

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 24 th May 2021	Time:	8:00pm
Venue:	Candover Valley Club		
Present:	Adam Willmott Edwina Curtis-Hayward Di Peisley Sam Foote Wendy Simson	Vice Chairman Clerk	
Apologise:	Jonathan Moseley Paul Gaskell	Chairman Borough Councillor	

1321 Public Forum

A member of the public contacted the Clerk about the increased traffic in Chilton Candover and the speed limits in the village. The resident raised concerns about the three properties which are outside of the 40mph speed limit on the road leaving Chilton Candover to travel to Preston Candover. Whilst there have been no fatalities in this area, there have been several near misses including a serious incident recently.

The resident asked if the Parish Council were able to investigate reducing the speed limit to 30mph through Brown and Chilton Candover and extending the limit to include the three properties currently not covered. Other options to slow traffic including speed bumps, speed limit signage, pinch points/village gateways/road narrowing, etc were also requested.

Councillor Curtis Hayward circulated the notes made in 2014 about Hampshire County Council's Community Funded Traffic Measures; these were:

The County Council is looking to introduce a new initiative to provide an opportunity for Town and Parish Councils, along with local community groups, to be able to fund a range of traffic measures that fall outside the scope of County Council funding.

Ongoing reductions in highway funding have resulted in the County Council having to scale back some of the work previously delivered as part of the annual traffic management programmes. Limited budgets now mean Highway Authority funded traffic measures can only generally be considered at locations where accidents resulting in personal injury have occurred.

The County Council receives regular communication from Parish and Town Councils for measures that are not directly linked to safety. These may include measures aimed at lessening the impact of motorised traffic or changes intended to improve quality of place.

Measures such as village entry 'gates' or more decorative village place name signs can help visually enhance an entrance to a village. Informal 'courtesy crossings' for pedestrians can highlight the most suitable place at which to cross the road whilst traditional timber finger post signs can provide a more sympathetic choice to standard highway signage within rural villages. Works to de-clutter traffic signage, the installation of cast iron style decorative

bollards, and small-scale engineering measures to improve accessibility are further examples of the changes that may be suitable. More complex schemes such as alterations to speed limits, the implementation of lorry controls and other vehicle movement restrictions are not to be included within the scope of the Community Funded Initiative. Such measures can have wider implications on surrounding areas and would require the making of legal Traffic Orders, a lengthy process that is relatively costly, with current County Council policy limiting such changes to those that address a proven safety problem. Traffic calming schemes would also fall outside the scope of the initiative for similar reasons.

Community groups, including Town and Parish Councils, who are interested in funding traffic measures for their local area should make initial contact with the Traffic Management team via traffic.management@hants.gov.uk . Engineers will be able to provide advice on the suitability of measures along with an estimate of costs. The suitability of any measures requested through this initiative will be considered in line with the Traffic Management Policy - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/2014-traffic-management-policy.pdf>

The following are examples of the measures that could be considered as part of this initiative.

- *Village entry 'Gate' features*
- *Enhanced speed limit 'Gateway' signs*
- *Traffic signs and road markings*
- *Informal pedestrian crossing points*
- *Enhanced village nameplates*
- *Sign rationalisation and de-clutter*
- *School advisory 20mph speed limit signs*
- *Bollards/posts to prevent footway/verge overrun.*
- *Electronic Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) signs*
- *Traditional finger-post signs*
- *Safety slogan wheelie bin stickers*

The Parish Council have borrowed one of the Speed Indication Devices from Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council and the Clerk reported that they were looking at purchasing a third unit as they were highly effective. A price of £2,900 plus VAT for the unit which displays both the speed, and the smiley/angry face was being discussed but the Parish Council had decided not to move forward at this time due to the cost.



The Chairman suggested prior to the meeting that the Council might be interested in sharing a unit. The Councillors agreed and asked the Clerk to speak to Councillors at Preston Candover & Nutley about buying one together with Candover Parish Council taking at least 50% but up to 75% of the costs/time.

Action: Clerk to emailed Preston Candover & Nutley Councillors about purchasing a unit with Candover Parish Council.

The Clerk explained that Hampshire Highways would need to be consulted about the locations of the new device. It was agreed that an advert would be placed in the Oxdrove to ask for locations if the project progressed.

Action: Clerk to place an advert in the Oxdrove about possible locations of the new SID.

1322 Declaration of Public Interest

No interests to declare.

