

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 18 th July 2022	Time:	7:50pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover		
Present:	Paul Sadler	Chairman	
	Daphne Prosser		
	Robin Human		
	Tish Owencroft		
	Rebecca Kennelly		
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor	
	PCSO Andy Jones		
	Two members of the public		
	Wendy Simson	Clerk	
Apologise:	Cllr Juliet Henderson	County Councillor	

1278 Public Forum

Two members of the family that own the land on the Wield Road identified under SHEELA as a development site, joined the meeting to hear the views from the Parish.

The comments from the public meeting on 20th June were:

- Pedestrian safety / footpath link to the village
- Site access / road speeds
- Affordable housing provision / policy trigger
- Build time / inconvenience to residents
- Principle of Local Plan provision
- Landscaping around the site
- Planning submission timeframes

The Parish Council also received the following message:

“Having looked at the proposed development of Wield Road, I would like to say that the access from this site worries me the most. The road takes a lot of large farm traffic which in Winter brings Mud onto the narrow road. Also in summer is a popular cycle route, add a few pedestrians and I can foresee accidents with cars trying to turn onto road etc. Just a thought-could some of the houses be "affordable" if they do go ahead?”

Councillor Prosser suggested that the pedestrian path along the inside field boundary emerged on a dangerous entrance which also services the chicken farm which is closed currently due to avian flu but due to open again soon.

A traffic counter has been installed for a period of one week, this has included school term time and the distribution of fertilizer from the biomass digester but not the harvest.

Cllr Prosser also raised concern that the site was currently arable land, within the conservation area and outside of the area of development for the village. If permission was granted for the 10-dwelling planned that the rest of the field could also be considered with a further 21 properties being built. Cllr Prosser asked if the development could be moved further into the field to create more space for access onto the Wield Road.

Cllr Gaskell suggested that there may be a case for choosing the second site identified under SHEELA which is currently a chicken farm and therefore creates a smell.

Concerns were also raised about flooding at the bottom of the Wield Road where there had been issues with water standing on the road and freezing in the winter causing a hazard. Cllr Gaskell explained that these issues could be mitigated.

PCSO Jones confirmed that the only issue for the police would be road safety and the access onto the Wield Road.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to draw up a list of comments and circulate for approval prior to responding to Q2 Development.

Action: Clerk to create list of comments

Action: Clerk to post notes from meeting on 20th June on website

The two members of the public then thanked the Parish Council and left the meeting.

1279 Police update

Prior to the meeting PCSO Andy Jones circulated a report on recent incidents, which were: *Preston Farms were targeted in the early hours of the morning of the on the 1st of July. Access was gained to the rear of the land Upton Grey. Whilst nothing was stolen damage was caused to a gate accessing the grounds.*

CCTV was very good in capturing vehicle used in the offence which was a BMW X5 series. However, no index captured.

This incident has been linked to another Burglary in Upton Grey where the same vehicle was used, access to a caravan on site was gained and an air rifle from within was stolen.

On the 20th of June concern for welfare was raised for a male who was believed to be sleeping in his vehicle for two days outside of Preston Candover church. No further reports received other than the initial one.

On the 3rd of June, a silver Volkswagen Golf parked on the street within the village was broken into between 0915 & 0930 in the morning, a handbag containing- wallet – Cash, Glasses and personal items had been taken from the boot compartment. A male has been arrested for multiple breaks into cars including this incident. Male in question is current residing at Her Majesty pleasure in Wandsworth.

One Public order incident reported which stemmed from a neighbour dispute. No further action taken by Police.

*On the 25th of April Suspicious vehicle reported as being out of place on Farleigh rd. Black Mitsubishi Outlander HK57 *** . Local Officer suspects this vehicle is involved in crime but cannot link it to specific one as yet.*

In addition, PCSO Jones informed Councillors that the shop in Whitchurch had been attacked overnight 17th to 18th July.

Theft from vehicles was extremely high at this time and PCSO Jones warned everyone not to leave anything valuable in their cars.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Jones for the report and attending the meeting and PCSO Jones left the meeting.

1280 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Henderson who sent her month report through in advance of the meeting.

1281 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1282 Matters arising

Update on 50mph limit between Axford and Preston Candover – the Clerk followed up on the correspondence forwarded by Mr Irons in 2016 when the topic was discussed. Andrew Kettlewell was the officer in control of the process in 2016 but Mandy Ware has taken on this role and responded to say:

“The County Council’s policy changed in 2016 to focus on sites where there is a recurring history of road casualty collisions. I have attached a link to this higher-level policy for your information. Paragraph 3.9(i) covers the position with speed limits.

https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/Futuretrafficmanagementpolicy.pdf?_gl=1*zyagn2*_ga*MTIxMTgxODc5Ni4xNjI1NDkyMjYw*_ga_8ZVSPZWL5T*MTY1NTIwMzMzMjM4xLjAuMTY1NTIwMzMzMjM4w

The County Council’s policy is to support measures, including speed limits, where there is evidence that they will offer direct benefits in reducing road casualties. For this reason, measures are focussed as a priority towards sites where there is a treatable pattern of casualty collisions. With no significant history of road casualty collisions within the past 5-year monitoring period I’m afraid that a review of the speed limit between Preston Candover and Axford is a low priority, and no further investigation is planned at this time.

