

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 28th April 2014.

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Keith Irons Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Rob Marks
David Wilson
Alex Taylor
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid

Apologies: Marion Philips

255 Apologies

The Clerk passed on apologies from Councillor Philips. Councillor Marks was expected at the meeting but was unable to attend.

256 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.

257 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been three issues since the last meeting which were:-

- 1/4/14 - an alarm activation at a home in Axford
- 10/4/14 – A suspicious car seen at the Recreation Ground in Preston Candover
- 25/4/14 – A missing person was reported but returned home safely

To date in 2014 there are some on-going incidents including:-

- A domestic assault
- An assault has been reported and enquires are continuing
- Criminal damage to a lawful Larson Trap

A member of the public thanked PC Reid for the support which they had been given during a recent incident.

258 Presentation about planned expansion of Farnborough Airfield

A group of local residents spoke about the plans to increase the size and traffic using Farnborough Airfield. The increased traffic would force some of the 2043 air movements to be redirected over the Candover Valley. An area between Reading and the Isle of Wight would become regular flight paths for the planes which are predominantly private charter flights.

It was explained that the consultation period had been extended to 12th May because the website was very complexed and data had been lost. The final decision would be made by Civil Aviation Authority in August and it is believed that there will be no ability to appeal against the decision once it is made.

The key stakeholders have been identified but these do not include the Parish Councils or the County Council and so the group have been ensuring MPs and all local groups are made aware of what is planned and the impact.

The group gave out copies of the plans and their impact on reducing the airspace being used which could ultimately cause accidents. It was explained that as many letters as possible needed to be written to the Farnborough Airfield and copied to local MPs and even the Civil Aviation Authority to ensure all concerns are considered.

Action: The Parish Council agreed to put the information on the Notice Board.

Action: Councillor Bradshaw agreed to draft a letter from the Parish Council

259 Matters arising

Road inspection – following the last Parish Council meeting and the flood action group meeting, a walk-through of the road in Preston Candover was planned. It was agreed that all interested parties now had a detailed knowledge of the road and flood issues.

Proposed road layout for Wield Road junction – The Chairman had been to see the example of the proposed road markings in West Meon but couldn't see what had been done. A meeting had been booked with the Chairman of West Meon Parish Council on 6th May to discuss the affect of traffic in the area. It was agreed that once this visit had taken place that the road plans be put on the website and notice board.

Action: Chairman to report at next meeting

Councillor Wilson expressed his concern that the Parish Council needed to focus both its time and money at sorting out the issue of flooding before tackling changes to the Wield Road junction. The Chairman explained that he did not know if the section 106 funds allocated for highways could be used for dealing with the damage done to the road by the flood water but suggested that following the meeting on Wednesday 30th April of the Flood Action Group that this point should be cleared up.

VAT Claim – The Clerk explained that she had submitted the VAT claim for 2013/14 and a total of £553.87 was due.

Defibrillator – Due to the other issues in the valley this had not been progressed. The Clerk agreed to feedback any information given at the Candovers Parish Council meeting in May.

Action: Clerk to feedback at next meeting

260 Financial statement

The Clerk talked through the new format for the financial statement and the Council signed off cheques for the following items:-

- £164.60 – subscription to HALC
- £411.39 – electricity for street lamps for 2013/14
- £258.97 – repair to street lamp
- £25.00 – Clerk finance training (£50 split between the 2 Parish Councils)

The general grants and 50% of the precept had also been received a total of £5,211.

The Council agreed that the new format allowed for the section 106 funds to be seen separately.

261 Planning Applications

The amended planning application for Hector's House where a double garage is to be erected with a first floor artist studio following the demolition of the existing building was discussed. The amendment was to put an external staircase on the building instead of the internal one on the original plans. The Council had no objections.

262 Council Property

The Chairman has sent copies of the plans for the land next to the tennis club chairman and to date has not had any comments.

Councillor Taylor informed the Council that the grass in this area had now been cut three times and was looking much better. The Chairman had not had any feedback about the grant applied for from Basingstoke and Deane to complete some seeding of the area so this would need to wait until the autumn.

The area behind the bus shelter in Preston Candover which had been identified as a possible site for the village shop had not been progressed. The Chairman [not me! reported that there may be plans for the shop committee to rent the existing shop unit so it could continue to trade. There may also be plans if the shop does not go ahead for the post office operate from the village hall.

The Council expressed their concern about the war memorial and the potential deterioration due to it sitting in flood water. This was to be raised at the Flood Action Group meeting on 30th April to see if any money could be allocated to relocate the monument.

Action: Chairman to take to Flood Action Group meeting

263 Section 106 funds

No further information

264 Flooding

No further information.

The Clerk to write and circulate minutes following the Flood Action Group meeting on Wednesday 30th April at 1pm.

265 Valley & Council Website

The Chairman asked for confirmation that the Parish Council were happy for the survey to go onto the website and the Council agreed.

Action: Chairman to put survey on website.

266 Play areas

Councillor Taylor said that the contractor who had been asked to cut the field by the village hall had also been doing the children's play area and that it was looking much better. There are plans to wash off all the equipment in the next couple of weeks as they have become slippery during the winter.

Action: Councillor Taylor to inform the Council when he plans to carry out this work so help can be given.

There are still 4 fence posts which are rotten and although the fence is still standing that these need replacing. Councillor Taylor is getting quotes for this work and will present at the next meeting.

Action: Council to agreed quotes at next Parish Council meeting for replacing fence.

The work required on the skate ramp is also being quoted on and again will be presented at the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Taylor to bring quotes to meeting.

267 Highways

Councillor Prosser talked through a number of issues along the road in Preston Candover which included:-

- Road needs sweeping
- Edges need protecting at village green as they are being eroded
- Large hole has opened up by the white cottage which is believed to be a drain
- Road signs are down

268 Rights of Way

Councillor Philips was not at the meeting but the Chairman mentioned that the footpath across the field by the Mathewson's had been ploughed and needed checking to ensure the footpath had been reinstated.

Action: Councillor Philips to report at next meeting

269 General Correspondence

The Clerk has received a copy of the local Plan from Basingstoke and Deane. A soft copy can be access at www.basingstoke.gov/go/localplan.

270 Any other business

The Clerk explained that she had been to the internal auditor and that the accounts were ready to sign off at the next meeting.

Councillor Taylor asked about a grant for the village hall of £480 to cover the cost of shutters on the kitchen and external sockets. The Council asked that a grant request form be completed and brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Action: Clerk to provide Councillor Taylor with correct documents.

Councillor Prosser explained that the churchyard was in a dreadful state and suggested that the Parish Council write to the Arch Deacon to get something done.

Action: Chairman to draft a letter and Clerk to send on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman also explained that the PCC was considering setting up a "Friends of St Mary's" fund to raise funds for the maintenance of the church building and churchyard. If done this could ensure the church had funds to carry out repair work as required.

271 Date of next meeting

Monday 19th May 2014, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm. This will also be the Annual General Meeting.