

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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| Date: | Monday 19 th January 2026 | Time: 7:30pm |
| Venue: | Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover | |
| Present: | Robin Human Andrew Frome Rebecca Kennelly Emma Dare Bryan Alex Rowley Julian Jones Wendy Simson | Chairman Vice Chair Borough Council Clerk |
| Apologise: | Luke Sherbrooke Tara Paul Cllr Juliet Henderson Paul Gaskell | County Councillor Borough Council |

1621 Public Forum

The Chairman invited Cllr Jones and Alex to provide an update.

Cllr Jones gave the Council an update on housing numbers required by Basingstoke & Deane and the sites identified in the draft Local Plan. The plans for the land around junction 7 of the M3 could mean a huge amount of building on both sides of the motorway which will affect Dummer village. The proposed development of Popham airfield and land around Micheldever would put additional strain on junctions 7 and 8 of the M3 and potentially force drivers through the valley using the B3046 as a shortcut.

Alex informed the Council that a lady was killed in Oakley by a drunk driver. The Parish Council are looking to get the speed limit reduced to 20mph in Preston Candover and dreadful incidents like this re-enforce the need for drivers to monitor their behaviours. The Councillors asked Alex to send their condolences to the family of the lady.

Alex also informed Councillors that Oakley had followed Preston Candover & Nutley lead and had made a donation to the Winchester Archive Office.

Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan

Prior to the meeting Cllr Dare Bryan had drafted a response from the Parish Council about the Local Plan and the proposed increase in the housing allocation numbers from 10 to 20. The Councillors discussed the land identified under SHELAA as possible development sites, and the unsuitability of these locations which has meant that no developer has submitted an application despite having presented to the Parish Council over the last 10 years.

Councillors discussed the individual homes which have been built in the Parish since the allocation was made in 2011, to date 8 new homes and a holiday home have been built and 2 properties have been completely rebuilt. An application for another new home was refused by B&D. It was agreed that this would be added to the response to B&D.

The proposed development at Upper Swallick was also discussed and a draft response circulated prior to the meeting. The Councillors discussed the content and agreed some minor amendments before it was to be sent to B&D.

Action: Clerk to finalise the responses once the amendments are made and send to B&D.

1622 Apologies for absence and welcome

Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Sherbrooke and Cllr Paul along with Cllr Henderson. .

1623 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 17th November. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign at the meeting.

1624 Matters arising

SID data file – Cllr Sherbrooke was not at the meeting to give an update on the data file sent but the Clerk agreed to download the data from the device when it is next moved and send the file to Cllr Sherbrooke and the Vice Chair.

Action: Clerk to download the data files.

Old SID units – The Clerk informed the Councillors that Bradley have applied to Hampshire Highways for the locations where they would like to site the devices and are waiting for a response. Once approval is given then they will ask for the devices to be repaired and returned to them.

One of the devices was offered to a resident who has expressed an interest in sponsoring one of the units but there has been no further communication.

1625 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

The second payment of the precept was received in September of £5,788.

- Payment to make at meeting:
 - Website hosting & domain - £256.61
 - Village Hal room hire for 2026 - £180.00
 - Clerk's salary (October to December) - £850.20
 - PAYE (October to December) - £212.55

The Councillors approved all payments.

1626 Budget for 2026/27

The Clerk updated the report for the Councillors which was circulated with the papers. The budget for flood maintenance for 2025/26 has been removed but included for 2026/27. The new predicted closing balance is approximately £6,600.

The precept has been increased to £12,155 and the predicted spend for 2026/27 is £12,712.

Action: Clerk to scan and send the precept form to B&D.

1627 Solar Farm Feedback

The Clerk received the following update from Marcus Camm on 23rd December:

“As an update for the solar park. We have a few small construction activities to finish in the new year and will hopefully have energised and commissioned the site soon after. I will keep you updated on how this progresses in the January.”

An updated Community Benefit Agreement has been generated which has Cllr Human as the Chairman and also ensure that the funds can be used throughout the Parish and not just for Preston Candover village. The new agreement was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and was signed by the Chairman and Clerk at the meeting.

Action: Clerk to scan and send back to Marcus.

1628 Flooding

The Councillors agreed that the grips throughout the Parish have been cleared and are in good order. There has been less standing water on the roads and the drainage locations in Ellisfield have been cleared which allows for water during flash flooding episodes to be dealt with in the village and not cause an issue for Axford. The Councillors asked that their thanks to Ellisfield Parish Council be recorded in the minutes.

The dates for the next Lengthsman visit in 2026 is confirmed as:

- Thursday 5th March

Councillors agreed that the ditches and grips were to be checked and cleared as part of the December visit.

1629 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly informed the Council that there is one issue to be reported and most of the rights of way have been walked recently. The route to Ellisfield is the only one which hasn't been seen in some time but this track gets very muddy and is therefore not easy to walk in the winter months.

1630 Parish Council website

The Clerk suggested that some new photographs should be included on the website as the home page has the Chairman and two ex-Councillors on it.

The Chairman suggested that a group photograph be taken at the next meeting.

