

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 20 th March 2023	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover		
Present:	Robin Human	Vice Chairman	
	Daphne Prosser		
	Tish Owencroft		
	Rebecca Kennelly		
	PCSO Andy Jones		
	PCSO Stephanie Neal		
	Tara Paul (prospective new Councillor)		
	Wendy Simson	Clerk	
Apologise:	Cllr Juliet Henderson	County Councillor	
	Luke Sherbrooke		
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor	

1336 Public Forum

Traffic calming measures.

The Clerk has been contacted by three residents with reference to speeding in the villages. One resident reported that they had nearly been knocked down by a driver overtaking, another reported that they had witnessed a cat being hit and killed in Preston Candover. He residents of North Hall have also approached the Parish Council about the plans to re-open the entrance onto the B3046 and as part of the work including traffic calming measures.

The Clerk contacted Hampshire Highways and circulated the examples of options that Highways could provide, but that the community would need to fund.

The Councillors agreed that a “pinch point” to narrow the road so that two cars can’t pass but large agricultural vehicles can still use the road would be favoured. It was agreed that Councillors would explore all areas and not just the B3046 in Preston Candover.

The funds from the Solar Farm would allow this project to be taken forward and it was agreed that when this was available that a Parish Meeting be held to ensure all residents were able to voice their opinions.

1337 Police Update

PCSOs Stephanie Neal and Andy Jones attended the meeting and gave the following update: Two Reports of Hare coursing on Farleigh Road 3rd Feb & Lower Wield Lane on the 14th March both between 5 & 6pm. A green Mitsubishi Shogun partial index S469 *** said to be involved No Tax Mot or Insurance. Two red Mountain bikes were said to be a form of transport for another incident in possession of Lurcher type dogs.

On the 28th Feb Police were made aware of a car that had rolled over on Bugmore Lane and ended up in a ditch. The driver was pulled out safely. Driver was checked over by paramedics, but no injuries occurred.

On the 3rd Feb a car was seen on a field off of Farleigh Lane and believed to be involved in Hare Coursing however no Coursing was actually seen. This matter was created as suspicious due to no actual crimes being witnessed. No vehicles details ascertained by caller.

On a separate note, theft of cars continues to be on the increase, the information below is not from the immediate area however all cars that use the keyless technology are at risk. In the early hours of the 13th March three cars have been stolen from a street in the Woolton Hill area in East Woodhay. Two Mercedes and one BMW were stolen off of resident's driveway both cars were keyless vehicles.

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key fob comes within a short-range distance of the car. Keyless theft, also known as 'relay theft', occurs when device is used to fool the car into thinking the car's own remote key fob is close by; this unlocks the car and allows the ignition to be started.

Crime prevention suggestion.

Faraday bags - also referred to as signal blocking pouches - are lined with layers of metallic material that can block a key's signals from reaching the outside world.

GPS tags such as Apple & Samsung and Tile are an inexpensive way in tracking items they are attached too. Independent videos & reviews are currently accessible on You Tube.

The Vice Chair thanked both officers for joining the meeting.

1338 Apologies for absence

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Henderson and Cllr Gaskell.

Cllr Owencroft informed the Council that she believed Cllr Sherbrooke was away.

1339 Councillor update

The Clerk has received formal resignations from both Cllr Prosser and Cllr Owencroft. Both will attend the May meeting, but this was to be their last in the Councillor role.

Tara joined the meeting as a prospective new Councillor, it was agreed that she would be co-opted onto the Parish Council after the elections in May.

1340 Minutes of the last meeting

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

1341 Matters arising

QR Code on Map Board – the Vice Chair reported that the website that the information for the QR code is no longer operational which is why the code no longer works. The Councillors agreed to add an additional page to the website for the walk details and a QR code to this can be created.

Action: Clerk to set up new page on the website and upload walk details

Action: Vice Chair to set up new QR code and print out to be included on map board.

Marketing for new Councillors – Tara has joined the meeting as a prospective new Councillor. Cllr Kennelly informed Council that she had three potential new Councillors who would be invited to the May meeting.

Action: Cllr Kennelly to invite potential candidates to the May meeting.

Cllr funding for noticeboards – at the last meeting Cllr Gaskell suggested that his Grant Funding could be used to pay for the new magnetic back for the noticeboards in Axford and

Nutley. The Clerk investigated this but as a Grant has already been requested this was not possible. The new backs have been purchased and installed and provide a more effective solution.

Riparian Responsibilities on website – The Clerk has included information about the responsibilities of those who have a boarder with the river on the website.

SID charging – The Clerk has not heard back from the resident in Axford about taking responsibility for the charging of the SID. Cllr Kennelly suggested that an advert be placed in the Oxdrove for the “Big Help Out” on Monday 8th May as part of the Coronation activity to ask for people to get involved.

Action: Clerk to write Oxdrove piece.

1342 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

The payments due for approval are:

- PAYE (Jan to Mar) - £165.49
- Clerk’s salary (Jan to Mar) - £661.96

All these payments were approved.

The Clerk also informed Councillors that work has started for the Internal Audit which will be carried out by John Murray as usual.

1343 Election paperwork

The Clerk circulated the nomination paperwork for the elections, as Cllr Prosser and Cllr Owencroft won’t be standing, all three of the remaining Councillors will be required to submit the paperwork to ensure the Council remains quorate. The Clerk has booked an appointment to take any nomination paperwork to Basingstoke & Deane on Tuesday 4th April at 10am in case Councillors are not able to attend.

1344 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly informed the Council that the new finger post opposite Moundsmere Track has been damaged and she will stop to take a picture and report it. All other issues have been reported through to HCC.

1345 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

1346 Planning

The Parish Council had two applications to review:

- **Land part of Moundsmere Estate, Preston Candover (23/00435/RET) for the retrospective siting of one holiday cabin and associated change of use of land and parking** – the Councillors had no comments about this application.

Cllr Prosser asked that any updates on the Wield Road development be passed on to herself and local residents.

1347 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman did a full day in Preston Candover children’s Play Area in January and cut back the hedges and tidied up the grass.

The Lengthsman contract has been approved for 23/24 but rising costs have meant that the Parish will get 4 half day visits with two people instead of 5 which has been the case.

1348 Children's Play Area

Cllr Owencroft has contacted Urban Recreation and the replacement parts are due to be delivered week beginning 27th March and a date to fit them booked soon after.

1349 Highways

Cllr Prosser updated Councillors that most potholes had been filled but that they were reappearing again.

There was also an area of tarmac which was breaking up at the War Memorial which has been reported.

1350 Flooding

The water levels have remained steady since the last meeting and whilst the springs have come up there is currently no issues.

1351 Coronation plans

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee had booked out the Coronation weekend but there had been no information about what was being planned.

Councillors agreed that they would like to hold the Big Lunch on the field next to the Community Shop and agreed that toilet facilities could be obtained from the Tennis Club is required.

Cllr Owencroft agree to speak to Gemma about the Village Hall plans.

Clerk to investigate options for the event,

Actions: Cllr Owencroft and Clerk to report back to Councillors.

1352 General correspondence

Nothing to report.

1353 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 15th May 2023 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.