seating, with the S106 agreement stating providing, running, and maintaining Open Space in the locality of the development. The Play Area scoping pro form states a possible use being additional equipment at the Play Area ant Preston Candover., with the S106 agreement stating the spend be used for providing, running and maintain equipped play.

I hope this has helped with some ideas for using the S106 Public Open Space and Play Area contributions, which have a refund date of 09/04/25."

The Clerk has followed up again with Paul Martin.

1575 Budget for 2024/25

The Clerk made the adjustment to the budget as requested by the Councillors and the revised expenditure was £17,981 against an income of £17,168.

The Councillors discussed the Clerk's salary, based on scale point 18 (£15.21/hr) for 2 hours per week it would increase to £1,581.84 from £1,500. The Councillors agreed to increase the salary to £1,600 from April 2024.

The Councillors agreed to leave the precept at the same rate as 2023/24, at £4,120.

Action: Clerk to send precept request to Basingstoke & Deane.

1576 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that the club was being well used including the Police Meeting on Friday 12th January, which was specifically aimed at farm managers, game keepers, etc who have been targeted with rural crimes including trespass, criminal damage to crops and theft of machinery. The meeting was very well attended by the Police and local estates.

1577 Flooding

The Chairman informed the Councillors that sandbag had been deployed in Preston Candover and Axford on Thursday 4th January when there was very heavy, persistent rainfall. Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council had empty bags and Church Lane Farm had provided the sand, which would be invoiced for. The process had worked well and ensured bags were available at very short notice. Thanks were sent from Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council to Cllr Foote and their team for all the support given.

1578 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman is due to visit on 27th February, Councillors agreed that clearing grips needed to be the priority.

The Lengthsman Scheme has been signed off for 2024/25 by Hampshire County Council and Ellisfield Parish Council have asked to use RP Commercial services along with the other Parishes in the cluster.

Action: Chairman to email Lengthsman

1579 Planning

The Council received two applications; they are:

- **Change of use from class B8 document storage to car storage for Unit 2, Moth Farm Dairy (23/03035/FUL)** – The Councillors acknowledged that concerns had been raised about increased traffic but had been informed that once the cars had been stored that there would be less movement than the current document storage. Security would be in place to protect the vehicles being stored.
Councillors agreed to support the change in use but to ask that any future change of use needs to be applied for in the same way.
- **Tree work at Murad's Cottage (T/00034/24/TCA)** – The Chairman informed the Councillors that he had visited the property, and the tree was very close to the house and not a good specimen so suggested that the Parish Council should not look to apply for the TPO.

1580 Website

The Clerk has updated the website and included a page for photographs as requested.

1581 General correspondence

Cllr Curtis Hayward had followed up on the Thames 21 project which Cllr Gaskell mentioned at the last meeting, this is only for London, so would not be applicable.

Cllr Foote informed that Parish Council that he and his family are planning to move to Herefordshire so he would be stepping down as a Councillor.

Cllr Cunningham has spoken to a contractor about painting the telephone boxes, Cllr Curtis Hayward agreed to speak to Di Peisley, who arranged for the work to be done last time, to get the paint codes.

Action: Cllr Curtis Hayward to investigate paint prices

Action: Cllr Cunningham to speak to the contractor about number of days required and costs.

The Clerk forwarded an email about Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan - Partial Update - Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) Consultation 9 January 2024 to 5 March 2024, Cllr Cunningham agreed to look at the paperwork. The Clerk explained that one of the Councillors from Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council had looked and the initial document was 500 pages long and there were a number of similar sized supporting papers. The Clerk had agreed to ask for a summary for Councillors to comment on.

Action: Clerk to circulate summary paper when received.

The Clerk has also received a email from Cllr Henderson about the consultation process for the new hospital at J7 of the M3, the Clerk has asked for this to be put in the February Oxdrove.

Cllr Henderson also sent contact details for reporting pot holes, the Clerk also asked for this to be put in the February Oxdrove.

1582 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th March 2024, it was agreed that a 6pm.