

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 16 th January 2023	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover		
Present:	Robin Human Daphne Prosser Tish Owencroft Rebecca Kennelly Luke Sherbrooke Paul Gaskell Wendy Simson	Vice Chairman Borough Councillor Clerk	
Apologise:	Cllr Juliet Henderson	County Councillor	

1321 Apologies for absence

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Henderson who had sent her monthly report which was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

1322 Councillor update

Cllr Gaskell gave an update on the work being carried out in the area. A survey of all areas to look at roads and also flooding was being undertaken. Cllr Prosser informed the Council that she had chased her report on the high number of dangerous potholes on the B3046 between Preston Candover & Axford.

Action: Cllr Gaskell asked for the reference numbers of the reports and any photographs of the flooding in Axford.

1323 Co-option of new Councillor

Cllr Sherbrooke was co-opted at the last meeting; the Vice Chair officially welcomed him to the meeting.

1324 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1325 Matters arising

Solar Farm proposed community Funding – The Clerk had an update on the Parish Council wording for the appendix A which was agreed to be “Projects to benefit the community”. BSR had come back to say that “our legal team have advised against countersigning the document with this change. The advise we have been given is to add a clause such as the below in Appendix A: [Specify Projects] or other projects for the benefit of the community as are approved by the Developer from time to time such approval not to be unreasonably delayed or withheld”

The Councillors agreed that it was unacceptable that BSR should continue to need to approve projects funded through this fund and asked the Clerk to clarify why this amendment was being requested.

Action: Clerk to respond to the email from BSR and ask for further information.

QR Code on Map Board – the Vice Chair apologises for not getting this action completed and agreed to make it a priority.

Action: Clerk to send through details of the code to the Vice Chair

Marketing for new Councillors – The Clerk has posted the generic poster on the noticeboard but apologised that she had not met with Cllr Kennelly as planned. The Clerk had spoken to a resident of Preston Candover about joining the Council and she has agreed to join the March meeting. A name has also been suggested from Axford as a potential new Councillor. Cllr Kennelly suggested that she also had a couple of possible candidates.

Action: Clerk to ensure new Councillor is sent the agenda for the March meeting.

Action: Clerk to speak to potential candidate from Axford

Action: Cllr Kennelly to speak to potential candidates.

Cllrs Prosser and Owencroft confirmed that they intend to step down at the AGM in May but will be attending this meeting.

1326 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting. The Clerk informed the Council that as part of the reconciliation of the bank statement that it was apparent that the cheque for the insurance had not been cashed. The Clerk has contacted Gallaghers who have issued a new schedule starting immediately at a cost of £1002.98 (the original policy was £740.54). The Clerk suggested that other insurance broker may be able to give a better price.

Action: Clerk to get alternative price and circulate within the next 24 hours for approval to ensure the Parish Council has the required cover in place.

The payments due for approval are:

- PAYE (Oct to Dec) - £165.49
- Clerk's salary (Oct to Dec) - £661.96
- Grass cutting/leaf clearing (Nov) - £95.00
- Website package - £115.06

All these payments were approved.

The Clerk also informed Councillors that the two new noticeboards had been fitted with cork to allow notices to be attached, this had failed, and the Clerk suggested that a metal magnetic sheet be ordered which could be bolted to the back to the boards. Magnetic pins could also be ordered with total cost of the project being approximately £120. The Councillors approved this solution, Cllr Gaskell suggested that an additional application from his Borough Council fund could be made to cover this payment.

Action: Clerk to complete application to Cllr Gaskell for funding.

Cllr Owencroft had completed a grant application for the Over 60s Christmas lunch for £120, this was circulated to all Councillors following the last meeting but only one Councillor had responded. The Clerk raised it again and got approval from all Councillors.

1327 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly informed the Council that some of the signs had been repaired but that the sign on the Moundsmere Track had now failed and was laying on the grass.

1328 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

1329 Planning

The Parish Council had two applications to review:

- **Tree work at Whitegates, Preston Candover (T/00006/23/TCA)** – the Councillors had no comments about this application.

1330 Lengthsman

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2023 are:

- 17th January 2023
- 1st March 2023

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any areas which required attention for the next visit. It was agreed that the hedges inside the children's play area needed attention as did the culverts outside Old Timbers.

