

# PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 **Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover

**Present:** Robin Human Chairman  
Andrew Frome Vice Chair  
Emma Dare Bryan  
Luke Sherbrooke  
Wendy Simson Clerk

**Apologises** Cllr Juliet Henderson County Councillor  
Cllr Alex Rowley Borough Councillor  
Rebecca Kennelly  
Tara Paul

### 1658 Public Forum

On 30<sup>th</sup> April the Clerk received an email from a resident about the disruption in Preston Candover including the installation of the solar farm at Preston Farms and the work on the Candover. The email was circulated to all Councillors when received.

The resident was asking about compensation for the disruption. The Clerk informed the Councillor that the following update has been received from BSR Energy about the completion of the solar farm and the Community Benefit agreed for the Parish:

*“The solar site has now been energised and is currently undergoing its final testing’s and accreditation with SSE. Once the accreditation has been achieved and as per the Community Benefit Agreement we will be able to make the payment as per the agreement. We are targeting this to be finalised in late June at the very latest. As we get closer to the accreditation date I will be able to give you a firm date for when the community benefit payment will be made as per the agreement.”*

This payment of £40,000 will be used for a community project to be decided by the community once the funds have been received.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for the work completed on the Candover should also be paid in 2026 by Basingstoke & Deane. The Parish is due to receive 15% of the CIL capped at £100 per council tax dwelling (there are approximately 200 eligible dwellings in the Parish).

### 1659 Apologies for absence and welcome

Clerk had received apologies from Cllr, Kennelly, Cllr Paul and Cllr Henderson.

### 1660 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign at the meeting.

### **1661 Matters arising**

**Update on the development on the Wield Road** – a set of briefing documents have been created following the Public Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April, these have been circulated to all those who attended the meeting and gave their email address. The planning application has not yet been submitted to Basingstoke & Deane but it was agreed that the requested paperwork be sent in advance to allow any questions to be asked in advance of the 3-week consultation window.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to a number of those residents who asked for the information who confirmed that it was excellent and thanks sent to the Councillor who created the forms.

It was agreed that an additional speed data set be collected on the Wield Road, the Clerk agreed to collect the Speed Indicator and install on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June after half term.

**Action:** Clerk to set up SID on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May and send data to Cllr Sherbrooke

**Policy Update** – The policies have all been reviewed. It was agreed that the Hampshire Association of Local Council (HALC) templates be used and only amended where needed. The Parish Council pay for membership of HALC who have legal support to create the templates and so meet the legal requirements for the Council.

### **1662 Financial Statement**

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

- Payment to make at meeting:
  - HALC Membership - £299.00.
  - Grass cutting in March & April - £315.00.
  - New defibrillator - £1,100.40
  - Hall hire for Public Meeting - £40.00
  - Printing of plans for public meeting - £35.00
  - Internal Audit fees - £250.00

The Councillors approved all payments.

The Councillors agreed that an application be made the Community Store grant for half of the cost of the defibrillator.

**Action:** Clerk to apply for grant.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the first half of the precept has been received from Basingstoke & Deane, this includes some funding for grass maintenance and totals £6,336.61.

### **1663 Flooding**

Groundwater levels are now dropping. The maintenance work completed by the Parish Council and residents has ensured that there have been no incidents during the winter of 2025/26. The Parish Council have budgeted £3,000 for flood maintenance work later in 2026.

### **1664 Rights of Way**

Cllr Kennelly has not reported any incidents on the Rights of Way since the last meeting. Councillors and residents are encourage to report any fallen trees, broken gates or stiles and overgrown paths to the Clerk so they can be included on the Lengthsman duties.

### **1665 Parish Council website**

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

## 1666 Planning

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

- **Fairview Cottage** (26/00518/FUL) – Change of use of existing garage annex ancillary of dwelling to be used as accommodation to be let out to guests on a short term, ad hoc basis.
- **Malmsmead** (26/00661/HSE) - Replacement of flat, plastic roof with clay tiles pitched roof to an existing lean-to structure
- **Meadow House** (T/00176/26/TCA) – Fell one cedar tree
- **1 Kimber Cottage** (26/00866/ROC) – Variation to condition 1 of 25/01080/HSE to change the outbuilding design requiring a lower retaining wall.
- **The Purefoy Arms (land to North)** (26/00611/FUL) – Change of use of land to north of public house to provide customer carpark together with associated access, surfacing, landscaping, boundary treatments, alteration to brick wall to provide pedestrian access from bus stop and associated works. Removal of existing field access.

Comments where applicable, have been made on the first four applications as required.

The Councillor discussed the application for the Purefoy/Candover carpark which was received earlier that day. The Parish Council have commented on a previous application and the Clerk was asked to re-iterate this comments to Basingstoke & Deane.

**Action:** Clerk to send comments on most recent application to B&D.

## 1667 Children’s Play Area

The Inspection Report is as follows:

Asset Name	Finding Title	Risk Level
slide	Item - Damaged	Low
slide	Other / Miscellaneous	Low
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

The Clerk has asked the contractor to look at filling the surface holes, to report back at next meeting.

## 1668 Highways

The Councillors commented on the road maintenance completed in Axford. The Dummer Road remains one of the worst in the area, residents are encourage to report potholes.

## 1669 General Correspondence

The Clerk informed the Councillors that a Trustee of the Allotment Charity had offered to clean and paint the pump next to the War Memorial. The Councillors agreed that as this was the Trustees trade that they would accept the offer and thanked the Trustee in advance.

Cllr Frome informed the Council that the application for 2,500 new homes at Upper Swallick has been received by B&D and is out for consultation. The Parish Council commented on these

plans as part of the response to Reg 18. It was agreed that the Parish Council would refresh these comments and send again.

**Action:** Clerk to work with Councillors to draft suitable comment.

**1670 Dates of next meeting**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (7:30pm).

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.