

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date:	Monday 21 st March 2022	Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover		
Present:	Paul Sadler	Chairman	
	Robin Human		
	Rebecca Kennelly		
	Cllr Juliet Henderson	County Councillor	
	Wendy Simson	Clerk	
Apologise:	Daphne Prosser		
	Tish Owencroft		
	Paul Gaskell	Borough Councillor	

1245 Public forum

The Chairman invited Cllr Henderson to give an update to the Council.

Cllr Henderson explained that she was elected in May 2021 and was passionate about rural communities along with education and crime.

A county wide initiative has been launched to reduce speeds in all rural villages and residential areas to 20mph. The select committee was set up last week and the project has the support of Donna Jones, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner along with five MPs. Cllr Henderson asked the Parish Council to write a letter to support the plans, the Councillors agreed to support the proposal.

Action: Clerk to draft letter of support and circulate to Councillors for approval.

Crime in the area remains predominantly damage to crops, however there is a growing issue with children being used to carry drugs, with gangs targeting those in Care Homes. There is a Rural Crime Roundtable with the Police and Crime commissioner is on Monday 25th of April at 6pm at Cliddesden Village Hall.

Cllr Henderson informed Councillors that she had exhausted her Councillor Grant for the current year but was due to have the pot replenished in June. The project that she has support include Village Gateway signs, and new defibrillators. The Clerk asked about support for Defibrillator Training which Cllr Henderson agreed would be a good use of her funds.

Action: Clerk to follow up for application form in June

The Councillors asked about potholes and highway maintenance, Cllr Henderson explained that there were no funds available due to the increases in costs of Adult Social Care. It is hoped that the additional funding raised from the NI increase will be directed to supporting the Care needs and free up some of the Council funds for project including highways. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting potholes and including a photograph with a tennis ball in the bottom of the hole to demonstrate size is very useful.

Action: Clerk to create a poster for the noticeboard about reporting potholes and include in the Oxdrove.

1246 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillors Prosser and Owencroft. Councillor Paul Gaskell also sent apologies.

1247 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1248 Matters arising

Environment Agency – the Clerk has asked about getting a representative along to a Parish Council meeting and it was suggested that it was likely to be the July date.

Highways and School Crossing – the Clerk asked if a member of the school Senior Leadership Team could attend either the March or May meetings, but nobody could attend. It was suggested that Parish Council representative visit the school. Cllr Henderson suggested that she also attend and bring someone from Hampshire Highways. Cllr Kennelly agreed to represent the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to circulate dates from Cllr Henderson

Solar Farm – Cllrs Kennelly, Human and the Clerk met to discuss the offer made of £28,000 for Community Benefit and reviewed a model used in Dorset where an annual payment was made dependant on the amount of power generated. Peter Roberts informed that Clerk that the Solar Park was expected to generate 26,600 MWh per year and the average annual payment using this model is £2,880 per year or £115,200 across the 40-year life of the facility. The Clerk has written back to Peter and asked that this option be explored.

Tree work – the Clerk has applied for the tree work to be completed and the Chairman has had a quote of £800 to complete the work. The Councillors agreed that this should be included in the budget for 2022/23.

1249 Financial Statement

Two cheques were signed between meeting, they were:

- Clerk's salary (Jan to Mar) - £471.60
- PAYE (Jan to Mar) - £117.80

The electricity for the streetlights has been moved to a monthly direct Debit payment and £23.05 was taken for February, this is considerably cheaper than the previous contract. It was agreed that an increase of 50% be included in the budget for 2023/24.

1250 Rights of Way

Councillor Kennelly reported that she had not needed to lodge any reports of issues since the last meeting but asked about the missing finger post on the B3046. The Chairman explained that this was at the bottom of the drive to Moundsmere as this was public right of way.

Action: Cllr Kennelly to report

The Chairman has installed the "pick up after your dog" signs, along with a box of bags. The second sign has been put up at the Recreation Ground where the football players have the check the pitch for dog waste prior to a game.

1251 Parish Council website

The Clerk hasn't added the additional page for the Jubilee but showed the Councillors a poster to be used to promote what is taking place during this public holiday. The Councillors approved the content and agreed that an A1 version should be printed for the A frame outside the shop along with A5 version to go into the April Oxdrove.

Action: Clerk to organise printing and distribution.

1252 Flooding

The water levels are manageable and the predicted dry weather for the next few weeks means that the springs should not be an issue.

1253 Planning

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

- Manor Farm (T/00641/21/TCA) – fell two sycamore trees
- Meadow Cottage (21/03517/ROC) - Variation of condition 1 of 21/01808/ROC
- Garages (T/00055/22/TCA) – fell one sycamore tree
- Preston Grange (22/00590/FUL) - Installation of a 50kw ground/surface mounted photovoltaic system within the existing paddock area to the west of the main house.
- North Hall (21/03854/FUL) - Refurbishment of main house including erection of a new orangery, extensions and alterations to existing Service Wing including merging self-contained flat to one household. Restoration of coach house and two storey extension, extension and alterations to existing garage block and formation of new stables. Demolition of modern barns and erection of new traditional barn. New tennis court, garden building, glass house and landscaping. Reinstatement of original driveway approach, new walling, and entrance gates
- Axford House (22/00641/HSE) - Erection of orangery to southern elevation

The Councillors had no objection to the applications.

The application for Grange Mead (21/03193/FUL) was still open for comments, the Councillors agreed that they had no objections to this application.

1254 Lengthsman

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

- 11th May 2022
- 25th July 2022
- 26th September 2022
- 17th January 2023
- 1st March 2023

The contract has been extended for 2022/23 and it does not look like it will be stopped going forward which is excellent news.

Cllr Human asked when the water was going to be turned on again at the allotments to allow the children's play area to be jet washed, this is due to be done in April.

1255 Children's Play Area

The Children's play area is in good order but needed cleaning.

1256 Highways

Discussed as part of Open Forum.

1257 General correspondence

None

1258 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 16th May 2022 (7:30pm) – this will include the AGM

Action: Clerk to email club and societies about Annual Parish Meeting.