

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 16 th June 2014.	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall		
Present:	Keith Irons	Chairman	
	Marion Philips		
	Daphne Prosser		
	Wendy Simson	Clerk	
	PC Andy Reid		
Apologies:	David Wilson		
	Charles Bradshaw	Vice-Chairman	
	Alex Taylor		

295 Apologies

The Clerk passed on apologies from Councillor Wilson and Councillor Taylor who were not able to attend the meeting. There had been no communication from the Vice Chairman but the Chairman reported that he didn't believe he would attend.

Councillor Marks has suggested that he would stand down prior to the last meeting but the Chairman reported that he had not received any formal communication.

Action: Clerk to confirm status of Councillor Mark's position.

296 Minutes of the last meeting

The Chairman explained that he hadn't reviewed the minutes as usual; however the Council were happy to sign them off as a true record of the meeting. There was just one alteration for the AGM minutes which was that Councillor Philips supports Councillor Wilson with the website as opposed to holding this role alone.

Action: Clerk to amend minute prior to displaying

297 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been a sudden death in the village since the last meeting, and a report of an assault at a private party in Axford.

The Chairman informed PC Reid about the introduction of a 40mph speed limit from Axford to Preston Candover, which it was hoped would be introduced later in the year.

The Chairman also asked for information about the Community Speed Watch scheme and if any of the other local Parishes had expressed an interest. PC Reid informed the Council that both Herriard and Ellisfield had asked for additional information, but both were looking to share the equipment as the costs were £3,000. The system works by members of the community operating a speed gun, which is regularly calibrated, and record any vehicle which is travelling above the speed limit. The owner of these vehicles would then get a letter from the Police warning them that this had been noted. If further incidents were recorded

then the Police would visit the owner and could take further action, including prosecution. Members thought that the council should first inquire if people in the parish were prepared to assist with this scheme before committing to participate in it.

The Council also discussed the question of spending part of the section 106 money, reserved for highways related work, on 1 or 2 of the speed indication devices which the Council had considered previously. There are a number of positions in Preston Candover, Nutley and Axford where the devices could be placed and the Council are looking to buy the type which shows the actual speed being travelled as an advisory tool.

The Chairman also raised the question of the sharp bend at Nutley which had been the site of several accidents in recent years. Should something be done to alert drivers to the hazard. PC Reid suggested that he would speak to Keith Holdsworth from Hampshire Highways Team about getting some chevron signs placed on this bend.

Action: PC Reid to report back at next meeting about signs.

298 Matters arising

Insurance for Field next to the Village Hall – The Clerk reported back that the addition of the field did not require any additional cover, as all that would be needed was Public Liability Insurance which the Council already had.

Use of Section 106 money for flood work – The Vice Chairman was not at the meeting to report back about if this money could be used for flood work.

Action: Clerk to ask Vice Chairman for a brief summary of the meeting which took place on 28th May for the minutes.

Repair work at children's play area and recreation ground – Councillor Taylor was not at the meeting but had informed the Clerk that he had not been able to meet with Bernard Crisp to discuss the repair work proposed for the Skate Ramp.

299 Financial statement

The Clerk talked through the payment pending, which were:-

- £120.00 – Village Hall hire (April – June)
- £162.00 - grass cutting a Village Hall (May 2014)
- £120.00 – Grass cutting at village green (May 2014)
- £235.60 - PAYE
- £354.30 – Clerk's salary (April to June)

The Clerk explained that the meeting room hire included the 2 flood meetings and that the hall hire had increased by £1 per hour.

300 Planning Applications

None

301 Council Property

The Council discussed the changes being made to the plans for the field next to the Village Hall. The Chairman plans to talk to Hampshire Fire Service about the need to keep a gate in the front fence as discussed at the last meeting.

Action: Chairman to report back to the Council

The Clerk had forwarded the authorisation letter to the owner of the land so the grant could be claimed to complete the work planned for this area. The Chairman reported that he had not yet received this paperwork back and would chase it up.

Action: Chairman to chase up grant authorisation

Councillor Prosser explained that she had been told of concerns about the hedge round the tennis courts and closing this area from public view. The concern was that being able to see what was happening by passing motorists and walkers ensured that if there was an issue that help could easily be summoned. The Chairman explained that as the hedge was only to be 3-4' high that this would not be an issue. The Council were also aware that they had not had any feedback from the tennis club so the Chairman would speak to the members to ensure they got the plans and collect any comments.

Action: Chairman to speak to tennis club about plans

Councillor Philips explained that she felt that the plans were a very good improvement for the community and supported them.

The Clerk presented a quote from Jim Kimber who mows the grass at the field next the Village Hall for removal of the tree stump at £175. The Chairman explained that he already had quotes from contractors for work on the field which may include this stump removal.