1331 Children's Play Area

Cllr Owencroft has contacted Urban Recreation about a date to install the replacement springer unit and complete all the actions on the inspection log.

Action: Cllr Owencroft to make the Clerk aware when the work is booked in.

There is a list of issues which need attention, they are:

Asset Name	Finding Title	Risk Level
agility multi-linked items	Item - Bolt(s) loose	Very Low
agility multi-linked items	Item - Loose in Ground	Medium
agility multi-linked items	Item - Loose in Ground	Low
agility multi-linked items	Item - Cap missing	Low
bin	Item - Not Secure	Low
springy rabbit	Item - Cap missing	Very Low
springy rabbit	Hand Supports - Rotate	Low
springy rabbit	Falling Space - Obstacles	Low
frame & net	Item - Cap missing	Very Low
frame & net	Item - Requires cleaning	Very Low
frame & net	Fixtures - Loose or Missing	Low
grass surface	Grass - Requires Mowing/Cutting	Low
grass surface	Surface - Uneven	Low
gate	Gate - Violent Action	Low
slide	Other / Miscellaneous	Medium
slide	Fixtures - Loose or Missing	Medium
slide	Entrapment - Finger	Low

The Clerk has been asked for evidence of the replacement springer work has been completed as this was funded by a grant from Cllr Gaskell.

Action: Clerk to inform Evelyn Kelly at B&D once the work is completed.

1332 Highways

Cllr Prosser has reported all the potholes on the B3046 between Preston Candover & Axford. The Clerk was also contacted by residents in Axford about the blocked drain and flooding on the crossroads in the village. The Clerk has reported this to Hampshire Highways but forwarded to Cllr Henderson who has sent onto Cabinet Member for Highways.

1333 Flooding

Jantiene has provided the following update (graphs attached):

This is the first flood update for winter 2022-23. As you will have noticed a large section of the winterbourne stretch of the Candover Brook is already in full flow, and the spring north of Chilton Candover has now risen. In the last 16 days, since January 1, the water table has risen by 1.35 meter and continues to rise.

The EA issued its first precautionary update on December 30, stating that February 2023 could see some groundwater impacts affecting Preston Candover. The EA will issue a further briefing note by January 27.

Locally we are monitoring Preston Candover telemetry-based groundwater levels on a daily basis. As of this morning, we are only half a meter away from the EA trigger level for warnings of commencement of possible cellar flooding, which -depending on weather- could occur somewhat earlier than currently forecast.

As the forecast is for a week of reasonably settled and cold weather, please consider clearing ditches, culverts and grips insofar these have not yet been cleared, and lift fencing and wire running across the watercourse to avoid blockages. You may also wish to check whether pumps are in working order just in case needed and arrange for septic tanks to be emptied.

Attached, please find the usual graphs:

- Waterlevels 2013-2023 by year
- Waterlevels 2013-2023 sequential
- The graphs show daily waterlevels over a 10-year period
- For each year a 12-month period is shown from 01 August - 31 July the following year to capture the full groundwater cycle.
- Groundwater levels tend to be at their lowest towards the end of September, and generally peak between March and April.
- Flooding occurred in the winter of 2013/14 - and also in the more recent winters of 2019/20 and 2020/21 although in those two years it was limited to cellar flooding.

EA briefing notes (groundwater levels, rainfall amounts and predictions when issued) can be accessed here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/groundwatergraphs>

You can sign up for EA flood alerts online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

The Councillors asked that thanks be given to Jantiene for the continued work on monitoring the water levels and support with ensuring risk of flooding is minimised.

The Councillors asked that a piece about the Riparian Responsibility be included on the website.

Action: Clerk to add piece to website

1334 General correspondence

Speed Indication Devices – the Clerk suggested that one of the two SIDs be deployed in Axford and that a resident be approached to look after the unit and ensure it is charged. The Councillors approved this action and agreed to cover the costs of electricity.

Action: Clerk to speak to resident.

New signage in Nutley – Cllr Owencroft has been working with the Clerk and Hampshire Highways to get additional signage to warn drivers of pedestrians and horses on the B3046 through Nutley, these have now been approved and should be fitted in late spring.

1335 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 20th March 2023 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.