

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 27th January 2016. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: 30 Brown Candover

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

Apologise: Sue Marriott Lady Vice-Chair

890 Apologies

The Vice Chair was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies.

891 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 8th December 2015 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm this.

892 Policing Update

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been no reported call since the last Parish Council meeting.

In 2015 there have been 5 crimes in Brown Candover and none in Chilton Candover, in 2014 there was just 1 crime in Brown Candover and 4 in Chilton Candover.

The Chairman asked about progress with the rural policing policy and PC Reid explained the Herriard Parish Council continued to lead on this issue but were looking for Parish Councils to write in support of the plans. The plans are still being debated and Herriard are awaiting the answers to the most recent questions for Mr Simon Hayes, Police and Crimes Commissioner.

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

893 Matters arising

Emptying bins and dog mess – Councillor Willmott confirmed that this bin has been re-located to the end of Duck Lane. The Chairman pointed out that some bark chippings had been added to the start of the walk which had helped with the mud but if there were any more available that they would be very useful.

Increased lorry traffic – The Chairman to speak to Caroline & Nick Perry who are heading up the “Trucked off” campaign and report to next meeting.

Action: Chairman to report at next meeting

Telephone boxes – The Chairman has talked to the owner of Pelican House who is happy to support with maintaining the telephone box in Chilton Candover

Action: Councillor Peisley to include with plans for telephone box/library in Brown Candover.

Footpath at end of Duck Lane – The landowner has cleared this footpath and will continue to ensure it is maintained.

894 **Financial Update**

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

- Hedge cutting in the Burial Ground and round the Cricket Pitch - £640.00

The invoices for the grass cutting at the bus shelters and from the church for maintenance of the burial ground have not yet been received.

The Clerk informed that Parish Council that she been able to access a grant from Hampshire County Council for a Lengths Man. The Grant is for 5 Parishes each of whom would receive £1,000 each and the lead Parish would get a further 10% (£500) to administer the project. The grant is to be used for clearing ditches and verges, washing signposts and community assets such as bus shelters, litter picking, etc. Part of the money (25%) comes from the Rights of Way Team so the Parishes are also asked to report any Rights of Way issues through their website at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/rightsofway-reporting.htm> and for some these issues to be picked up by the Lengths Man.

There are currently 4 Parishes in the group Candovers, Preston Candover & Nutley, Ellisfield and Cliddesdon. The Chairman suggested Northington would be a good 5th and final member.

Action: Chairman to speak to John Mitchell, Chairman of Northington Parish Council

The Clerk has asked the Parish Council's to consider what they would want the Lengths Man to do and also provide any contact details for possible contractors as the work for all 5 Parishes would be done by a single contractor and would be awarded through a tender process.

The Chairman suggested that Candovers Parish Council become the lead Council for the project.

The Clerk circulated a new budget report showing the additional income and expenditure. The Council also discussed a budget line for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. It was suggested that a beacon and BBQ has been a huge success in the past.

Action: Chairman to talk to Lady Vice Chair about this option.

The audit rules are changing for 2017/18 financial year and will mean that for Parish Councils with an income or expenditure of under £25,000 that the external audit by BDO would no longer be required; however internal audit would need to be carried out by a fully qualified auditor. The Clerk suggested that John Murray, the internal auditor for Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council would be able to carry out this work and had given a cost of £100. The Parish Council would be required to opt out of being allocated an internal auditor before 31st March 2016 in order to be able to select their own. The Parish Council agreed to look at this for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to send information to all Councillors so an informed decision could be made.

895 **CVC Update**

Alison Fydler has stepped down as Chairman of the CVC and the Chairman reported that he had attended an EGM where it has been agreed that the remaining committee members

would manage the running as a group on the short term until a new Chairman could be appointed.

The usual events are still planned for the CVC but the regularity may be scaled back in some cases.

896 Flooding

The work carried out on the culvert at the bottom of Spybush Lane was very poor and the Chairman has taken a number of photos to report this. To date there has been no remedial work carried out.

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council offered sandbags, which were to be kept by the Parish Council and distributed as required. 200 bags were delivered to Robey's Farm where they are protected from the element just in case of need.

The Chairman was given a letter from Southern Water about possible pumping from the Candover Valley, the letter says:-

As you may be aware, in our Water Resources Management Plan, Southern Water committed to explore a range of options to secure water resources for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

To do this, last December we set up a steering group with representatives from various organisations including the Environment Agency (EA), Natural England, WWF, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, the Consumer Council for Water and Test Valley Borough Council.

