

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 20 th September 2021	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover		
Present:	Paul Sadler Paul Gaskell (part meeting only) Rebecca Kennelly Robin Human 2 members of the public Peter Simmons, Nick Marshall, Ian Winter, John Awdry, Andy Blaxland, Wendy Simson	Project Manager Assistant Project Manager Capital PR Officer Principal Surveyor Director, Adams Hendry Consulting Ltd. Clerk	Chairman Borough Councillor
Apologise:	Ruth Chattell Tish Owencroft Daphne Prosser		Vice Chair

1202 Public forum

Peter gave a presentation covering the previous plans, why they had been withdrawn and how the new application varied. The new pipeline will be underground for most of the route and will therefore not be removed once tested. The application is for the pipeline to be in place until 2027 by which time a reservoir will be built which will serve the residents of Southampton and Portsmouth. The parts of the pipeline which are not underground will be dismantled once the system is tested and the 12m lengths will be stored at the Totford Pumping Station. If the pipeline is required then there may be a need to use diesel generators initially to run the electric pumps, these will be muffled as much as possible. The pipeline will extract 27 million litres of water a day, part of this may be put directly into the Candover Stream (possibly 5 million litres a day) while the remainder will be discharged into the Itchen at Itchen Abbas.

If the planning application is granted, then Southern Water may choose not to build the pipeline until/if a need arises. The construction is estimated to take 9 months and a severe drought is required before the pipeline could be made operational. A severe drought requires two exceptionally dry winters and so construction could be started following a dry winter in readiness for a second and the need for the flow to be activated.

In order to activate the pipeline, Southern Water will need approval from the Secretary of State who will be advised by the Environment Agency.

Questions:

- Why was a plastic pipe being used as this would degrade and become an issue? The Southern Water team confirmed that plastic was less of an issue than other materials for the pipes
- How does Southern Water measure the water levels in the aquifer? The three boreholes are closely monitored. In 1976 when the last bad drought was, water levels in the aquifer were lowered but recovered within 12 months.
- How is the water pumped out of the borehole and will diesel generators be used? The pumps used are electric but if required at short notice then generators might need to be used until a sufficient electrical supply can be accessed.
- How will pumping affect those properties and farms that use bore holes for their water supply? Southern Water were not aware that any residential properties used a bore hole and agreed to look into this.

There is a Public Consultation at Northington Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd September and at Preston Candover Village Hall on Wednesday 6th October. These will be informal events allowing residents to attend to ask any questions. A letter has been sent to all residents about the events.

1203 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillors Chattell, Owencroft and Prosser. Councillor Chattell had also informed Councillors of her intention to step down as a Councillor. The Chairman asked for the Clerk to record the Parish Council sad acceptance of this decision and that huge thanks given for the years of service given.

The Councillors agreed that at least one if not two new Councillors needed to be recruited. Councillor Kennelly suggested that she might have a couple of the parents from school who could be interested. The Clerk also had a contact who she would follow up. It was agreed that anyone interested be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Potential new Councillors to be invited to the next meeting.

1204 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1205 Matters arising

Youth Projects – The Councillors agreed to ask the Allotment Charity to administer the £2,375.97 youth funds which were received as the sale of the skate ramp and also the remaining funds from the Youth Club.

Action: Clerk to speak to the Allotment Charity at the November meeting and report back to Councillors.

Tree survey – the Clerk informed Councillor that the tree survey will take place on Wednesday 6th October.

Action: Clerk to circulate the report when received.

The Chairman applied to Land Registry for information about who is the registered owner of the land to the right of the road to the tennis courts. There is no one registered as owning this land and so if the two Ash trees need work the Chairman asked the Clerk to speak to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council about financial support.

Action: Clerk to identify who is the most appropriate person to speak to at B&D.

The Chairman asked if Councillors would be happy to sell the timber produced as there were a number of local businesses who might be interested. The Councillors approved this being investigated.