Further information on the County Council’s policy and general criteria for traffic management measures can be viewed via the following link. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/makingroadsafer>

I’m sorry that this is not the response that you were hoping for but trust that it explains the Council’s position.”

Cllr Gaskell asked if the Parish Council had written to support Cllr Henderson’s initiative

Pre-School Grant application – The Chairman agreed to give the paperwork for applying for a Grant in the new academic year.

Audit paperwork – The Clerk confirmed that the paperwork for the year end audit had been sent to the External Audit Team and posted on the website.

Solar Farm proposed community Funding - Peter Roberts, Project Manager, BSR Energy wrote to the Clerk asking for an update on the Parish Council accepting the offer of £2,800 per year for the 40-year life of the solar farm. Cllr Gaskell suggested that often the company who create the farm sell it immediately so an annual sum may be difficult to collect. It was agreed that a final one-off payment value be requested so a final decision could be made.

Action: Clerk to request maximum one-off payment value and circulate to Councillors.

Broken bench by the tennis court entrance – This bench has been replaced by one of the two in the bus shelter by the Purefoy Arms.

1283 Financial Statement

The Clerk explained that B&DBC has made a payment of £240 and £40.60 to the Parish Council. The first payment has been identified as being paid to the Council in error as it should have been sent to Village Hall account as payment for Election Hall Hire.

Seven cheques were signed between meeting, they were:

- Payment for flowers in the church for Jubilee - £48
- Grass cutting for April (£190), May (£95) and June (£190) - £475
- Hall hire for 21/22 meeting (£135), planning meeting on 20/6 (£30), Jubilee (£60) and May & July 22 meetings (£22.50 each) - £270
- Transfer of election hall hire funds to village hall - £240
- Clerk salary (April to June) - £661.96

- PAYE (April to June) - £165.49
- Re-issue cheque for live music and prize to Purefoy as made out incorrectly - £605

These were all approved and signed by Cllrs Prosser and Owencroft.

The Clerk informed Councillors that a grant application had been received from Victim Support for £50, Cllr Kennelly explained that they were an excellent charity who provided support for victims in lots of different circumstances. The Council approved the grant, and the cheque was signed by Cllr Prosser and Owencroft.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the summary of costs for the Jubilee celebrations. The Clerk apologises to Councillors that the photographs from Preston Condover's celebrations were not included in the July Oxdrove. The Editor of the magazine had been suffering with Covid when it needed to go to print and despite the file arriving, they were not included in error. A selection will be included in the August publication.

1284 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly explained that there had been no further reports of issues but the signpost at Axford and the bottom of Moundsmere Drive remained open.

1285 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

1286 Planning

The Councillors discussed the application for the solar farm at Preston Farm. The application does not include any information about battery storage facility which if this fails and they catch fire can not be extinguished and must be left to burn out over a period of weeks while leaking toxic materials into the ground. It was suggested that the Parish Council requires that if a battery bank is to be installed that the area is bunded to prevent leaks.

There is no information about screening within the application for noise, light, or the footpath. The cooling fans and the transformers which convert the energy from DC to AC can both produce a loud humming noise for which mitigation should be demanded.

The Councillors also discussed what would be required to dismantle the farm after it is closed. The concrete posts which would be piled into the ground would need to be removed along with bases for the buildings and access routes. The Councillors agreed that an allocation should be made for this work by the developers. Cllr Gaskell informed the Council that B&DBC had little authority to insist that this work is done.

Action: Clerk to draft a response and circulate to Councillors for approval before 22nd July.

1287 Lengthsman

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2022/23 are:

- 25th July 2022
- 26th September 2022
- 17th January 2023
- 1st March 2023

Cllr Human informed the Council that the Lengthsman would be tidying up the play area and the bus shelter by the Purefoy Arms as part of the next visit.

1288 Children's Play Area

The illegal swing, reported as part of the routine inspection, has been removed.

1289 Highways

Cllr Prosser informed Council that a number of potholes have been filled. The Clerk asked if the area on the junction of the Bradley Road and B3046 had been reported as the road surface in the area is dreadful.

Action: Cllr Prosser to report faulty road surface on Bradley Road junction.

1290 General correspondence

Grant application for Victim Support - Included in Financial report

Moundsmere Estate & Oasthouse Ventures Ltd – This area has been fenced off as a dog training facility as part of the estate’s diversification of income sources. The Councillors agreed that it may bring people to the valley but wanted to understand the longer-term plan for the land.

Action: Cllr Human agreed to draft a letter and circulate to Councillors for approval.

1277 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 19th September 2022 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 9pm.