

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 15 th July 2024	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover		
Present:	Robin Human	Chairman	
	Emma Dare Bryan		
	Luke Sherbrooke		
	Andrew Frome	Vice Chairman	
	Cllr Juliet Henderson	County Councillor	
	5 members of the public		
	Wendy Simson	Clerk	
Apologise:	Rebecca Kennelly		
	Tara Paul		
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor	

1478 Public Forum

Speeding traffic

The Councillors have received several messages in recent months from concerned residents about the speed of traffic in Preston Candover, the Clerk had therefore collated the known options to help reduce speed for discussion at the meeting.

Cllr Henderson introduced herself to the meeting and explained that she had spoken to Highways about reducing the speed limit to 20pmh in both for Preston Candover and North Waltham. One of the key points was for the Parish Council to demonstrate community support and so signatures from residents of Preston Candover along with those who visit the village to use the shop or bring children to school, need to be collected. It was suggested that a page on the Parish Council website should be set up to allow people to show their support for the project. In North Waltham they had 93% of residents support the lower limit which Councillors agreed gave a strong message. The members of the public agreed to support getting information to parents at the school to ensure all members of the community are aware of the website page and the need to get involved.

Action: Clerk to set up page on website to collect signatures.

Cllr Henderson also recommended placing a speed indication device (SID) at both ends of the village, this had lowered speeds by 60% in North Waltham. The Clerk explained that the two SIDs which flash up the speed have both developed a fault and have been returned to Westcotec, the costs to repair them was £1,162 and £520. Cllr Henderson offered financial support through her Councillor Grant fund to either have the devices repaired or for the purchase of new devices. The Clerk showed the meeting information about another company who manufacture the devices and offer two for £3,000. It was agreed that two new ones would be purchased but that the cost of solar panels to ensure they remained charged was to be investigated.

Action: Clerk to apply for funding from Cllr Henderson for new SIDs

Action: Clerk to identify the price of two SIDs from Elan with solar panels.

The Clerk also showed the meeting information about the Auto Speed Watch system which includes two boxes placed a known distance apart which record the number plate and average

speed. This system means that there is no requirement for volunteers to sit by the road with a radar gun and record speeding traffic. The volunteers use the data provided to verify the number plates and the system produces lists of regular offenders which can be passed to the police. The system costs £589 for each of the units, £93.25 for each solar panel, £148 for the annual data collection, and £53.50 for signage, this totals £1,619.50. The Councillors agreed not to purchase this equipment at this time but asked if the SID could collect the number plate evidence.

Action: Clerk to ask if Elan SIDs can be upgraded to collect licence plate details.

The Vice Chairman suggested that rumble strips can be fitted with data collection software to report speeds of traffic.

Action: Vice Chairman to investigate further and bring to next meeting.

The Clerk also presented information about changing the road markings and creating pinch points/crossing points in the village. Cllr Henderson suggested that Cllr Lulu Bowerman, Executive Member for Highways and Waste at Hampshire County Council, be invited to the village to look at options along with the School Safety Team from Hampshire. The Clerk suggested that if a date could be given in advance so that representatives from the school, pre-school, community store and Parish Council could join the visit.

Cllr Henderson reminded the meeting that any changes to the road layout would need to be funded locally. The Clerk confirmed that work on the solar farm was underway and the community fund of £40,000 would be released when it was operational which was expected to be in Spring 2025. A meeting would be booked to allow the residents to decide on what the funds would be spent on and highway would be one of the options.

Action: Cllr Henderson to provide dates for visit to Clerk for circulation.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

County Councillor Update

Cllr Henderson gave an update from Hampshire County Council. Funding remains an issue with a £2billion budget and £1billion being spent on schools and 86% of the remaining funds being used to support care, there was little left for other line items. Some of the HS2 funding is now being spent on highways which has given a 37% increase to the amount of money available.

