

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Dated:	Monday 18 th November 2024	Time: 7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover	
Present:	Robin Human Tara Paul Emma Dare Bryan Andrew Frome Wendy Simson Two members of the public	Chairman Vice Chair Clerk
Apologise:	Cllr Juliet Henderson Luke Sherbrooke Rebecca Kennelly Paul Gaskell	County Councillor Borough Councillor

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1506 Public Forum

Flooding

The members of the public who attended the meeting both have a riparian responsibility in Preston Candover, both confirmed that they have cleared their ditches and culverts and did not want the Parish Council to do any additional work on the section alongside their property. The section of ditch adjoining the church is very overgrown and the Clerk explained that when she met the contractor that this area was identified as needing both the ditch and grips cleared and the culverts rodded.

Cllr Dare Bryan met the contractor and discussed the areas in Axford which need work, this includes the grips along the Dummer Road and on Berrydown Lane towards Ellisfield. The Clerk has spoken to the Clerk of Ellisfield Parish Council who suggested that the Parish Council may look to pay for the grips on 50% of Berrydown Lane to be cleared if Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council picked up the other 50%.

Action: Clerk to pass on price to Ellisfield Parish Council.

Cllr Dare Bryan has also been in contact with Kenward's about the ditch alongside the bungalows on the Axford crossroad. This has not been cleared in several years and would provide an area for flash flood water to get off the roads. Cllr Dare Bryan explained that the communication was due to be answered within 10 days which expired on Wednesday 20th Nov. Cllr Dare Bryan reported that the contractor had not been given permission by Preston Farms to dispose of the silt.

Action: Clerk to speak to Preston Farms.

The Flood Resilience Plan is progressing well with detailed information being collected to show where flood issues occur, what equipment is available in the event of a flood and who the vulnerable residents are in the community. The plan will ensure that in the event of flooding that help can be offered to all those likely to be worst affected and provide contact details so

they can make contact for help. This plan will be held by the Parish Councillors and Flood Resilience Team but won't be shared due to GDPR issues.

The issue with properties pumping out onto the highway is still to be resolved. This has an impact on those properties who need to pump and other homes further down the village where the standing water pools on the road.

Action: Clerk to make the Parish Council aware of any update from the Highways Team.

Update on Recreation Ground

The Clerk expected representatives from the football team that have taken the lease on the Recreation Ground to attend to give an update. The new lease started on 15th October and the team have already got to work making the changing facilities secure and planning the pitch preparation.

The power company which looks after the substation asked to lease a small area against the fence for some maintenance work which the new club were able to offer and charge market rate for the land.

The Parish Council have paid to have the grass and hedges cut as a grant for the new club.

1507 District Councillor Update

The Clerk circulated Cllr Henderson's monthly report to the Parish Councillors.

1508 Apologies for absence and welcome

Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Sherbrooke, Cllr Kennelly, Cllr Gaskell and Cllr Henderson.

1509 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign after the meeting.

1510 Matters arising

Planning template for website – Cllr Dare Bryan has circulated the template, and it was approved by the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to post on the website.

1511 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

The payments due for approval are:

- Grass cutting (October) - £250.70
- Grass cutting - £53.00
- Grass cutting and hedge work at Recreation Ground (Grant) - £210.00
- Training Course on Mastering Emergency Planning - £52.04
- Printing of 20mph flyer - £49.52

All payments were approved.

The Clerk informed the Council that the PAYE RTI tool from the HMRC site had been uploaded and was being used. This tool is free so there will be no charge for reporting payroll.

Lloyd's bank has informed the Council that from 14th January bank charges will be applied to the account, this will be £4.26 per month. The Clerk explained that there wasn't an account that didn't charge a monthly fee.

The Over 60s lunch club have asked for a grant of £100 toward the Christmas lunches, this was approved by Councillors.

1512 Budget

The Clerk circulated a report showing the current financial situation and predicted balance on 31st March 2025. The Clerk also presented the Councillors with the basic costs along with income at the current rate.

The Lengthsman Grant scheme may not continue into 2025/26, so it was suggested that a budget line be put in place to cover the costs of the Lengthsman work. The budget for the flood maintenance work was also agreed to be increased to cover the costs of the work needed including jet washing.

Action: Clerk to create the 2025/26 financial report with the agreed figures ready for approval at the next meeting.

1513 Flooding

The Flood Emergency Plan is being developed to ensure that Hampshire County Council are aware of the properties most at risk of flooding and where sandbags are needed. The plan also ensures that residents who are at risk have contact details to ask for help.

Sandbags are available with the Chairman and at Church Lane dairy where the sand is stored. It was agreed that the Clerk would order 200 additional bags and distribute them to key members of the community.