Representatives from these organisations, and others, led a series of technical working groups to help us explore and refine our plans. The groups looked at the full range of options available to provide additional water for the area, the environmental impact of specific schemes and the impact of abstraction on the environment.

These groups in turn reported back to the steering group. The EA has supported this process and we are now in a position to progress with the preferred options.

It is vital that we improve the way we use and manage the sources of water in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to provide a better balance for both the environment and customers.

Between them, our 680,000 customers in the county, including in Southampton, Winchester, Romsey and Eastleigh as well as the Isle of Wight use an average of 144 million litres of water every day.

Currently, about 60 per cent of that water comes from the River Test and the River Itchen, with the remaining 40 per cent coming from underground aquifers. This raw water is treated at one of two sites – Testwood Water Supply Works in Totton in the south and Otterbourne Water Supply Works in the north, before being pumped to homes via a network of more than 4,000km of water mains.

However, the Habitats Directive now limits the amount of water we are allowed to take from the River Itchen in times of extreme drought to help protect the river's ecology. This means

there is a need to balance this reduction with an increase in the amount of water taken from alternative sources, including the River Test, in order to maintain customers' supplies.

In October we volunteered changes to three abstraction licences that take water from the River Itchen to comply with the Habitats Directive. Some changes will be implemented soon but the main changes have been deferred, in agreement with the EA, until December 31, 2018 to allow time for us to implement replacement supplies.

Central to the plans is an 18km pipeline, which was first explored as an option in 2012. It will be capable of transferring up to 45 million litres of water a day between the River Test and our Otterbourne Water Supply Works. The pipeline will carry raw, untreated water from the river to Otterbourne, where it will be treated and then supplied to homes in the eastern part of the county.

The amount of water taken from the River Test will remain within our existing abstraction licence and will depend on demand for water. Abstraction licence changes for the Test are under discussion with the EA and further joint work will be undertaken to better understand the ecological needs of the river and how to best manage these in balance with the need to maintain water supplies.

Ecological surveys along the pipeline route will continue across the coming year, with the planning application expected to be submitted in late 2016. Work on the pipeline itself is expected to start in 2017 and to take around 18 months to complete. The scheme must be commissioned within 2018 to allow us to operate within the intended new conditions for the River Itchen abstraction licences.

The pipeline will provide an essential strategic link between the River Test and the Otterbourne works, making the network more resilient and flexible by allowing us to move water around the area more easily, especially during times of drought.

A new bulk supply of up to 15 million litres of treated water a day from Portsmouth Water is also being implemented and will be used when required. Further resilience in times of drought will be provided by a project at Candover to top up the River Itchen with water abstracted from the chalk aquifer.

These projects are being implemented alongside ways of reducing water use – such as further reductions in leakage on the network and the roll out of metering which has already helped customers in Hampshire cut their water use by 16.5 per cent.

We continue to work closely with a range of people on this project, including local authorities, environmental groups and landowners and are incorporating their views and guidance into our plans.

For more information on the scheme, visit www.southernwater.co.uk/south-hampshire.

I will keep you updated on our progress but please let me know if you have any questions or would like a face-to-face briefing on this via sam.underwood@southernwater.co.uk or my mobile – 07775 954206.

I would be pleased to visit you at your office to talk you through the above and, more broadly, on our operations and investment in your area at a suitable time – perhaps in the New Year.

Samuel Underwood - Stakeholder Manager

897 Website

Councillor Peisley reported that everything was up to date on the website.

898 Planning

New feed store at Church Lane Farm – no objection

Replacement windows at Ruby's Cottage – no objections

899 Community Store

The Parish Meeting held in Preston Candover Village Hall on Saturday 23rd January went well and allowed those with concerns about the development to air these and for all questions to be answered.

The Preston Candover Village Hall Committee has also created outlined plans for an extension which could then be rented to the store. These plans are to be further developed with both groups working together and another exhibition held to show the community these plans.

900 General correspondence

An update to the Local Plan had been received by the Parish Council which Councillor Curtis Hayward agreed to study and report at the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward to report at next meeting

901 Any Other Business

The Chairman raised the issue of the development of TAG Farnborough. The Clerk agreed to speak to Charles Bradshaw about holding a community meeting to inform everyone of the plans.

Action: Clerk to speak to Charles Bradshaw and report back

902 Date of next meeting

Monday 14th March at Candover Valley Club starting at 7:30pm.

Further meetings dates are:-

- Monday 9th May 2016
- Monday 11th July 2016
- Monday 3rd October 2016
- Monday 12th December 2016