

CANDOVERS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 6 th October 2025	Time: 6:30pm
Venue:	Candover Valley Club	
Present:	Jonathan Moseley Adam Willmott Antonia Cunningham Emily Martin Edwina Curtis Hayward Wendy Simson	Chair Vice Chairman Clerk
Apologies:	Juliet Henderson Paul Gaskell	County Councillor Borough Councillor

1730 Public Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting

1731 Declaration of Public Interest

The Chairman asked if any of the Councillors had an interest in any of the agenda items, it was confirmed that there were none.

1732 Any additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were suggested.

1733 Apologies

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Cllr Henderson sent their apologies. Alex Rowley, who attended the last meeting also sent apologies as he had intended to come along.

1734 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes for the last meeting held on 28th July 2025 were reviewed and agreed by the Council as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.

1735 Matters arising

Councillor Training – Cllr Martin gave the Councillors an overview of the New Councillor Training in September. She reported that there was some very interesting points made but the content was focused on larger councils so some of the content was not applicable to a small council like Candovers.

Alarm at Barns on Spybush Lane – The Chairman confirmed that he had given the Vice Chair contact detail in case the alarm is activated.

Damaged road sign – The Chairman has photographed the damaged signs through the parish and agreed to send to the Clerk for reporting to HCC.

1736 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 part of the S106 funding could not be spent in the parish and so permission was given to use it in Preston Candover, the two payment to be made are:

- £327.72 – Play areas (Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council)
- £125.25 – Allotments (Preston Candover Allotment Charity)

The following payments were due to approval:

- New Councillor Training - £128.40
- PAYE (July to September) - £80.00
- Clerk's salary (July to September) - £320.00

All payments were approved.

The bank account has been upgraded to include the facility for online access, this will mean the Clerk can move funds from one account to another and should allow more interest to be generated.

At the November meeting the Council will discuss budgets for 2026/27 including the precept value. The Chairman asked the Clerk to report when the salary was last reviewed.

Action: Clerk to bring salary data to the next meeting.

1737 Candover Valley Club (CVC) Update

The Chairman informed Councillors that two quotes have been requested for the work required on the garages behind the CVC. Both contractors have assessed the work and it appears that the roof needs to be removed and new timbers used plus roof materials. One of the contractors did not quote for the same specification and the other so the CVC Committee have asked for quotes based on the same specifications.

A tenant for one of the garages has come forward but they would need the unit to be water tight.

The Cricket Club garage also needs work and it was suggested that this be completed at the same time as the two CVC garages.

The Councillors agreed that quotes would be presented at the next meeting with a view to granting CVC funds from the CIL money hold by the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to include the discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

The hedges are due to be cut before 9th November as St Peter's is hosting the Remembrance Service.

1738 Flooding

The water levels remain low going into the winter. The Environment Agency have been cutting grass and weeds out of the ditches while they are dry to ensure water flows through the village.

Action: Cllr Curtis Hayward to write to thank the EA for their work.

A plan to reinstate the course of the brook between Preston Candover and Chilton Candover is worked on, funding from South East Water has been approved.

Cllr Curtis Hayward reported that the bridge in the water meadows has been repaired by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as part of the Watercress and Winterbourne Project. An information board is being installed to inform visitors of the significance of the area.

The Chairman reminded the Councillors that the local dairy farm which has a stock of sand for sandbags is changing to a vineyard so a new source for sand will need to be found. The Clerk

suggested that a resident of Preston Candover works for a company who delivery sand and could arrange a drop off quickly.

1739 Lengthsman

The dates for 2025/26 are:

- Monday 8th December
- Thursday 5th March

The Vice Chair informed Councillors that the grips were dug on the last visit but there was not sufficient time to clear the right of way from the Church to Church Lane Farm. Cllr Martin explained that this had been reported to Hampshire who usually send a team to clear the path each year.

Action: Cllr Martin to send details of report to Clerk to chase up with Cllr Henderson.

1740 Planning

The Council received one application since the last meeting; it is for:

- **Locks Barn (25/01449/HSE)** – Construction of a new carport and storage structure and associated works. Comments were required by 20th August and the Parish Council agreed to make no comment.

1741 Website

The Clerk informed Councillors that the website is all up to date.

Cllr Curtis Hayward asked if the County Councillors monthly reports could be forwarded to the Oxdrove for inclusion.

Action: Clerk to send County Councillor report to Oxdrove editor.

1742 General correspondence

The Chairman circulated information about the proposed new town at Micheldever which the Governments “New Town Taskforce” did not include on the list of potential sites. There are a number of other possible developments in the area which the Parish Council are aware of and monitor progress.

1729 Date of next meeting

Monday 1st December 2025 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm.