

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 30th May 2018 **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: CVC, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Di Peisley
Adam Willmott
PC Andy Reid
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Sue Marriott Lady Vice-Chair
Edwina Curtis-Hayward

1092 Apologies

The Lady Vice Chair and Councillor Curtis Hayward was unable to attend the meeting and sent apologies.

1093 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes for the last meeting held on 26th March 2018 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed to confirm they were an accurate record of the meeting.

1094 Matters arising

Letter of Support for Community Store Project – The Clerk confirmed that this had been sent and acknowledged

Section 106 money – The Chairman did not have his notes about this fund so was not able to update the Councillors

Action: Chairman to update at next meeting

Speed Limits – Councillor Curtis Hayward sent round the following update prior to the meeting:

“Ahead of the meeting this evening I attach an email from the traffic management team about possible traffic calming measures.

Basically, the parish would have to fund any scheme and maintain as there are no monies available from the county. Any scheme would need community consultation. The type of traffic calming measures permitted are shown in the attachment.

We already have a village name plate ahead of the houses in Chilton that do not sit in the 40mph zone. I am not sure that we would be allowed to put village gates or a different coloured road surface before the 40mph area. We have discussed borrowing PC’s speed limit reminder signs but again these could not be outside the zone.

Unfortunately, I think there is very little that we can do for those 3 properties. Regarding the rest of the village maybe we could try the speed limit signs if they are now free and possibly

suggest to PC that we share them and give them some financial contribution? The cost of the other schemes looks high especially given that our funding will be declining in future years.”

PC Reid explained that as the signs in Brown and Chilton Candover were so faded that it was difficult to enforce the limit.

Action: Clerk to speak to Highways about replacement signs

The Chairman asked if the SID from Preston Candover could be used in the Parish. The Clerk explained that the Lengthsman had been moving and replacing the batteries in the SID but he was no longer carrying out this work, PC Reid was going to assist with moving these but they would need to stay in Preston Candover for the next few weeks as they haven't been working there for a couple of months.

Grant Applications – The Councillors had chased the Scouts, Cricket Club and St Peter's about completing the returning the Grant Application form ready for the meeting but none had been received.

Action: Chairman to chase all again

1095 Financial Update

The payments to be made at the meeting are: -

- HALC subscriptions - £137.00
- Internal Audit - £125.00

The Chairman asked about the audit costs for 2018/19 and Clerk explained that in 2017/18 the cost had been £50 for internal audit and £120 for external audit, a total of £170. In 2018/19 this would only be in the internal audit fee of £125.

These payments were all approved, and the Lady Vice Chair signed the cheques.

Action: Clerk to get cheques signed by Lady Vice Chair and Councillor Curtis Hayward

The first 50% of the precept along the grants had been received from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council at £2,984, along with the Lengthsman Grant for eight parishes at £1,000 each plus 10% for administering the scheme. The Clerk explained that the £800 admin fee would be transferred into the Candovers Parish Council account to support the costs of running the project. The Parish Council also received 10p interest on the account.

Following the meeting the quote for the insurance was received from Came & Co at £344.11, this was emailed to all Councillors and agreed.

Action: Clerk to get cheques signed by Lady Vice Chair and Councillor Curtis Hayward

1096 CVC Update

The Chairman reported that the Trustees of the CVC, along with Paul and Sarah who have been running the club, and Mandy and Bob who has prepared the accounts, are due to meeting to discuss activity for the next year and the first quarter accounts.

Someone new is required to prepare the accounts for the CVC.

1097 Website

Councillor Peisley informed that Council that the website is up to date and all the minutes have been posted.

1098 Planning

Foxhills – this application has been withdrawn

Chilton Manor Farm – an application has been received to convert and change the use of part of an existing barn to B1 use for coffee production business. The Councillors had no objections to this application.

1099 Lengthsman Grant

The Lengthsman has resigned and so an advert has been placed in the Oxdrove to look for a new contractor.

Action: Clerk to keep Councillor aware of any applications

1100 General correspondence

The Clerk had brought along information about flying the red ensign on 3rd September.

Action: Chairman to ask if the flag could be provided.

The Clerk had received the following email from Keith Ions about the website:

"I am ok with continuing to paste the council's minutes and other matters on the website, but I am thinking that, maybe, the Parish Councils may wish to reconsider the situation. I recall a year or so ago there was talk of the PC having its own separate website; did anything come of that? You will recall that we set up the Candover Valley website in 2012 (?) as a general information website for the Valley because BDBC decided to discontinue hosting and maintaining the individual websites for the parish councils in the Basingstoke & Deane BC area. As compensation BDBC provided a small amount of cash towards the cost of parish councils setting up their own sites, and because it was only a very small amount Preston and Brown parish councils decided to combine their sites and come into the Valley site. But this funding provided only a very small part of the total cost. The site was developed by my son and I and it was agreed that the parish councils' information should be included in the more general website for the whole valley. It was hoped that, in due course, we may be able to generate some revenue from advertising to cover the costs of maintaining the site, and with a view to distributing any surplus to valley organisations. Regrettably, that did not work and because of controversy over some information on the site a couple of years ago most people seem to have lost interest in it.

However, I am keen to try to revive it but it will require a lot of changes and, because of the past controversy and the possibility of something similar happening again, I am thinking that the parish councils may wish to have their own separate sites to distance themselves from it so they are not seen as having responsibility for any of the content on the valley site, which was the problem before. If that is their wish and if both councils are still ok with having a joint site I am prepared to look into setting up a new site for them and I have registered a domain name - candovercouncils.org.uk - to secure it. We can transfer all the current council information to the new site and then transfer the ownership to the councils who will then be responsible for managing it and funding the modest annual hosting costs.

I will be grateful if, as the Clerk to both councils, you can sound them out to the idea. In the meantime, are there any more minutes to go on the Preston PC section. The last currently are of the November meeting. I assume there has been a meeting in 2018?"

The Councillors discussed this, and it was agreed that they were happy with the current website and how it displayed both sets of minutes.

Action: Clerk to confirm with Keith that the website name and domain belongs to the two Parish Councils jointly as £600 was paid by each of the Councils to set up the website.

1101 Any Other Business

Councillor Peisley asked about marketing for the Car Boot sale planned for July, The Chairman directed her to Celia who was looking after the marketing.

Councillor Willmott and the Chairman informed the Council that the wood chipping created by removing tree growth in the churchyard was to be used at the bottom of Duck Lane where it gets very muddy.

1102 Date of meeting in 2018

- Monday 23rd July
- Monday 24th September
- Monday 26th November