1323 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items required.

1324 Apologies

The Chairman sent his apologies which were accepted by the Councillors.

1325 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 23rd March 2021 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Vice Chairman to sign to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1326 Matters arising

Bank Mandate – The Clerk has spoken to Lloyd’s bank and the mandate was completed and Councillor Foote added to the signatory list on 8th December. The Customer Services consultant apologised for the bank not writing to inform the Council that the change had been made and offered £50 as compensation for having to chase up to find the information.

Welcome Booklet – The Welcome booklet is almost complete and requires an update from the Community Shop about the charitable fund it has created.

Action: Clerk to bring a copy to the next meeting for each Councillor.

1327 Financial update

The grant for the LengthsMan fund has been paid into the Parish Council account so £11,000 needs to be transferred to the Lengthsman account.

The following Lengthsman invoices are due to be paid at the meeting:

- Invoice 1461 - £800
- Invoice 1477 - £480

The following Parish Council payments were presented for approval at the meeting:

- HALC Membership for 2021/22 - £161.37
- Insurance for 2021/22 - £358.28

The Clerk had confirmed with the Internal Auditor that the collection for PC Reid could be paid into and from the Candover Parish Council bank account. This was approved but the Auditor asked that all donations be made clear in the year end accounts and were equal to the value

paid out. The Community had agreed to present PC Reid with a cheque, along with a vintage map of his patch had also been purchased from the donations. The cost of framing the map and a citation written by Lord Portsmouth were being donated by a resident.

Action: Clerk to circulate chequebooks for signatures.

1328 CVC Update

Councillor Curtis Hayward updated the Council that the CVC had opened to customer inside the building on Saturday 22nd May, following the Covid19 guidance.

It is believed that the Darts League Team which played from the CVC has closed.

1329 Flooding

The Vice Chair reported that water levels were falling despite the heavy rain throughout May. Councillor Curtis Hayward reported that a Research Project was being conducted on various rivers throughout Hampshire and of the 45 test sites, the Candover Brook showed the most diverse biodiversity. Councillor Peisley reported that Brown Trout had been seen in the water. The empty sandbags were not required this winter but had been sorted ready for future years, Councillor Foote confirmed that sand would be made available whenever needed.

1330 Website

The Clerk confirmed that the website was being updated regularly.

The Vice Chairman asked if there was a need to include on every agenda.

Action: Clerk to remove unless this topic needs to be discussed.

1331 Lengthsman

Councillor Peisley asked if painting both the telephone boxes could be done by the Lengthsman at his next visit on 12th July.

Action: Clerk to confirm that this can be completed and who needs to supply the paint.

The Councillors also agreed that grass cutting at junctions to improve visibility should also be a priority.

1332 Planning

The Parish Council had two applications to discuss:

- **Foxhills (21/01145/HSE)** – to install a new heated pool and associated plant and landscaping.
- **Bugmore House (21/01166/FUL)** – to install a ground source heat pump and array of 6 boreholes to provide domestic hot water and space heating.

The Councillors had no objections to either project.

1333 General correspondence

Councillor Gaskell passed on a recent High Court judgement in relation to unauthorised encampments.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council were granted a final injunction by the High Court against the setting up of unauthorised encampments within the urbanised area of Basingstoke town, as well as the outlying areas of Bramley, Silchester, Tadley Common and a small parcel of land at Statfield Turgis on 4 April 2019. This injunction,

which applies to already identified people and new people setting up unauthorised encampments within these areas for five years, has significantly reduced the number of unauthorised encampments in the borough.

A High Court case in September 2020, relating to the London Borough of Enfield, led to the review of all 38 local authorities injunctions. Most specifically, this related to the application of the injunction to new, non-identified people setting up unauthorised encampments within the injunction area.

A total of 16 councils – including Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – attended a hearing at the end of January 2021. The High Court Judgement, was issued last Wednesday, modifies the council’s injunction by removing ‘persons unknown’. The council’s injunction still applies to the 115 named individuals who are prohibited from setting up unauthorised encampments in the injunction area. However, when individuals who are not named on the injunction or cannot be identified set up an unauthorised encampment, we will instead use alternative legal powers to regain possession of council owned land, which unfortunately takes longer.

We are currently reviewing the judgment and seeking legal advice before determining our next steps.

1334 Date of meeting in 2021

- Monday 26th July 2021