

**CANDOVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

<b>Date:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2011.	<b>Time:</b> 7:30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Candovers Club	
<b>Present:</b>	Jonathan Moseley Sue Marriott Di Peisley Adam Willmott Wendy Simson PC Andy Reid Bob Parks	Chairman Vice-Chairman  Clerk  Candovers Club

**Apologies:** Edwina Curtis-Hayward

**589 Minutes of the previous meeting** (8<sup>th</sup> August 2011)

The minutes of the last meetings were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**590 Matter arising from last meeting**

The purchase of a marquee was brought up but to be included under the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

**591 Police Update**

PC Reid talked through a number of incidents which have occurred in the valley since May. These included suspicious vehicles being spotted in both Brown and Chilton Candover, poaching, theft of scrap metal, burglar alarms going off, a suicide, damage to property and youths with cannabis. PC Reid explained that most of these had been dealt with but asked that the locals continued to be vigilant.

**592 Financial statement**

The Clerk talked through the financial report.

The invoice has been received for the external audit of the accounts for £50 plus VAT, which the Council agreed. The invoice had also been received for cutting the hedges around the cricket pitch which the Parish Council said they would cover as a cost, this was for £125. The donation for the children's Christmas party was also agreed at £300. The maintenance costs for the burial ground at St Peter's (£300) and grass cutting at the bus shelters (£100) were also agreed and paid.

The Clerk explained that this was all the budgeted costs paid for 2011/12 except payment for the Clerk's work which had been minimal.

This gave a yearend total of £11,381.09.

**593 Candover Club update**

The Club representative explained that the bar at the club covered its own costs but that it was a struggle to keep the club opening on 6 nights a week. The rental of the large function room was becoming more difficult as other halls in the valley got grants to get work done and so the Candover Valley Club was no longer a much better facility than any of the others.

The fete money had ensured the club remained in the black but the Club committee were keen that they should not depend on this each year. The Parish Council Chairman asked that everyone supports the club in any way possible.

#### **594 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

The Chairman explained that the committee tasked with organising the events for this weekend have met a number of times and the celebrations were to include Nutley, Axford, Preston Candover, Chilton & Brown Candover. This means that 3 Parish Councils would be involved. Costs were seen as being between £4500 and £5250 and so each Council were being asked to make provision for £1750 in the 2012/13 budgets. The Parish Council discussed this cost and agreed.

The activities planned include on Saturday evening a party behind the Purefoy pub in Preston Candover, including live music. On the Sunday, a church service, possibly at the buried church in Chilton Candover, followed by a cart race down Mr & Mrs Marriott's drive. Lunch is then planned on the Cricket pitch in Brown Candover, with games and music in the afternoon. On the Monday a beacon will be lit at the top of Gravel Close to form part of a network across the county.

There are plans for a gift or souvenir to be produced and the suggestion is that it has a number of pieces to encourage people to take part in all the events.

*Action: Clerk to confirm limit that can be spent on community events.*

#### **595 New Planning Applications**

Two planning applications have been received since the last meeting:-  
Erection of a single storey side extension to Chilton Down on Bugmore Hill (BDB/74964)  
Erection of an agricultural building at Church Lane Farm (BDB/75005)  
Both had no objections from the Parish Council.

#### **596 Wind Farm update**

The inspectorate that looked into the aerials has been upheld and would now go through a 3 year testing period. A group of residents has been formed to oppose the plans for 7 masts on the site.

#### **597 Budgets for 2012/13**

The Clerk presented the budget and explained that if the regular line items were included that the costs would be approximately the same as the income from the various grants. A total of £4725 income against £4435 budgeted expenses. However, when the donation for the Diamond Jubilee was added in the costs rose to £6185. The Parish Council discussed increasing the precept to cover this additional costs but it was decided that as it was a one off costs and that the Parish Council has some reserves that these should be utilised.

#### **598 Adopted telephone box**

The telephone box in Brown Candover has now been decorated and was officially opened to the public. It seems to have been very well received by most of the locals and the Chairman asked that anyone who had any concerns be directed to him.

The telephone box at Chilton Candover has also been purchased. When it was due to be removed it was flagged to the Parish Council that it is a useful place for groceries etc to be put for the properties up the hill when it snows. The Patterson's are to look at getting some work done to tidy it up,

**599 Parish Wildlife Map Evening**

A representative did attend the event but reported back that there was a huge amount of work involved mapping the whole parish but parts, for example, the churchyard could be surveyed. The Chairman did suggest that parts of the community such as the gamekeepers, may like to get involved.

**600 General correspondence**

Nothing which requires the Parish Councils action

**601 Any Other Business**

It was questioned if the water level in the valley had been noticed as it was very low. It looks like pumping has happened at some point and this may have an effect on crops in the spring.

**602 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 at 7pm in the Woolpack pub, this is to be followed by the annual dinner at 8pm, for which everyone pays for their own meal.

*Action: Clerk to book table for 11 people*