1631 Planning

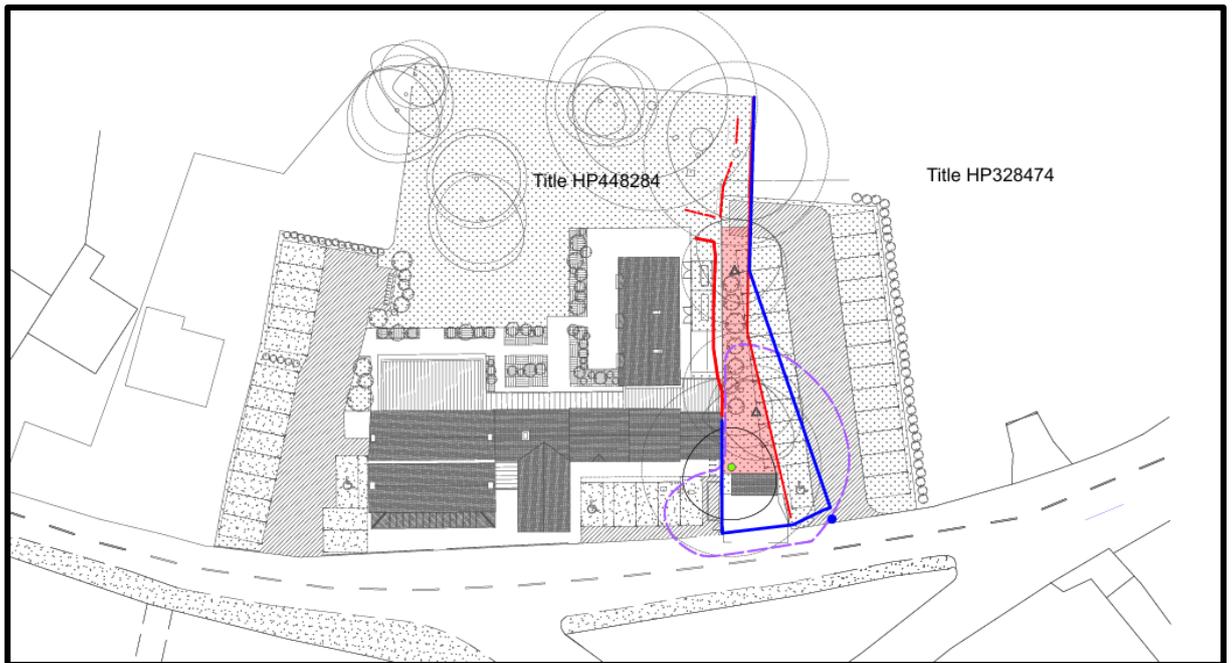
The Parish Council have had six tree applications since the last meeting, they are:

- **Broadacre (T/00590/25/TCA)** – tree work. **No objections.**
- **Candover Valley Store (25/02938/ADV)** – Display of no. 1 freestanding advertisement sign, with external, low level solar lighting. Cllr Frome and the Clerk both declared an interest as members of the Community Shop Management Committee and took no part in the discussions. **No objections.**
- **Preston Farms (T/00009/26/TCA)** – tree work. Comments required by 30th January. **No objections.**
- **Cherry Tree Cottage (26/00026/LBC)** – Replacement of door and windows on south elevation. Comments required by 30th January. The Chairman declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussions. **No objections.**
- **Allways (25/02967/HSE)** – Erection of rear ground floor extension to replace no. 2 existing lean to extensions and replace clay tiles with slate. **No objections.**
- **Candover Valley Store (26/00060/FUL)** – Erection of a canopy over existing external decking area. Cllr Frome and the Clerk both declared an interest as members of the

Community Shop Management Committee and took no part in the discussions. [No objections.](#)

At the last meeting a map was shared with the Councillors showing the proposed site for an additional carpark at the Candover (previously the Purefoy Arms). This application has not yet been made but the area shown on the map as the land owned by the Parish Council was agreed to be incorrect.

The map below accurately shows the unregistered land which is owned by the Parish Council edged in blue and not the shaded red area on the previous plans.



It was agreed that this corrected plan be shared with the owners of the pub to ensure the application is correct when made. It was agreed that the Parish Council would reiterate support for the new pub.

1632 Children's Play Area

The grass seed has taken and in the spring the dip in the play area should be filled.

| Asset Name | Finding Title | Risk Level |
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| agility multi-linked items Surface | Item - Not Secure | Low |
| agility multi-linked items | Item - Broken | Very Low |
| Twin seat springy | Surface - Holes | Medium |
| Site - Preston Candover Parish Council | Surface - Holes | Medium |
| frame & net | Timber - Decay | Low |
| frame & net | Item - Cap missing | Very Low |

1633 Highways

The Clerk agreed to include the link to report potholes in the minutes, which is:

[Report a pothole | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](#)

1634 General Correspondence

Cllr Jones asked that the Parish Council pass onto any organisation that could need a grant the application form as he has £2,000 left to spend.

The Councillors discussed collating an email list for the community to allow information to be easily circulated. The Clerk suggested that once the funding from the solar farm is received then a communication be sent to all households in the Parish asking for their thoughts about what to spend the funding on. As part of this communication the Parish Council could ask to hold the email address so that group email can be sent.

Action: Clerk to identify template policy for next meeting.

1635 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 16th March 2026 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.