Cllr Henderson explained that the four areas she was looking at are:

- Keeping all recycling centres open
- Keeping lollipop men and women in place at schools
- Maintaining Homelessness grants
- Community Transport systems

Within the Care sector, Hampshire are “corporately parenting” 2,000 young people, which is an increased number on previous years.

The new hospital is hoped to still be on the cards with the new Government.

Areas of outstanding natural beauty need to be preserved and the vast number of new homes being built in Basingstoke.

Recreation Ground

Two members of the football team which is looking to use the Recreation Ground joined the meeting. They have been in touch with the current lease holder who has verbally agreed to allow them to help with the maintenance in return for using the pitch but are now struggling to get the paperwork drawn up.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to speak to the tenant and suggest that the Parish Council talk directly to the representative of the family who own the land.

Action: Clerk to make these contacts and report back to Councillors.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

1479 Apologies for absence and welcome

Clerk had received apologies from the Cllr Kennelly, Cllr Paul, and Cllr Gaskell.

1480 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign after the meeting.

1481 Matters arising

Template for assessing Planning Applications – Cllr Dare Bryan explained how the template had been designed and how it referred to the existing Local Plan but also the new Local Plan which is in consultation with B&D. It was agreed that the template should be included on the website to ensure the process for assessing application is transparent.

Action: Cllr Dare Bryan and Clerk to work to upload the template to website.

Slide seps at play area – The Chairman purchased gripper tape which failed quickly and so a new product has been ordered which is more robust. The Councillors also discussed how to stop birds sitting on the top of the swings and defecating on the swing seats, it was agreed that spikes be installed to stop this activity.

Action: Chairman to install cinder step treads and purchase spikes for swings.

Broadband – Cllr Sherbrooke reported that BT Openreach have no plans to improve the broadband speed for the Parish, there are several other options, but these vary in price.

1482 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

The payments due for approval are:

- HALC Subscriptions - £286.00
- Councillor Training - £172.80
- Grass cutting (May) - £200.77
- Grass cutting (June) - £398.90 (this includes replacing a post at the war memorial which had been run over.
- PAYE (April to June) - £197.73
- Clerk's salary (April to June) - £790 92

All payments were approved.

The Councillors asked if the Parish Council could move to electronic banking, it was agreed that the Clerk would set up the ability for a payment to be set up and the invoice forwarded to Councillors who could approve it remotely.

Action: Clerk to set up online banking.

1483 Flooding

The Councillors agreed that ground water levels were still very high and the work to clear ditches needed to be booked for October.

Action: Clerk to ensure high on the agenda for the next meeting.

1484 Lengthsman visits

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

- 2nd September

- 13th December
- 6th March

The March visit was dedicated to cleaning the play equipment at the Children's Play Area.

1485 Rights of Way

The Clerk has collected a file on Rights of Way from a previous Councillors which is to be passed onto Cllr Kennelly.

1486 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

1487 Planning

The Parish Council had received 4 planning application since the last meeting, they are:

- **North Hall (24/01083/LBC)** – removal of existing single storey stables and erection of single storey building of the same footprint and size. Comments submitted.
- **The Old Vicarage (24/01159/HSE)** – Proposed first floor side extension over existing single storey residential accommodation to form new bedroom and en-suite. Comments submitted.
- **The Rectory (T/00305/24/TCA)** – tree work to 6 trees. No objection.
- **Malmsmead (24/01537/LBC & 24/01536/HSE)** – Proposed barn conversion with replacement single storey side and rear extension for use ancillary to that of the main house. TBC.

1488 Children's Play Area

This was discussed as part of matters arising.

1489 Highways

Some work has been completed by Hampshire Highways to repair potholes including the area which had to be closed by the War Memorial.

The Councillors discussed the damage caused by water being pumped from homes close to the War Memorial and plans for how to prevent this for the winter months. It was agreed that the Council needed to get confirmation of where properties should pump flood water.

Action: [Chairman to contact Hampshire Highways about pumping floodwater.](#)

1490 General Correspondence

None.

1491 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 16th September 2024 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.