

**CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Date:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Venue:** Candover Valley Club

**Present:** Jonathan Moseley Chair  
Adam Willmott Vice Chairman  
Di Peisley  
Sam Foote  
Edwina Curtis Hayward  
Wendy Simson Clerk  
Paul Curtis Hayward Trustee of CVC

**Apologise:** Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor  
Juliet Henderson County Councillor  
PCSO Andrew Jones

**1488 Declaration of Public Interest**

The Chairman declared an interest in the Planning Application due to be considered.

**1489 Any additional Agenda Items**

No additional agenda items were suggested.

**1490 Apologies**

Cllrs Gaskell and Henderson both sent their apologies as did PCSO Andrew Jones.

**1491 Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 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.

**1492 Matters arising**

**Coronation Cricket Match** – Councillors agreed to discuss under the Coronation agenda item.

**1493 Financial update**

The Clerk reported that the following payments required authorising at the meeting:

- Clerk's salary (Jan to Mar) - £270.00.
- PAYE (Jan to Mar including PAYE on Lengthsman Admin) – £177.20.
- Go Daddy website builder tool - £115.06.

The Lengthsman has visited recently but the invoice has not yet been received, the Clerk suggested that when this is received that payment is approved via email and the cheque signed, Councillors approved this.

The Clerk has claimed the VAT for 2022/23 and this should arrive in the account before the end of the month.

The Clerk has started to prepare the paperwork for the year end audit and has booked to visit the Internal Auditor on 25<sup>th</sup> April so the accounts will be ready for the May meeting.

CVC have requested a grant and Paul Curtis Hayward explained to Councillors that the Club was due to make a loss this year due to increasing costs in particular fuel for the heating. The Councillors agreed to allocate £1,500 to CVC as the Scouts had not completed a form and the cheque raised for them in 21/22 had not been cashed.

**Action:** Clerk to raise cheque.

#### **1494 Elections**

The Clerk had circulated the nomination paperwork to all Councillors prior to the meeting and printed two copies off. The Clerk has also booked an appointment on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10am to take the paperwork into the Basingstoke & Deane offices if required.

Cllr Peisley has decided to step down at the elections, the Chairman and all Councillors thanked her for the years of hard work and support given to the Parish Council and the broader community.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council look to co-opt a fifth member after the elections.

#### **1495 CVC Update**

The Chairman asked Paul to give an update on the CVC.

The roof on the garages has been replaced by residents with minimal costs and the area around the garages has been tidied up. The cricket club have agreed that the building used for storage of the roller, etc only needs some maintenance work.

The driveway to the CVC has been in discussion for 3 years, the main issue being that the costs must be shared between a number of homes which use the track, along with the Club and Church. A quote has been received from a local contractor and funds recured from all parties, however CVC are required to contribute £3,000 which they have asked to be made from the CIL allocation held by the Parish Council. Councillors approved the application for the full £3,000.

The Vice Chairman asked how much the carpark area would cost, Paul estimated that it would be approximately £2,000 if the scalplings from the drive were used and then a roller used to level the surface. Paul explained that the CVC did not believe that having this area tarmacked was in keeping with the rural environment.

Paul also explained that the CVC were looking to install a remote thermostat for the heating system as additional fuel is used where heating is left on accidentally. The Clerk suggested that she had heating engineers in on Friday who may be able to help provide costs and feasibility.

A social evening is being held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April with a live 70s tribute band playing. The Chairman encouraged all to attend.

#### **1496 Flooding**

Water levels have remained stable in 2023 and the likelihood of flooding is now minimal. The Chairman thanked all residents with a riparian responsibility along with the Environment Agency and Lengthsman who have all worked to keep grips and culverts clear.

#### **1497 Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman visited on 1<sup>st</sup> March and had a full day clearing grips and litter picking.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the contractor, RP Gardening Services, have had to amend their service due to increasing prices of fuel and staff. Two options were presented to Councils as a variation on the current 5 visits per year, with two people for 4 hours (total 40hrs), they options are:

- 4 visits per year, with two people for 4 hours (32 hours)
- 5 visits per year, with one person for 4 hours (20 hours)

The Clerk has circulated to all Councils in the Cluster, and it has been agreed that the first option be taken up.

As soon as dates are produced the Clerk agreed to circulate to all Councils.

#### **1498 Planning**

Two applications for tree work have been received; they are:

**Candover Park (T/00099/23/TCA)** – Removal of trees 1 - 33 as show on the Tree Location Plan. The avenue of horse chestnut trees (numbers 3 - 30) are to be removed as they are materially compromised by Bacterial Canker infection. Their removal will allow the planting of a replacement avenue as shown on the Colston Stone drawing Proposed Avenue Planting. The cherry trees (number 32 and 33) are to be removed due to Bacterial Canker infection and replacements will be planted.

**Chilton House (T/00110/23/TCA)** - G1 Lime, Sycamore, Yew Crown lift over the highway to give a 5.5m clearance remove deadwood as necessary. T1 Horse chestnut, To crown reduce by 2.5 -3m to good growth point leaving an approximate finished height of 20m with a crown spread (radius )of 18m. T2 Sycamore Fell tree is in decline with 75% canopy loss T3 Beech crown lift to 3m T4 Beech Crown lift to 3m

Councillors agreed that both should be approved.

The Parish Council have also received an updated application from Southern Water for the drought alleviation pipeline, the application is as follows:

**Construction and operation of an approximately 8.1km raw water pipeline, predominantly as a permanent below ground pipeline (approximately 7.2km) but with five temporary above ground sections of pipeline (approximately 900m) and other temporary accesses, hardstandings, plant (including temporary water booster pumping station) and equipment**

**capable of installation, removal, storage and re-installation in advance of and operation during severe drought events over the period to the end of 2030. Provision of a new permanent pole mounted high voltage power supply at Land in Itchen Valley and Candover Valley Hampshire**

Cllr Curtis Hayward that the pipeline would be able to pump 120,000 litres of water a day from the aquifer and this would be done when there were drought conditions and the water table is already low.

The pipeline would take 33 weeks to set up with most now being buried and a compound (40 x 80m) would be situated at the top of Kite's Hill, additional high voltage cables would be needed along with three additional generators at the Pumping Station in Totford.

The eco-system in the winterborn is delicate but recent sampling has demonstrated that it has a huge variation of invertebrates.

Homes and businesses which depend on bore holes for water are likely to lose access to supplies if the water table drops too far and water may need to be brought into the valley.

The Councillors agreed that a letter of concern be written and circulated.

**Action:** Cllr Curtis Hayward to write draft letter.

#### **1499 Website**

The Clerk reported that the website is up to date.

#### **1500 Coronation weekend**

The village has planned an upstream/down stream cricket match including a "Big Tea" on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chairman suggested that all children in the community (33) be presented with a mug, two options were presented to Councillors and a decision was made on the design.

The bells are also due to be rung and there is live music planned.

#### **1501 General correspondence**

The Vice Chairman informed the Council that Conway had visited Duck Lane in the middle of the night to suck out the drains. The lorry has made a mess of the verges along the road and residents have raised a formal complaint asking for the damage to be repaired.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Peisley for her service on the Council.

#### **1502 Date of next meeting**

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, it was agreed that a 6:30pm. This meeting will include the AGM.