

## CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. **Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Candover Valley Club

<b>Present:</b>	Jonathan Moseley	Chairman
	Sue Marriott	Vice-Chairman
	Edwina Curtis-Hayward	
	Di Peisley	
	Adam Willmott	
	Wendy Simson	Clerk
	PC Andy Reid	
	Bob Parks	Candover Valley Club

**Apologise:** None

**673 Apologies**

Councillor Peisley sent her apologies prior to the meeting.

**674 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were signed off as an accurate record of the meeting.

**675 Matters Arising**

**Rural walks in Brown & Chilton Candover** – The Clerk explained that Freddie Osgood had written about 7 rural walks around Preston Candover and that these had been put onto the website. Having investigated, there are no similar documents for Brown & Chilton Candover however; there are a number of good circular walks. Councillor Marriott agreed that she would talk the Clerk through these walks so they could be documented in the same format as those for Preston Candover and added to the website.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting with Councillor Marriott

**Scout Project** – The Chairman explained that the Beavers were a little too young for this type of activity and the Scouts were new so it would not be possible to get them involved.

**Clerk's salary being paid by direct debit** – The Clerk explained that it was not possible to set this up on the Parish Council bank account for security reasons. It was agreed that the salary would be signed off at each meeting via a cheque in the usual way. The Clerk did explain that it was possible to set up internet banking which would allow funds to be transferred between the current and savings account to maximise any interest. The Council agreed this would be an excellent idea.

**Action:** Clerk to set up internet banking

**Duck Lane repairs** – Councillor Willmott explained that the Highways department had been out to look at the damage but that until the building work at been completed at Woolstrop that there was little point in carrying out any repairs.

## 676 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been five incidents since the last meeting, they were:-

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Sudden death of Mrs Harfield
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Suspicious van seen at Chilton Candover, which was then stopped in Weild where the driver was arrested
- 6<sup>th</sup> April - Poaching/Hare coursing in Gunner's Lane
- 19<sup>th</sup> April - Poaching/Hare coursing in Gunner's Lane
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – report of an elderly man not seen by mid morning, however all OK.

PC Reid explained that there were also a number of incidents of deer poaching but the police were having difficulties catching the perpetrator.

There are still issues with the school parking at Preston Candover and PC Reid explained that there was a near miss earlier in the day which a car had been forced to travel along the wrong side of the road to pass 3 buses and 8 cars. The parking is being reviewed and all key stakeholders are involved with the discussions.

## 677 Financial statement

The Clerk explained that there was just 1 final payment to be made on the 2012/13 accounts which was the final salary payment for her services at £400. This was agreed and the cheque signed.

The Clerk explained that this closed the 2012/13 financial year and that the accounts were ready to be audited. Section 2 of the Audit Commission Pro-forma was read out by the Chairman and agreed by the Council. This document was then signed off along with the financial statement in section 1. The paperwork is to be internally audited by Mrs C Whittle before being made available for inspection between 20<sup>th</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The completed documentation is then required to be with the external auditors by 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The budget for 2013/14 was discussed and an omission of the £375 income for the website design had been missed from the 2012/13 totals. The first payment has been received from Basingstoke and Dean which includes 50% of the precept, the grants and donations towards grass cutting etc, a total of £3,437.

**Action:** Clerk to ensure financial statement is correct for 2013/14

The Parish Council agreed the payments of the donations to the Candovers Cricket Club of £400, St Peter's church of £350 and Candover Valley Club at £1,050. These cheques were made out by the Clerk and signed by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to forward cheques to relevant organisations

The Clerk has prepared the claim for VAT and £276.31 is due to be claimed.

## 678 Candover Valley Club update

Mr Parks explained that the Candover Valley Club had spent quite a lot recently on upgrading the wash area behind the bar and also the car park. The car park work was done by a local contractor with the help of a number of members of the Club and had therefore worked out much cheaper than initially expected. This had meant that the Club had not had to ask for donations to get the work done.

There had been a number of activities including the Easter Fair which had been excellently set up but attendance had been poor. The school had been approached to support by

getting entries for competitions but none were entered. The Country Golf had also been very well attended with it selling out within 48 hours of places being made available.

The beer festival is planned for July along with the village fete. Mr Parks explained that by arranging about 6 strong events during the year that the Club was able to generate enough income.

There is a change to the way in which waste and recycling are dealt with at the Club which will mean an additional cost of £800 a year. Mr Parks explained that in the past the Club gets a 100% discount on its rates which included the collection of the bins, however this is now being sub-contracted out and the discount cannot be transferred.

#### **679 Planning Applications**

The issue with the gates out of the car park area at the Woolpack Inn and into the field has been formally received by the Parish Council. The Public House is looking for this condition to be removed for the original planning agreement. The Parish Council discussed the matter and agreed there was no reason why the gates would be required and so the Council would object to the gates remaining in place.

**Action:** Clerk to inform Basingstoke & Deane of this decision.

The amendment to the section 106 requirements at Bugmore Hill was discussed. This has been agreed by Basingstoke & Deane; however an agricultural tie must be put in place for 15 & 16 Chilton Candover.

#### **680 Community website**

Councillor Peisley explained that she had been away and so had not had an opportunity to get an update on the website. The Clerk explained that it was live but that more content was required. The Chairman agreed that there were a number of items which he couldn't see on the site including St Peter's church and the Parish Council minutes.

**Action:** Councillor Peisley to circulate an update about the site and ensure new content is found.

#### **681 General Correspondence**

The Clerk explained she had some information through about crisis support which she circulated to the Council.

There has also been information about the changes in waste management which Mr Parks had covered when he spoke about the Candover Valley Club.

The last information had also arrived for CPRE which Councillor Curtis Hayward agreed to read and make comment on.

#### **682 Any Other Business**

Councillor Peisley explained that a number of books had been taken from the telephone box library. The Chairman suggested an advert be placed on the website to ask for replacements.

**Action:** Councillor Peisley to advertise for more books

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked about the requirement for a local plan. The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate with HALC. Councillor Curtis Hayward explained that she had a copy of the Northington Plan which she could circulate.

**Action:** Councillor Curtis Hayward to circulate plan

**Action:** Clerk to investigate requirement for a plan

The Clerk raised the idea of employing a lengthsman in the valley to help with clearing ditches etc. The subject had been raised at the Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council meeting and it was agreed that it would be worth investigating. The Parish Council agreed that it should be looked into.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate salary and terms & conditions for role

The Chairman asked for a summary of the minutes to be prepared as usual for the Oxdrove.

**667 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7:30pm at the Candover Valley Club front bar.