

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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| Date: | Tuesday 6 th May 2025 | Time: 7:05pm |
| Venue: | Candover Valley Club | |
| Present: | Jonathan Moseley Adam Willmott Edwina Curtis Hayward Antonia Cunningham Emily Martin Wendy Simson | Chair Vice Chairman Clerk |
| Apologies: | Juliet Henderson Paul Gaskell | County Councillor Borough Councillor |

1701 Public Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1702 Declaration of Public Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests declared.

1703 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1704 Apologies

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell sent their apologies. PCSO Andy Jones also sent apologies and a report which is including in the Annual Meeting minutes

1705 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 24th March 2025 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1706 Matters arising

Defibrillators contact list – The Chairman informed the Councillors that the project is organised by the Heartbeat Trust and any resident who signs up is contacted if someone needs the defib but is on their own with the person in difficulty. All those who has signed up are messaged and one resident needs to respond to agree to get the defib and take it where needed. The cost to the Parish Council is £100 per year, Councillors approved this payment.

Action: Clerk to contact Heartbeat Trust and set up.

Bank account update – The Clerk informed the Councillors that the new bank charges were applicable for all accounts regardless of if the Parish Council conducted electronic banking. The

Clerk suggested that moving to online banking would enable the Clerk to identify when funding has been received, the example given was the Lengthsman Grant. Councillors approved moving to online banking, this will need to be approved by two of the current signatories.

Action: Clerk to set up change to banking process.

1707 Financial update

The Clerk circulated the financial statement prior to the meeting along with posting on the Parish Council website.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the first 50% of the precept (£2,060) has been received from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council along with £760.99 towards grass cutting of the Cricket Pitch.

The Community Infrastructure Levy of £5,069.79 is also due to be paid along with the funding for the Lengthsman Scheme (£12,100). The Clerk has asked that the Lengthsman funds be paid into the Lengthsman account but has not yet had the paper statement to confirm this has been actioned.

The following payments were due to approval:

- Internal Audit - £250
- Insurance - £214
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils membership - £195

All payments were approved.

1708 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that the Club was being well used with the regular groups. The garages at the back of the CVC which are used for the marquee and equipment for the fete need a new roof. The Chairman suggested that the CIL funding could be used for this work, Councillors agreed. The Chairman agreed to ask the CVC Committee to get three quotes for the work and supply with a grant application.

1709 Flooding

The water levels remain high but have dropped with the warm spring and lack of rain.

Cllr Cunningham and the Vice Chair agreed to walk the length of the river to identify any issues and will report at the next Council Meeting.

Cllr Curtis Hayward informed the Council that Maggie Sheldon from the Winterbourne Trust has been in contact as they are planning to repair the footbridge at the water meadows and install an information board to explain its history.

The Clerk circulated an email from Kathryn Boler, the Watercress and Winterbournes Partnership Manager at Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust about free workshops. The workshops look at how communities can support the chalk streams. The dates for the workshops are:

- Tuesday 3rd June, 3pm to 5pm – Old Alresford Village Hall
- Wednesday 4th June, 3pm to 5pm – Overton Community Centre.

Action: Councillors to inform the Clerk if they would like to be booked onto one of the sessions.

1710 Lengthsman

The dates for 2025/26 are:

- Tuesday 17th June
- Thursday 4th September
- Monday 8th December
- Thursday 5th March

The Chairman asked for any issues to be forwarded to allow a list of work to be produced for the next visit. The road signs all need to be cleaned so this will be included on the list.

Several of the road signs in the two villages have been damaged, the two signs on the road into Brown Candover from Totford which has the village name are both broken and have been reported to Highways. The Chairman asked that any others be photographed, and either reported via the Hampshire County Council (HCC) website or passed to the Clerk. The link for the HCC website is:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns

The pothole in this area has also been reported but again Councillors or the public can report any potholes via the HCC website, the link is:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes

1711 Planning

The Council received two applications since the last meeting; it is for:

- **No's 193 & 194 Breach Farm Cottages and adjacent Land, Breach Farm Lane, Dummer (25/00734/FUL)** – Demolition of 2 existing agricultural workers cottages and their replacement with 2 new agricultural workers cottages and associated works. The Clerk copied this application to the Clerk at Dummer Parish Council.
- **Pelican House (25/00822/HSE)** – Conversion of existing barn to auxiliary staff facilities, with removal of first floor. Erection of open sided car barn, and a further three bay outbuilding with one enclosed bay. Resurfacing of existing drive and paths linking to main house and associated landscaping. This application was received on the day of the meeting; the Chairman asked Councillors to review the application and provide comments via email.

Action: Councillors to send comments on Pelican House application by Friday 23rd May.

1712 Website

The Clerk informed Councillors that the approved Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) would be scanned and uploaded to website. The period for the exercise of public rights would be 3rd June to 14th July 2025.

1713 General correspondence

None

1714 Date of next meeting

Monday 28th July 2025 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.