

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Dated: Tuesday 18th March 2025 Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover

Present: Robin Human Chairman
Andrew Frome Vice Chair Tara Paul
Emma Dare Bryan
Tara Paul
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Rebecca Kennelly
Luke Sherbrooke
PC Andy Jones
Cllr Juliet Henderson County Councillor
Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor

1540 Public Forum

1541 Apologies for absence and welcome

Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Kennelly and Cllr Sherbrooke, along with Cllr Gaskell, Cllr Henderson and PC Andy Jones.

PC Jones sent the following update:

There has been a burglary in Tunworth 6th March a house alarm was activated. Police have attended and seen there is tool marks at the window and a Payne was found to be broken. Nothing appears to have been stolen.

Harassment reported at an address in Preston Candover. A person has attended the address, not for the first time and has been very verbal. The male who has turned up at the address was reportedly very drunk and the male was sent on their way.

1542 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 20th January. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign at the meeting.

1543 Matters arising

Funding Opportunities for the Football Club – The Clerk confirmed that she had forwarded to link to the Rural Funding Digest:

[Rural Funding Digest - Rural Services Network](#)

SID Deployment – The Clerk explained that the SID had been deployed outside Preston Farm for 2 weeks, followed by 2 weeks on the Wield Road and was now outside Old Timbers. The

SID will be taken back to Candovers Parish Council on Monday 24th March and will return to Preston Candover on 26th May.

The data reports have been downloaded from the two locations the unit has been deployed, and the Clerk has the files ready to be analysed.

Hedge Cutting on Dummer Road – Cllr Dare Bryan confirmed that this had been completed by the farm.

1544 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

The payments due for approval are:

- Tree Survey - £850.80
- Play Area Maintenance - £326.60
- PAYE (Jan to Mar) - £197.73
- Clerk's salary (Jan to Mar) - £790.92

All payments were approved.

The Clerk informed the Council that the VAT claim has been processed for the year and £1,211.46 has been claimed.

1545 Flooding

Cllr Dare Bryan drafted a letter which was approved by Council and sent to Ellisfield Parish Council asking for their support in clearing ditches and grips between the village to reduce the volume of water reaching Axford during period of heavy rainfall. Ellisfield Parish Council were due to meet on Monday 17th March and the letter was sent prior to this.

Cllr Dare Bryan has also reported to Highways the issue with the drains on the crossroads at Axford. One of the drains appears to work very efficiently while the other do not.

It was agreed that all Councillors need to report all potholes, flood issues and blocked drains via the HCC website. High volumes of reports will cause the area to be flagged up on the Hampshire system and so increasing the possibility of a team visiting.

Action: Councillors to encourage everyone to report issues

The Clerk informed the Council that debris gets caught in the wire fence by Axford House and blocks the water's route. A resident cleared this recently when the road was flooded, and it realised the water within a few minutes.

Cllr Frome flagged that the grips between Axford and Preston Candover need to be cleared. It was agreed that when Paul Peskett visits in November that Cllr Frome indicates which grip required attention.

Action: Cllr Frome to meet with Paul Peskett in Autumn to identify grips to be cleared.

