

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 20th January 2014. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Keith Irons Chairman
Marion Philips
David Wilson
Daphne Prosser
Alex Taylor
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid

Apologies: Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Rob Marks

207 Apologies

The Chairman explained that Councillor Marks was expected to attend but that he had not had any apologies from The Vice Chairman.

208 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, and were signed by the Chairman.

209 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been a number of incidents in Preston Candover & Nutley Parish since the last meeting, they are:-

- 20/12 - An alarm activation at the school
- 23/12 – An alarm activation at Moundsmere
- 24/12 – Cable hanging down from a pole in Axford
- 24/12 – An Assault in Preston Candover
- 27/12 – An alarm activation at Moundsmere
- 28/12 – two suspicious men seen at Moundsmere
- 31/12 – An alarm activation at Axford

PC Reid gave an overview of crime figures for 2013, which were as follows:-

Axford reported crimes 2011 – 1, 2012 – 1, and 2013 – 0

Preston Candover reported crimes 2011 – 7, 2012 – 9, and 2013 – 13

Nutley reported crimes 2011 – 1, 2012 – 0, and 2013 – 1

The full version of PC Reid's report has been circulated to the Councillors and displayed on the Notice Board.

210 Matters Arising

Road sign at Axford – there has been no progress with getting this replaced.

Additional Street Lamp –The Chairman explained that SSE required an upfront payment of £143.87 before work could start on the new lamp. As the Highways element of these funds is being held by Hampshire County Council a request has been made to them for this payment to be made.

Speed Indication Device (SID) – The Chairman reported that Basingstoke and Deane have 10 of these SIDs for rent, at a cost of £160 for each four week period, and that one was being used in Winchester Street, Overton. The Councillors asked for further clarification about what the device records and displays to the drivers.

Action: Chairman to clarify with Basingstoke and Deane what the device records and if the data can be downloaded and also if it shows the drivers speed.

Children’s Play Area – Councillor Taylor and Councillor Wilson had visited both the Children’s Play Area and the Skate Park to identify exactly what required action and what could be done by the Councillors and what required specialist maintenance. The Children’s Play Area has the following issues:-

- Three rotten fence posts
- Gate hinge needs replacing
- Gate stop needs replacing
- Moles have dug up the grass and made it uneven.
- All wooden surfaces need power-washing as are slippery

It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to a contractor about getting the fence repaired when other work is done by the Village Hall. The other items the Councillors agreed they could form a working group and get done.

Action: Chairman to get quotes for fencing

The Skate Park needs some work on two of the boards, some screw covers replaced and a clean.

Action: Councillor Wilson to order screw covers

Action: Councillor Taylor to contact manufacturer about replacements

The Chairman informed the Council that he and the Vice Chairman had been made trustees of the Recreation Association Charity as it has been struggling. Councillors Taylor and Wilson also volunteered to become trustees.

The Council discussed the other facilities at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that part of the £4,529 of section 106 money allocated for equipped play areas could be used to do some improvement work in the changing rooms and perhaps provide some athletics equipment if a local club can be encouraged to use it.

There are four footballs teams who play regularly at the ground and pay £35 on each occasion which provides funds to cover the cost of grass cutting. Councillors Wilson and Taylor told the Council that the grass has been kept in excellent condition and that it would be worth getting a quote from this contractor for other grass areas.

Action: Councillor Taylor to get quotes for grass cutting

Short Survey – Councillor Wilson agreed to circulate

Action: Councillor Wilson to circulate short version of survey

Shipping Container – The property which had a shipping container for an extended period of time has started work, so the Council agreed to take no further action.

Fast Broadband – Councillor Philips to put a link on the website to allow local residents to register for faster broadband in the valley.

Action: Councillor Philips to put a link on the website.

211 Financial statement

The Clerk talked through the financial statement including the last few payments which were due before the close of this financial year, these were:-

- £81 for the Village Hall hire
- £71.60 for PAYE
- £354.30 for the Clerk's salary
- £150 for the HALC training booked for 30th January.

There is an outstanding invoice from SSE for replacing the bulb in one of the street lamps; however the fitting is still not working so payment has been withheld until the unit is working. This invoice is for £173.62.

Once this payment has been made the Clerk will process the VAT claim for 2013/14 which is due to be £459.26.

The Chairman had developed a new format for the budget which allowed the Council to see what was being spent each month. The Parish Council agreed to adopt it from 1st April and the new financial year.

212 Planning Applications

There had been 3 applications since the last meeting, these were:-

- Change of use from agricultural land to garden at Manor Farm in Preston Candover
- To build an agricultural store at Down Farm Dairy, Preston Candover
- To fell an ash tree at The Gables, Preston Candover

The Councillors had no objections to the second two applications but agreed to get the Vice Chairman to look at the land change of use as he is closest to that part of the village.

Action: Vice Chairman to circulate any comments about the application to the Councillors.

213 Council Property

No further comments

214 Section 106 funds

The Chairman is having plans drawn up for the field next to the village hall over which the Parish Council have taken a 21 year lease. The Chairman is to make application to Basingstoke & Deane BC for funds under the Amenity Grant scheme to finance part of this work.

Action: Chairman to speak to B&D

There is £2604 of the section 106 funds for open spaces and £2402 for playing fields and it is proposed that these funds be used to cover the cost of installing new fences and repositioning gates, including the small 'hunting' gate to ensure continued access to the bridleway. The plans also include the possibility of planting a hedge alongside the tennis court boundary to improve the appearance. The Councillors agreed that the choice of hedge would need to be carefully considered to avoid leaves drifting onto the tennis courts. It was also planned to plant a Jubilee Oak, the cost to be provided from the Jubilee funds.

215 Flooding

There have been a number of basements in the valley flooded but the culverts etc have been cleared and so there is no flooding on the highways at this time.

216 Valley & Council Website

Councillor Philips has been able to put a number of items on the website and is planning to put some information up about the walks including maps.

The Chairman is to ask for an additional page to be added for writing up the history of those named on the war memorial.

Action: [Chairman to request additional page](#)

217 Play areas

Discussed under Matters Arising

218 Highways

The Chairman explained that the plans for the Wield Road junction had not moved forward and that he would chase this up for the next meeting.

Action: [Chairman to give update at next meeting on Wield Road junction](#)

219 Rights of Way

Councillor Philips plans to do the 3 remaining walks in 2014 of the 7 described by Freddie Osgood and would also like to do the bluebell wood walk again this year if permission can be obtained from the landowner.

220 General Correspondence

Nothing to report

221 Any other business

The Chairman reported that the latest shop meeting had been attended by six people who were interested in forming a committee, and an interim plan was being considered to run a post office service from the room at the back of the village hall.

222 Date of next meeting

Monday 17th February 2014 at 7:30pm, in the Preston Candover Village Hall.