

CANDOVER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: 8th August 2011.

Time: 8:15pm

Venue: Candovers Club

Present: Jonathan Moseley
Sue Marriott
Edwina Curtis-Hayward
Di Peisley
Adam Willmott
Wendy Simson
Bob Parks

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

Clerk
Candovers Club

Apologies: None

575 Minutes of the previous meeting (10th May 2011)

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

576 Matter arising from last meeting

The items from the last meeting were to be covered later in the meeting.

578 Financial statement

The Clerk talked through the financial report.

The insurance policy has been paid and a 3 year agreement entered into giving a fixed cost of £279.47.

The external audit costs for 2009/10 have now been settled and the accounts for 2010/11 have been internally audited and sent to the Audit Commission. The Clerk asked for the payment to be signed for the internal audit fee. The Chairman asked if the internal auditor wanted the payment made as a donation, the Clerk explained that she was not aware of this requirement but that a new cheque could be raised if required.

The membership for CPRE was questioned at the last meeting; however the Clerk had looked through the minutes and could not find any reference to a discussion about if the membership should be continued.

The accounts show the current balance as £10,766 and a final balance for yearend predicted as £9,749.

579 Candover Club update

The Club representative explained that the renovation work has now been completed and that they are currently looking to build up their bank balance again have run very low. The donation to the Club from the fete of £4250 has been very welcome.

The beer festival made £700 this year and will be an ongoing date in the diary. This was against a loss of £500 last year.

The date for the 10th December has been set for the Children's Christmas party. The Parish Council have offered a donation of £300 towards the event which the Club asked to be made in December.

The Club and Parish Council are looking to purchase a marquee as a community asset. The thought is to use this for events such as the fete along with being rented out for parties, etc.

The Chairman explained that this was still at an investigatory stage and that at the next meeting he hopes to have some costs to look at and discuss.

The Queen's Jubilee weekend is being celebrated in June 2012 and a "big lunch" event is planned for Sunday 3rd June. A small committee has been formed to look at planning the event and the Chairman suggested that provision be given to support this in 2012/13.

The Club reported that Gilbert Mears has retired from his role of cutting the hedges having carried out this duty for 27 years. The Club asked if the Parish Council would be able to take on responsibility for this activity going forward. The Council explained that the hedges were the Clubs responsibility and so would not be able to take them on, however would be able to support with the cost of their upkeep through a donation. The Club explained that currently it was costing £100 to get the hedges cut and that they were done twice a year. The Parish Council agreed to this sum and the Club is to inform the Parish Council when work has been carried out so a donation can be made.

580 New Planning Applications

Planning permission had been received for a new barn at Church Lane Farm which the Parish Council had no objections to.

581 Wind Farm update

The open exhibition for the proposed 7 wind turbines was attended by a number of locals and it asks for any written representation to be submitted by 17th August. The Chairman explained that he saw the Parish Council's role as being one of ensuring all the community were aware of the facts and to support where required to ensure any views are recorded and reported in the correct format.

There are some residents who are closer to the proposed development and the Chairman will ensure they are given all the information.

The Chairman also suggested that CPRE are a route for information with the project like this and therefore recommended that the Parish Council renew their subscription.

A lively debate took place within the meeting, allowing all points of view to be put forward.

Action: Chairman to ensure all household are contacted

Action: Clerk to look out when CPRE subscription expires and ensure it is renewed.

582 Highways update

The highways department responded to Anna McNair Scott's request for information about the number of large vehicles using the Woodmancott Road, the missing sign on the road outside Old Alresford and the speed limit.

Andrew Kettlewell explained that the budgets had been set for 2011/12 and that work planned would be carried out before any additional items included. The Woodmancott Road issue needed a survey to look at the number and size of lorries using it before action could be taken. This may be advisory signage such as "unsuitable for HGVs".

The missing sign has been reported to roads@hants.gov.uk.

With reference to speed limit, Andrew did volunteer to attend the next meeting but was then not available. Clerk to contact again closer to Christmas when budgets are arrange to look at this for next year.

583 Adopted telephone box

The telephone box has been rubbed down and is ready for painting. A group of volunteers hope to get this done on Saturday 13th August, weather permitting. Shelves have been erected for books and the plan is for anyone who takes a book to leave another in its place. Long pieces of paper have been distributed for the Children of the valley to create art for the windows of the box and a note asking for these to be returned in August.

A piece for the Oxdrove explaining what was being done is to be written and the plan is to have an official opening on Sunday 25th September after the family service at St Peters. The Council discussed who would be best to carry out the official opening and a number of names were discussed.

Action: Di to write piece for Oxdrove

584 Parish Council website

The Parish Council website is out of date and so the Chairman will contact Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and look at how to ensure information is kept up to date.

Action: Chairman to talk to B&D

585 Parish Wildlife Map Evening

The Parish Council have been asked to send a representative to a meeting looking at mapping the wildlife of the area. James Curtis Hayward has agreed to go and collect the information required but it is thought it will be quite a lot of work so additional resources may be required. The meeting is to be held on 16th September so feedback will be given at the next meeting.

Action: To be an agenda item for next meeting

586 General correspondence

Nothing which requires the Parish Councils action

587 Any Other Business

None

588 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2011.