

CANDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: 1st March 2011. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: The Candover Valley Club, Brown Candover

Present: Jonathan Moseley Chairman
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Di Peisley
Adam Willmott
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid
Councillor Anna McNair Scott HCC Councillor
Andy Hill CVC
Four members of the public

Apologies: Sue Marriott Vice-Chairman

541 Minutes of the previous meeting (30th November 2010 and 20th December 2010)
The minutes of the last meetings were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

542 Handover of Parish Clerk role
Adam Willmott handed over the role of Parish Clerk to Wendy Simson. The Chairman thanked Adam Willmott's hard work as Clerk.

543 Police update
PC Andy Reid updated the Council of the 3 incidents which had occurred since the last meeting:-

- 25/1 – suspicious transit seen Church Lane, Brown Candover
- 26/1 – suspicious Subaru seen Brown Candover
- 4/2 – suspected poaching Gunners Lane, Brown Candover

PC Reid also reminded everyone that he still had some smart water markers if required.

544 Matters Arising from Previous meetings
The Chairman welcomed Councillor McNair Scott to the meeting and asked her to give a brief outline of areas of responsibility. Councillor McNair Scott explained that as the Vice-Chairman of the Council she oversees highways, including traffic management and road maintenance, children, and Librarys and museums. Her previous role was looking after healthcare and she explained that there were some very difficult decisions to make about the budget cuts. Councillor McNair Scott explained that bus passes were now administered by local councils and as there was less money these would not be as easy to get as they previously were. The mobile library service has had the budget cut but it is hoped that the service would continue. The budget cuts also mean that recruitment has been cut back and as people retire they are not always replaced. The Council are looking at some shared services such as IT support and HR functions and it is hoped that these factors will contribute to meeting the required savings.

Woodmancott Road – a number of the members of the public explained what the issues are with the high volume of large grain lorries using the very narrow Woodmancott Road. There are just 12 passing places along the 2.5 mile length. It was agreed that some of the traffic was

local and needed to use the route but the majority were just using it as a “rat run” and should be using the Lunways Road. The public wanted to ensure that this would not impinge the local farmers but would only try to stop those who were using the route as a short cut. It was agreed that where deliveries were expected that directions to the Lunways Road could be given but Councillor McNair Scott agreed to look into getting 6’6” signage erected to redirect some of the traffic.

Use of “The Top Road” as opposed to the B3046 – The council explained to Councillor McNair Scott that there was a sign at the fork in the road just outside Old Alresford directing traffic over the Top Road. This seems to have gone and it is believed that this causes more traffic to use the B3046 through the villages. Councillor McNair Scott explained that she did not know why the sign would have been removed but would look into it.

Speed Limits – The Council explained the issues and brought up a number of emails from local people about the high speeds used in the valley and in particular those 3 houses not covered by the 40mph limit in Chilton Candover. Councillor McNair Scott explained that she had some years ago tried to get the speed limit extended to include all the house in Chilton Candover but that the average speed of this section of road had been too high. She now believed and PC Reid agreed that this had dropped enough that it was worth pursuing again. She also explained that she would look into a reduction in the limit from 40 to 30mph.

Low flying aircraft – The Council explained that the number of low flying helicopters in the valley has been increasing particularly the number of night flights. Whilst the Council explained that they understood the necessity to practise it did seem that the Candover valley was getting more than its fair share. A member of the public brought up the fact that the aircraft spook the cattle on his farm and this can be a hazard for both the livestock and farm workers. Councillor McNair Scott agreed and said that there should be a way of marking livestock on the flight maps. Following the meeting a staff officer from RAF Odiham, responsible for local relations, has agreed to attend Parish Council AGM in May.

Broadband – Councillor McNair Scott to send details of the increased band speeds for the valley.

Cango Bus Service – The Council had received an email from a member of the public about why the cango bus service schedule did not link up to the bus on into Alton and Winchester so that people who work 9-5 could use it and also teenagers attending schools and 6th form colleges. Currently the service finishes before the last school bus gets into Alresford and even for those wishing to travel in the middle of the day people have to wait some time to get a connection. Councillor McNair Scott agreed to take this away and look into it.

Pot holes – Councillor McNair Scott explained that if anyone wished to report a pot hole that there is a hotline number (01256 844844).

Byways open to all traffic (BOATs) – Councillor McNair Scott asked if there were any problem with off road vehicles using the Oxdrove, but the Chairman explained that substantial maintenance was done last year including adding some hardcore and that it was in good shape. The Chairman wished the Parish Council’s thanks be registered for the amount of work done on this facility in the last year.

Following this the Chairman thanked the Councillor for her time and she left the meeting.

Action: Clerk to write to Councillor McNair-Scott highlighting the issues raised and detailing the support required.

Matters arising continued:

Bulbs in the valley – the bulbs which were donated to the valley have been planted by Michelle Brand and the snowdrops are already coming up.

Woolpack car park – this planning application has been re-submitted and at a recent site meeting it was understood that it is now approved. There are likely to be some restrictions about the hedges and surface, number of lights etc and that there will be no parking in front of the pub in the future.

Telephone box – the Parish Council have bought the Brown Candover telephone box for £1. BT will pay for the power for the next 5 years which will ensure there is a light on in the box but they will take out all the telephone equipment. A working party, lead by Mrs Peisley, is being set up to clean and maintain the unit. It is hoped that it will be used for a book exchange or gallery.

Financial Statement – 62p of interest has been paid on the account since the last statement. The £1 cheque needs to be written for the telephone box payment but apart from that the finances are up to date.

Planning applications – as per agenda

Candover Valley Club update – Andy Hill gave an update on the recent costs the club has incurred to improve the services, these included replacement of the heating and carpets in the front bar in 2010, and the ongoing work to renovate the toilet facilities. A grant of £15,000 was received for this work and the club was required to find the remaining £5,000 (25% of total costs). The club asked if the any donation to the club be made as soon as possible into the next financial year and the chairman agreed to this. The Chairman recognised the huge amount of hard work and effort being put into making the club an excellent facility for the community.

Diamond Jubilee weekend (2-5th June 2012) – a suggestion was made to hold the upstream/downstream cricket match on this weekend and have a high tea to celebrate. Suggestions of a BBQ and children's games were also made.

Christmas Supper – it was agreed that it was too late in the year to hold the Parish Council Christmas supper and the idea of a summer BBQ was made.

Action: Dates to be suggested for next meeting and agreed.

Whittle Solar project – the Chairman wanted the Parish Council to be aware that the Whittles have looked into what planning permission is required to erect solar panels and none is needed. This is purely for information only to answer any questions as they present.

Parish Council Elections – Elections are required for the key roles in the Parish Council in May. An AGM will be held during which this will be done along with the annual financial statement.

2011 Census – everyone should get through a census document to complete for 27th March and return.

General Correspondence – Hampshire County Council had sent through some information about help for mature drivers, the Royal British Legion had asked for support for Poppy Day and CPRE had produced a document about localism.

Any other Business - None

Dates for next meeting – 6th April – brief meeting at Edwina Curtis-Hayward's and then AGM on 10th May.