

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 15 th November 2021	Time: 7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover	
Present:	Paul Sadler Rebecca Kennelly Robin Human Tish Owencroft Two members of the public (part meeting only) Wendy Simson	Chairman Clerk
Apologise:	Daphne Prosser Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor

1216 Public forum

Luke Finch, the new owner of North Hall joined the meeting to introduce himself and inform the Council of the work they have planned for the property. Some of the tree work has been completed and the rest will be done in the coming months. The Chairman asked for permission for access to the area of land behind the bus shelter when the tree work there is to be done, Mr Finch agreed his land could be used.

The family intend to install a ground source heat pump along with re-establishing the old driveway with access directly onto the B3046 instead of the current borrowed access from Manor Farm. There is a boggy area in front of the house that runs along the side of the B3046 which was used to be a pond. The family plan to re-instate this to allow better water movement through the village. The sump pumps from the White Cottage will also pump directly into this new pond, they currently deposit water into the ditch as it appears from under the road, however because this has no gradient the water often freezes in the pipes and causes a problem.

Councillor Kennelly thanked Luke for taking the time to introduce himself and show the Parish Council to initial plans. Mr Finch then left the meeting.

Keith Irons also attended the meeting to hear the update on the Local Plan from Anne Shattock, Principal Planning Officer at B&D. Anne was not able to attend the meeting but has scheduled to hold the meeting via Teams on Wednesday 17th November at 5:30pm. Mr Irons asked about the consultation process for the new Local Plan, the Clerk explained that she had been looking to book for Mrs Shattock to attend a Parish Council meeting for some time to talk about the two parcels of land identified for possible development on Wield Road. B&D have identified several pieces of land for development throughout the area, the number of properties the land would accommodate is far more than the Government requires the Borough Council to build.

Action: Clerk to circulate invite with joining instructions to all Councillors and include Keith Irons.

The Clerk asked that if anyone else wished to join could she be made aware to ensure Anne let them into the meeting.

Keith asked about the area outside Parsley Cottage which used to be a petrol station and so had no pavement or curb stones. Keith asked if the pavement could be instated along this piece of the B3046 to support children walking to school.

Action: Clerk to speak to Hampshire Highways

Mr Irons also asked about the finger point sign which used to be situated on the north side of the B3046 opposite to Damsel Lane indicating the public footpath. Councillor Kennelly agreed to investigate and repost the sign missing.

Action: Councillor Kennelly to keep Councillors informed o progress

Keith also informed the Parish Council that any rights of way that had been lost could be reinstated if evidence could be shown that the path was used in the past, any routes are to be reinstated before 2027 or will not be put back into place.

Keith Irons then left the meeting.

1217 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Prosser.

1218 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1219 Matters arising

Tree survey – the results of the tree survey were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. An Ash tree has been identified in land behind the bus shelter as being dead and needing removal, the survey also showed that a second Ash would be left very vulnerable and should also be removed. Work was also required on the trees at the Children’s Play Area and by the War Memorial to remove low branches which were damaged. The Council asked the Clerk to get three quotes for the work.

Action: Clerk to circulate three quotes for tree work.

Jubilee Celebrations – Councillor Kennelly attended a meeting of most of the groups and organisations within the Parish to talk about the Jubilee Celebrations, the events agreed on are:

- Every household being offered a planter to fill with red/white/blue flowers, with support offered by the gardening club
- Households asked to make red/white/blue bunting to festoon the village
- A beacon on Thursday evening either at Chilton Candover or possibly in Preston Candover, this could include a BBQ
- Party/Event at the Purefoy Arms on Friday evening with the road closed outside the pub (cars still able to pass by going round the other side of the war memorial island)
- Church service, times, and locations to be agreed
- Big Lunch on the field next to the shop/village hall on Sunday afternoon. This could include a bouncy castle, treasure hunt, karaoke, ice creams, pulled pork rolls, with residents asked to bring salads etc to share.
- The tennis club did talk about a tennis tournament over the weekend
- The Scouts/Beavers/Cubs for a flag raising
- It would be great to have the bells rung but not sure if anyone knows how to do this any longer?

The Parish Council can allocate funds under section 137 up to a value of £8.32 per adult (on electoral role) "to incur expenditure for purposes not otherwise authorised". On the last electoral role there were 417 eligible residents in Preston Candover, Axford and Nutley which

means the Parish Council could use up to £3,469.44 of their funds for the celebrations (this may differ slightly before the next financial year). At the meeting the Community Store and the Allotment Charity also indicated that they would be prepared to contribute.

1220 Financial Statement

There were six payments to be made at the meeting these were:

- Grass cutting (October) - £285.00.
- Tree survey - £614.88
- Monthly playground Inspections for 2021/22 - £249.60
- Link on chain at War Memorial - £5.50
- Website licenses - £81.26
- 50% of Memorial Bench - £550

The Councillor approved payments, Clerk to circulate chequebook for signing.

