

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 20th May 2024 **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover

Present: Rebecca Kennelly Vice Chairman
Luke Sherbrooke
Andrew Frome
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Cllr Juliet Henderson County Councillor
Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor
Robin Human Chairman
Tara Paul
Emma Dare Bryan

1464 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

1465 Apologies for absence and welcome

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Clerk had received apologies from the Chairman, Cllr Paul, Cllr Dare Bryan, Cllr Gaskell, and Cllr Henderson.

1466 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 18th March. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign after the meeting.

1467 Matters arising

Template for assessing Planning Applications – The Vice Chair confirmed that Cllr Dare Bryan had used the template to assess two recent applications and reported that it worked well.

Action: Cllr Dare Bryan to brief all Councillors on the template at the next meeting.

Slide seps at play area – The Chairman was going to compete this action; it was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to check if the steps have been done and if required order the non-slip tape.

1457 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

The first 50% of the precept has been received along with some funding for grass cutting, this totalled £5,771.61.

The payments due for approval are:

- HALC Subscriptions - £286.00
- Councillor Training - £172.80
- Grass cutting (April) - £201.40
- Play area inspections (2024/25) - £265.22.

- Internal audit fee - £250.00

All payments were approved.

Speed Indication Devices

One of the Speed Indication Devices (SID) has been returned to Westcotec for repair as it had stopped working. A full assessment (£45) of the unit has shown several repairs needed, total cost of £1,072.50 plus £45 labour. Cllr Kennelly informed the Council that the other square unit was also faulty and needed to be sent for repair. The Clerk explained that another company, Elan, sold a similar product (Old Alresford have purchased this unit) and were offering two for £3,000.

Councillors agreed that the second SID should be sent for repair but asked if the one that has a number of issues had a scrap value which could be put against the cost of a new Westcotec unit.

Action: Clerk to send second SID to Westcotec.

Action: Clerk to speak to Westcotec about scrap value.

The Clerk confirmed that the Speed Watch equipment that Cliddesden Parish Council were selling was not working due to the batteries being depleted. The Clerk informed that Council that a new device was available through Auto Speedwatch Ltd which was fitted to two post a known distance apart and calculated the average speed. It is believed that this information can then be sent to the police to produce letters in the same way as the manual Speedwatch system is. The website is <https://store.autospeedwatch.org/>

Action: Clerk to get more information about the equipment for the next meeting.

The Council are also interested in road narrowing to slow traffic through the village.

Action: Clerk to get quotes from Hampshire Highways for installing these.

Cllr Paul has applied for Preston Candover to have a 20mph speed limit.

Action: Clerk to add Speeding to the next agenda to discuss all of the above.

1458 Flooding

The Clerk circulated an email from a resident about the work carried out by individuals to keep the ditches, culverts, and grips clear. It has been asked that the letter be kept on record and included within discussions for work in future years.

1459 Lengthsman visits

The Clerk confirmed that dates for the Lengthsman visits has been agreed as follows:

- 14th June
- 2nd September
- 13th December
- 6th March

1460 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly was not at the meeting but confirmed there have been no issues since the last meeting.

1461 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

The Annual Accounts will be posted once signed by the Chairman.

1462 Planning

The Parish Council had received 4 planning application since the last meeting, they are:

- Fawkners (23/03038/FUL) – amendment to previous application
- North Hall (24/00711/LBC) - Variation of Condition 1 of 23/01489/LBC
- Purefoy (24/00722/FUL) – building alterations.

- 2 Walled Garden (T/00221/24/TCA) - tree work

The Councillors have commented on all the applications.

1463 Children's Play Area

The Chairman was not present to give an update on the work to the steps on the slide.

Action: add to agenda for next meeting.

1464 Highways

Some work has been completed by Hampshire Highways to repair some of the potholes, but areas are still flooded and cannot yet be completed.

1465 General Correspondence

The Clerk had received information about Hampshire Forest Partnership Funding which is supporting planting of trees and hedges. More information is available from Liz Keeling at treeplanting@hants.gov.uk.

Cllr Sherbrooke asked about the reporting of rural crime following the meeting with Hampshire Police. The Clerk explained that the police required all instances to be reported through the portal but any urgent issues to dial 999.

Cllr Sherbrooke asked about progress with faster broadband for the community, this was due to be rolled out as part of Government initiative to connect the 5% of the population not currently served with high-speed connections.

Action: Cllr Sherbrooke to investigate options being used locally and report to next meeting.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Village Hall AGM is booked for Wednesday 22nd May and asked if one of the Councillors would be able to attend.

Action: Clerk to put invite to all Councillors.

1454 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 15th July 2024 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.