1206 Financial Statement

There were seven payments to be made at the meeting these were:

- Grass cutting (August and September) - £380.00.
- Maintenance of streetlights - £456.76.
- PAYE (Jul to Sept) - £118.00.
- Clerk's salary (Jul to Sept) - £472.00.
- Data Protection Insurance - £40.00

The Councillor approved payments, Clerk to circulate chequebook for signing.

The Clerk informed Councillors that Councillor Chattell would need to be removed as a signatory on the bank account.

Action: Clerk to complete bank mandate

The Councillors discussed the high maintenance cost of the streetlights, the Clerk explained that Ballast needed replacing at the streetlight outside the Old Vicarage and a new fuse was required for the lamp at the end of Garden Close. The Council had investigated an annual maintenance contract, but this was about £100 per month so paying for issues as they arose was still more competitively priced.

1207 Rights of Way

Councillor Kennelly updated the Councillors that she had reported at least 5 finger posts which need attention. There are also several paths which need cutting or hedges which required pruning. The Clerk explained that 25% of the Lengthsman funds is allocated to Rights of Way and that any issues should be added to the list for the next visit.

1208 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date, except for the conclusion of the audit which had been received from the External Auditors.

Action: Clerk to update website with the notice.

1209 Lengthsman

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2021/22 are:

- 7th October 2021
- 29th November 2021
- 24th January 2022

Any issues to be reported to Councillor Human.

1210 Flooding

The Parish Council employed a contractor in the Autumn of 2020 to clear ditches and culverts including renting a high-pressure jet to remove the silt from the base of the culverts. Initially the landowner with a riparian responsibility for the ditches agreed to pay a share of these costs but the Parish Council paid for all the work. It was agreed that the contractor be employed again to complete similar work and that landowners be informed that this year an invoice would be generated.

Action: Clerk to contact Jantiene about the work required an most suitable time to get this done.

Councillor Human spoke to a resident in Axford about the flash flooding which occurred close to their property. It is believed that work has been completed to redirect the water onto arable land.

Action: Councillor Human to get in touch with the resident to enquire if any further help is needed.

1211 Planning

There have been four applications since the last meeting they were:

- T/00425/TCA – 1a Garden Close, Preston Candover
- T/00402/TCA – Woodham House, Preston Candover

Both the tree application the Councillors had viewed and were comfortable for permission to be granted.

- 21/02660/LBC – Century House, Axford. To erect an Orangery on the southern elevation
- 21/02697/HSE – Preston Grange, Preston Candover. To erect and detached building forming gym and garden room and forming a sauna following demolition of existing summer house, garaging and stables.

The Councillors agreed to ask Councillor Owencroft to visit both and report back.

Action: Clerk to drop planning document to Councillor Owencroft

1212 Children's Play Area

The Children's play area is in good order. It was agreed that the Lengthsman be asked to power wash all the equipment prior to the water being turned off at the allotments.

Action: Clerk to circulate inspection report to Councillors prior to next meeting

1213 Highways

The Councillors agreed that most of the potholes have been filled and that the road were in reasonable good order.

1214 Queen's Jubilee

The Councillors agreed that a committee made up of representatives from the Community Shop, Scouts, the Tennis Club, Church, School be created to agreed event(s) for next May.

Action: Clerk to email representative from all groups for interest.

1214 General correspondence

Memorial Bench – the Clerk has spoken to one of the families who has asked that the bench be placed on the back wall of the Village Hall closest to the shop and field. The Clerk has tried to contact the Village Hall to get permission for this but has had no response. There is a Village Hall Committee meeting planned for Wednesday 22nd September which the Clerk plans to attend to ask about this and the Jubilee Celebrations.

Bonfire Party – The Chairman informed Councillors that the School and Scouts were looking to hold the bonfire party on the field as usual. The Village Hall had been contacted but had not confirmed if they would be interested in being involved.

Action: Chairman to report back to Councillors about any support required.

1215 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 15th November 2021 (7:30pm)