Action: Clerk to order more sandbags.

1514 Speeding

Cllr Paul and the Chairman met with Lulu Bowerman and Cllr Henderson to discuss the speeding through Preston Candover. Representatives from the Village Hall, Community Shop, School and Pre-School attended.

The Speed Indication Device outside the school was agreed to be well placed and a useful tool to remind drivers of their speed. The railings and school crossing guard (lollipop man) were also very important to keep the children safe at the start and end of the school day. The number of incidents at the centre of Preston Candover is a major concern and the railing have been damaged to such an extent that they need to be replaced on four occasions since they were installed.

The application to make the centre of the village 20mph has been made and support for the application is being collected via the website.

Action: Cllr Sherbrooke to circulate a report of the number of residents supporting the applications to all Councillors.

The Councillors also discussed collecting data on the current speeds of traffic in the village. The Clerk informed the Councillors that the new Speed Indicators collected very basic information, but this might be sufficient to support the application.

Action: Clerk to check how to download data and circulate reports.

Cllr Dare Bryan asked if the Speed Indicator in Axford could be moved to the other position along Dummer Road. The Chairman explained that a cherry picker would be needed to remove the device. The Chair also suggested that an additional set of brackets be purchased to allow the device to be moved easily. The Clerk agreed to ask if Preston Farms had a cherry picker and could move once the hedges along Dummer Road have been cut.

Action: Clerk to order additional brackets.

Action: Clerk to speak to Preston Farm about a cherry picker.

1515 Lengthsman visits

The Clerk confirmed that dates for the Lengthsman visits has been agreed as follows:

- 13th December
- 6th March

The Councillors agreed that the grip maintenance should be included in the December visit along with cleaning signs through the Parish.

1516 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly was not at the meeting to give a report.

1517 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

1518 Planning

The Parish Council have had six applications since the last meeting, they are:

- Land adjacent to Fawknors (23/03038/FUL) – Erection of detached dwelling and garage; with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access. – comments made by Parish Council
- Appletree House (T00468/24/TCA) – T1 reduce Silver Birch tree by 3m leaving a finished height of 10m with crown spread (radius) of 6m – no objections.
- Farm building at Nutley Manor (24/02194/GPDAG) – Notification of proposed change of use of agricultural building into flexible commercial use. This will be determined as part of permitted development – no comment made as decided under permitted development.
- The Croft (T/00495/24/TCA) – Beech (T1) reduction of external canopy back to the previous pruning points – no objections.
- Land adjoining Police House (19/02038/FUL) – Erection of no. 1 3 bed dwelling and creation of 2 no. additional access points with parking for 1, 2, and 3 Flower Cottages – comments made by the parish council
- Sycamore Cottage (T/00522/24/TCA) – tree work – no objections.

1519 Children's Play Area

The Clerk informed the Council that Candovers Parish Council have been allocated £327.72 for children's play areas but there isn't an existing area within the parish. Basingstoke & Deane have agreed that the funds can be spent at the Preston Candover play area.

The Clerk circulated information about play panels which would fall within this price range, but Councillors weren't impressed.

The Clerk suggested that a grant from either the County or District Councillor might be available to allow a larger piece of equipment to be purchased.

Action: Clerk to speak to Cllr Gaskell and Cllr Henderson about funding.

The Councillors agreed that a parent of a child which uses the play area regularly should be asked about what would be suitable.

Action: Clerk to speak to residents with children who use the play area.

The inspection results are as follows:

Asset Name	Finding Title	Risk Level
agility multi-linked items	Item - Loose in Ground	Low
bin	Item - Not Secure	Low
picnic table	Item - Loose in Ground	Medium
fence wooden	Item - Broken	Low
frame & net	Timber - Decay	Low
frame & net	Item - Cap missing	Very Low
slide	Item - Timber rotting	Low

The picnic table I moveable to allow families to sit in the shade or sunshine.

Action: Clerk to speak to inspectors about table fixings.

1520 Highways

The road has been resurfaced on the Axford crossroads. Prior to this work the Clerk asked if the drains could be cleared which was completed along with the drains on Dummer Road which Cllr Dare Bryan asked to be maintained. There is a drain on the hill in Axford which is still blocked.

Action: Cllr Dare Bryan to report.

There has been some rain, and the water has pebbled on the newly tarmacked area which is disappointing, Cllr Dare Bryan agreed to take photographs so the Clerk can report back.

1521 General Correspondence

The Clerk circulated a report about the proposed changes to flightpaths at Farnborough and Heathrow/Gatwick airports. The Parish Council have written in the past and agreed to make the residents aware of the public consultation information.

1522 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 20th January 2025 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.