Councillor Human has some expenses to claim back for the work to clean and restore the chain at the War Memorial.

Action: Councillor Human to ensure receipts are presented at the next meeting

The Clerk suggested that a third signatory should be added to the bank account following Ruth's removal. Councillor Kennelly agreed to be added.

Action: Clerk to complete bank mandate

The Clerk presented the figures for the budget for 2022/23. The Clerk explained that there had been no increase given to the Clerk since she took the role, at her request, but asked if the Councillors would consider adjusting the hourly salary up to the current rate for band 17 which was the level of the previous Clerk and in keeping with a fully CiLCA qualified Clerk. The Clerk left the room whilst the Councillors discussed the matter.

Action: Clerk to amend the budgets showing the salary increase to £12.73 per hour and increase of precept by 10% for final approval at January meeting.

The Clerk informed Councillors that as part of the Hampshire County Council budget process that the LengthsMan Grant had been removed, however several Councillors stressed how important this funding was to the rural communities and it is hoped that the decision will be reversed.

Action: Clerk to keep Councillors informed of status of Lengthsman Grant

1221 Farnborough Airfield

A Group who spoke to the Parish Council some time ago about increased traffic through Farnborough Airfield, wrote to the Parish Council again with an update which the Clerk circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Councillors agreed that there had been little additional noise but there were concerns about the air pollution created and the environmental impact.

Action: Clerk to ask about the offset plans for the additional traffic

1222 Rights of Way

Councillor Kennelly updated the Councillors the broken signs that had been reported were being fixed and urged anyone to report any that were damaged.

1223 Parish Council website

The Clerk has updated the website and removed old planning so only those that can currently be commented on are kept. The Clerk suggested that an additional page be added in January 2022 to promote the Jubilee Celebrations.

Action: Clerk to add in page

1224 Lengthsman

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2021/22 are:

- 29th November 2021
- 24th January 2022

Any issues to be reported to Councillor Human.

1225 Flooding

The contractor who completed the flood work in 2020 has walked the area with Councillor Human and agreed the work to be done, the estimate is £1,850 which includes jet washing the culverts through. The estimate shows that Preston Farms will take the silt removed from the ditches, but the Chairman agreed to make sure that the farm was still happy to do this.

Action: Chairman to report back to Council about silt disposal.

Action: Clerk to clarify when the work is timetabled to be completed

The Councillors agreed that all riparian owners be written to and informed when the is to be done and inform them of costs. It was suggested that any owner not wishing to be included notify the Parish Council within a set timeframe.

Action: Clerk to draft letter for Councillors approval.

The Chairman asked that a culvert in Axford be added to the work being undertaken and that the riparian owner would contribute to the cost.

Action: Councillor Human to speak to contractor about additional work.

1226 Planning

There have been five applications since the last meeting they were:

- Axford House (21/03153/LBC) - Internal alterations to enable relocation of kitchen and dining areas, enlargement of utility room, removal of staircase and alterations to bay window and fenestrations
- Land at Grange Mead (21/03193/FUL) – Erection of one new dwelling and garage with associated landscaping and reinstatement of a historic access
- South Hall (T/00553/21/TCA) – Tree work
- Purefoy Arms (T/00491/21/TCA) – Tree work
- Chestnut Cottage (21/03206/ROC) – Variation to allow use of garage as an office

The Councillors had no objection to the tree work or the application for Axford House. The other two application had only recently been received and Councillor Owencroft agreed view both.

Action: Councillor Owencroft to report back to meeting on Grange Mead and Chestnut Cottage applications.

1227 Children's Play Area

The Children's play area is in good order but needed cleaning.

Action: Councillor Human to add to the list of work for the Lengthsman's next visit

1228 Highways

Councillor Kennelly suggested to Council that a crossing was required between the shop and the school as it was very dangerous particularly when the pupils were arriving at or leaving school. There was concern that a child would run into the road and get knocked down. The Parish Council agreed that an information gathering exercise should be completed to identify traffic calming measures used in rural locations. It was also agreed that a meeting be set up with the Highways Team and the School to look at what could be done.

Action: Clerk to investigate traffic calming

Action: Clerk to set up meeting with Highways and School

1229 General correspondence

STaND – The STaND Team wrote to the Parish Council about supporting their plan to Seek Protection for the North Hampshire Downs.

Action: Clerk to invite to next meeting

School admission – The Clerk had been sent a poster for the notice board

Solar Park – BSR Energy have written to the Parish Council to offer £28,000 as a Community Benefit Payment for the Solar Farm at Preston Farm.

Action: Councillors to agree on a response

1230 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 17th January 2022 (7:30pm)