The other work quoted for included:-

- Hedge near the tennis court fence
- Filling holes and levelling the field with top soil
- Seeding the grass in the Autumn
- Reducing the height of the fence at the front of the field
- Planting the Jubilee Oak

The Clerk had been asked about the last of the money from the Jubilee fund and the Chairman requested that a cheque be sent for this money so it could be put into the Parish Council bank account ready to spend on the Oak tree.

Action: Clerk to request cheque is raised.

The Chairman raised the question of the future possible need for the turf to be removed prior to the lighting of future bonfires so the grass is preserved. The Council discussed the logistics of the time gap between the bonfire party in November and burning the Christmas Trees in January and if the turf could be left rolled up for this period. No conclusion was reached and advice to be sought.

The Clerk asked if the area of grass at Axford by the bench was the Parish Council's responsibility as it needed cutting. The Chairman explained that this was owned by the housing association which managed the Kenward bungalows. It was not the responsibility of the parish council. But he would look into it.

302 Section 106 funds

The Chairman spoke about the Wield Road junction plans and agreed to report back to Holly Drury that the Parish Council did not wish to proceed with these plans, as it did not feel they were appropriate for this area.

Action: Chairman to write to Ms Drury

303 Flooding

No further information. Possible post script from Charles Bradshaw

“Re the flooding. Jantiene Klein Roseboom, Peter Berry and I met with Sarah Reghif, a senior engineer from HCC on 27th May to discuss the flooding in the valley. Peter Berry was very much involved with the flood remedial work in Preston Candover back in 2001/2002 so was able to impart a lot of knowledge and technical data arising from that period. Jantiene also handed HCC a lot of the work and maps she had prepared on flooding in the valley this year. Sarah Reghif will now compile a report, together with her colleagues from the Environment Agency, with recommendations on a valley wide flood defence plan. No date was given as to when the report would be produced – but it would take several months.

The question of funding was raised, and in particular the time scale for using the S.106 highways funds before the end of this year. HCC are looking into this and will come back to us.” – Charles Bradshaw

304 Valley & Council Website

The Chairman and Councillor Philips agreed to work together and get the minutes etc onto the website.

The Chairman also suggested putting links on the events like the Opera at Northington; the Council agreed this would be a good idea.

The Chairman took the Parish Council’s copy of the welcome to the valley booklet so the information could be updated and put onto the website.

Action: Chairman and Councillor Philips to update the website

Action: Chairman to return Welcome to the Valley booklet at next meeting.

305 Play areas

The hedges at the Children’s play area need cutting and Councillor Taylor had got a quote for £50. The Council agreed this expenditure.

Action: Clerk to authorise Jim Kimber to carry out the hedge cutting

The Clerk presented a price for an additional piece of play equipment for the play area in order to spend the section 106 money. A roundabout was £4,700 plus VAT, the Council agreed that this was a good use of the funds and agreed to look at the Lappset website for other options.

Action: Councillors to bring ideas of new equipment to next meeting

306 Highways

Councillor Prosser reported that the verges had been cut by the Borough Council but not very well.

Action: Councillor Prosser to call Borough Council to get verges cut again.

307 Rights of Way

Councillor Philips reported that there were 7-8 people on the walk on Saturday 14th June, it had been good day weather wise and those who had attended enjoyed the experience. Councillor Philips encouraged as many of the Council as possible to attend the next walk on 6th July which would be the Moundsmere Walk.

The small grant application process was open in July but Councillor Philips explained that she would probably put in for the November round. It is a match funding scheme which may allow for a map board to be placed by the Village Hall showing all the walks. The Council agreed this was a good idea. The estimate of cost was approximately £2,000 of which the Council would need to provide 50%, it was agreed that these funds could be budgeted.

308 War Memorial

It was agreed that a vast amount of money and work was required but the Chairman hoped that it would be tidied up ready for November.

309 Shop Update

There is a meeting to get volunteers on Saturday 21st June; however a location of the shop has still not been agreed.

310 General Correspondence

The Clerk had not had any other correspondence through which related to the Council.

311 Any other business

The Chairman suggested that a bin for dog mess should be provided for the field by the Village Hall

Action: Clerk to ask Bernard Crisp who empties these bins

The Council asked about progress with the additional street lamp

Action: Clerk to chase up again

The Chairman voiced his concerns about the trees bordering the field being cut and the branches put on the bonfire site on the field. The Clerk explained that a working party from the Village Hall had carried out the work and that there had been some very positive feedback from the owners of the land, the tennis club and the community. The Chairman said the branches could not be burnt and should be removed, however as Councillor Taylor was not present he agreed to speak to him outside of the meeting about the plans.

Action: Chairman to speak to Councillor Taylor about plans for tree branches.

Councillor Prosser again raised the question if the Parish Council would write to the Diocese about the condition of the Churchyard. The Council agreed that this was not their responsibility.

312 Date of next meeting

Monday 21st July 2014, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.