

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 30th March 2020 **Time:** 7:00pm

Venue: Via conference call

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

Apologise: None

1224 Apologies

All Councillors were able to attend the meeting

1225 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 27th January 2020 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1226 Police Update

The Chairman read out a short report from PC Reid, they key points were:

No real calls of note, on March 27th we had an alarm activation in Chilton Candover where a crow had gotten into a basement and set the alarms off.

Crime wise – four reported crimes in Chilton Candover, these being

- the theft of a quad bike,
- criminal damage to crops x two, the males arrested are still being processed and the CPS will soon decide what action is to be taken
- the theft of vehicle registration plates from a resident's vehicle parked in their driveway.

Brown Candover has also had a criminal damage to crop fields again caused by poachers.

And that is about all. I am making a point of being seen in the valley each day that I am on duty. The residents are excellent, and I am not aware of any large-scale breach of HMG's regulations in relation to unnecessary travel, but I will be keeping a look out.

Councillor Peisley asked about speeding traffic through the villages and the Chairman suggested that a vehicle be placed in the layby in Brown Candover to look like a traffic enforcement car which worked in other areas.

Action: Chairman to look at options.

1227 Matters arising

Section 106 money – The Chairman reported that the person that he needed to speak to about this funding was currently not available.

Lengthsman duties – The Lengthsman has only completed 3 visits to Candovers Parish in 2019/20, they are 6/6. 9/9 & 10/2. The Clerk had suggested that one of the visits be added in for April, but the Chairman has asked to push both back to the year. The dates booked for 2020/21 are:

- 14th April
- 1st July
- 9th September
- 11th November
- 10th February

The Chairman reported that he and other residents had walked from the border with Preston Candover through to the CVC in Brown Candover and had collected 2 bags of rubbish. Another resident had done the same for the Oxdrove and it was suggested that the length from the Woolpack Inn to the CVC also be completed.

Action: Councillor Curtis Hayward and the Chairman to co-ordinate litter pick

1228 Financial update

The Clerk presented the financial statement with the closing data for 2019/20. The income for the year was up by £8,73, this was due to an admin error by the bank which they paid £8.85 in compensation. The expenditure was higher than budgeted, this was due to the payment made to the Clerk at the last meeting for administering the Lengthsman funds. The account currently stands at £5,209.96; this may change slightly due to the final interest payment for March not being added in.

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked about the Clerk's salary and PAYE being significantly different from the budget, the Clerk explained that was due to a change of tax code from a 40% to a 20% coding. The remaining difference was the £229.60 tax and NI on the £850.00 payment made for the Lengthsman administration. There has also been a credit on the HMRC account carried over from 2018/19 which has been put against the 2019/20 payments.

The internal audit date has been moved back from 28th April to 7th July and the Clerk is waiting to get an update from the external auditor about dates for submissions.

The Clerk asked if the Councillors wanted a budget line added for flooding in 2020/21 but it was agreed that any funds required could be allocated from reserves as the need arose. The Councillors approved the budget.

Payments for the Clerk's salary (Jan to Mar) of £240.00 and the PAYE payment of £229.60 were signed off.

The final invoices for 2019/20 were approved for the Lengthsman Fund and a cheque for £2,400 signed.

The Financial Regulations had been reviewed by the Vice Chairman and notes circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that a number of areas of the regulations did not apply to such a small Parish Council but that these areas would need to be amended or removed as necessary which would be done at the next face to face meeting. The Councillors did all agree that a budget for 3 years would be useful.

Action: Clerk to amend the budget to include additional years.

1229 CVC Update

The CVC has closed along with all other bars and restaurant during the Covid19 lockdown. Most of the stock that was due to expire has been disposed of so there should be little waste because of the closure. The large bins at the rear of the CVC are being used by other people so the trustees are arranging for these to be removed, this will help with costs. The cricket is on hold at this time, but it is hoped that games later in the season will be played.

Residents are using the CVC as office space for those who are working from home, ensuring that social distancing rules are adhered to. The open space at the front of the CVC is also being used for exercise.

The Clerk asked if the premises paid rates as these had been put on hold for most premises, the Chairman was unsure but was to check.

1230 Flooding

The Chairman attended a meeting with Hampshire County Council and the Environment Agency to develop an action plan for the coming year to ensure that flooding is minimised.

Data showing that water levels in the aquifer were very low at the start of the winter, but that rainfall had been higher than in 2014/15 when there was last flooding in the valley. There are a number of capital expenditure items which are required in Preston Candover, where there is very little water flow due to gradients. The Councillors agreed to keep flooding on the agenda throughout the year to ensure landowners maintain their ditches and the waterways.

1231 Website

The Clerk has constructed the website and had tried to give access to Councillor Peisley so that photographs could be amended to local images, however this has not worked so the site has been made live so everyone can see it.

The address is www.candoversparishcouncil.com and can be viewed at:

<https://candoversparishcouncil.godaddysites.com/>

The Councillors agreed to give the Clerk feedback and photographs to add into the pages. It was agreed that a page be added with useful links to other local websites such as the Community Store, Candover Valley Club, etc.

Action: Clerk to add pages and other content as received.

1232 Planning

The amended planning application for Lock's Barn had been sent through by Basingstoke and Deane but it was not clear when the changes were.

Action: Clerk to ask B&D for amendments.

The application for Moth House (20/00584/HSE & 20/00585/LBC) to replace the existing conservatory with garden room, has been circulated. Comments are required by 2nd April.

1233 General correspondence

Nothing further.

1234 Any Other Business

Councillor Peisley asked about the recycling centres being closed and suggested that this may result in an increase in fly tipping, it was agreed that the closure was to stop social interaction and so was the correct thing at this time.

The Chairman has organised fruit and veg runs from a local distributor who usually supplies pub and restaurants. The first date is due on Wednesday 1st April and will be assessed to see if further dates are required. The Chairman stated that this was not intended to take trade from the Community Store but to provide local sources of produce to stop residents from having to drive.

It was suggested that an additional meeting be timetabled to ensure that any issues are addressed, the 27th April was approved.

1223 Date of meeting in 2020

- Monday 27th April 2020 (via conference call)
- Monday 1st June 2020
- Monday 27th July 2020
- Monday 28th September 2020
- Monday 23rd November 2020