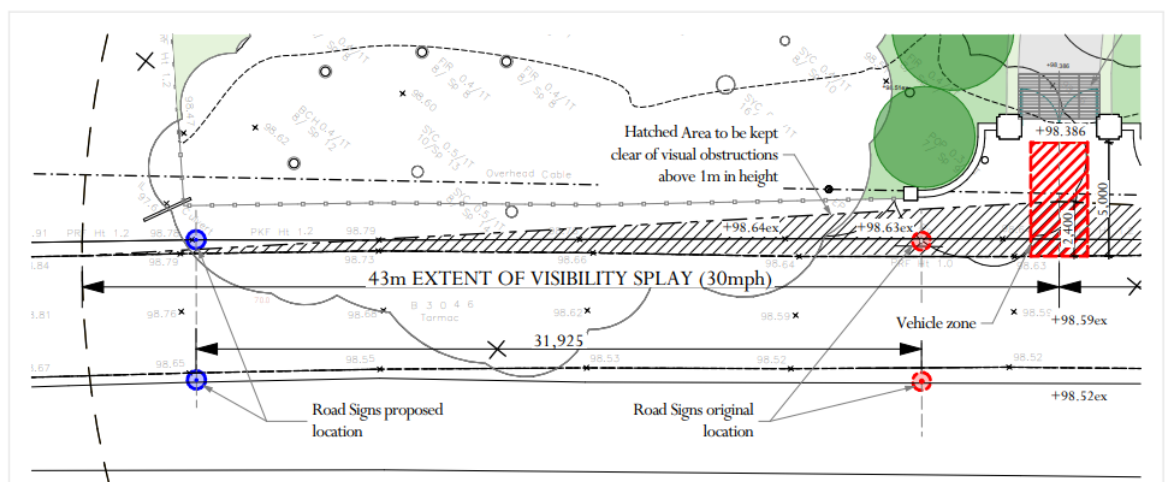
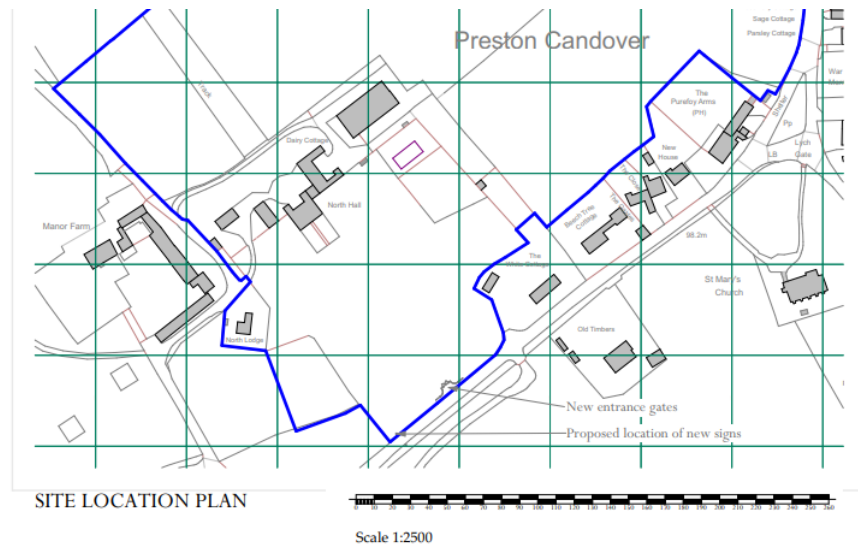
1546 Speeding

Cllr Sherbrooke was not at the meeting to give an update on the responses to the survey on the website.

The Clerk will produce reports from the three SID locations to demonstrate the current speeds of vehicles travelling through the village.

The Parish Council have been contacted about moving the road narrowing outside the new entrance into North Hall. The Councillors have agreed that the pinch point can be relocated between the new entrance and Church Lane but have asked that the signage be replaced in line with Hampshire Highways guidance.

The Architect has drawn up the following plans which the Councillors have approved.



A resident suggested that rumble strips on the road might be a cost-effective way of slowing traffic through the village, the examples below give an indication of what is available.



1547 Lengthsman visits

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the contract was continuing for the Lengthsman work into 2025/26 and the same contractor would be carrying out the work. Dates for the 2025/26 visits were yet to be received.

1548 Tree Survey

The Clerk circulated the tree survey with the meeting papers.

The report shows that 12 of the 17 trees require work. The Councillors asked the Clerk to get a price from Saplings for carrying out the work on these trees.

Action: Clerk to circulate price for tree work to Councillors.

1549 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly was not at the meeting but confirmed prior to the meeting that the rights of way were all OK.

1550 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date and had received 183 visits in the past 30 days.

1551 Planning

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

- Crossoaks, Red Lane, Preston Candover – tree works – no objection.
- Preston House, Preston Candover – tree works – no objections.
- Farm Building at Nutley Manor (25/00578/FUL) – conversion of farm building from commercial use to residential use, including recladding and alterations to existing doors and windows. This application has only just been received, and comments are required by 7th April.

1552 Children's Play Area

The inspection results are as follows:

Asset Name	Finding Title	Risk Level
Site - Preston Candover Parish Council	Surface - Holes	Medium
picnic table	Item - Loose in Ground	Medium
frame & net	Timber - Decay	Low
frame & net	Item - Cap missing	Very Low
slide	Item - Timber rotting	Low

The Clerk met the contractor Paul Daubney at the play area after the meeting and discussed the items which need work. The surface holes need some additional topsoil added and then grass seed but this can't be done until the weather gets warmer so the seed will germinate.

The timber decay again needs to wait until the weather is warmer so this can be filled and then repainted.

The picnic bench is very rotten and needs to be replaced and then bolted down to the concrete area again. The Clerk showed the Councillors an example of a bench at £413 plus VAT. It was

agreed that the existing picnic table be removed as it is dangerous and the Council to discuss replacing it if requested as there is another bench at the play area.

Action: Clerk to ask Paul Daubney to remove broken picnic table.

1553 Highways

The Councillors asked that residents are reminded of the link to Hampshire Highways to report any potholes, it is:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

1554 General Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that all relevant correspondence had been covered.

1555 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 19th May 2025 (7:30pm) - this will also be the AGM

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.