

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 17th February 2014. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Keith Irons Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Marion Philips
Daphne Prosser
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid

Apologies: Rob Marks
David Wilson
Alex Taylor

223 Apologies

The Chairman explained that Councillor Wilson had passed on his apologies and Clerk gave apologies for Councillor Taylor.

224 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.

225 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been a number of incidents in Preston Candover & Nutley Parish since the last meeting, they are:-

- 22/1 – a damage only road traffic accident of a car through the fence at Nutley on the B3046
- 25/1 – freak winds blew down a number of trees in the area
- 2/2 – a car turned over on the B3046 at Nutley
- 7/2 – extensive flooding in the valley
- 12/2 – a tree fell onto the school bus, there were no children aboard at the time and the driver was not injured
- 15/2 – a tree fell across the Dummer Road at Axford
- 17/2 – an abandoned motorcycle was reported at Nutley

There was no reported crime during this period.

The Vice Chairman reported that he had written to Keith Holdsworth about the excellent work the Highways team have done through Preston Candover during the flooding. PC Reid explained that Mr Holdsworth had been working 24/7 since Christmas to ensure the water levels were managed as well as possible.

The Chairman asked PC Reid about accident statistics given that there had been two accidents on the same bend in Nutley. The Chairman suggested that a reduction in speed to 50mph would stop drivers who are unfamiliar with the road to take this corner in a safer manner. PC Reid explained that when the statistics were next available that he would share them with the Council.

226 Matters Arising

Speed Indication Device (SID) – The Chairman went to view the SID in Overton of the type which the Parish Council can rent and explained that when a car passes it going at the limit or below then it does not light up, it only indicates a speed when the driver is travelling above the limit. The Parish Council were planning to purchase a unit which would indicate the drivers speed and also record data about numbers of vehicles travelling over the limit. The disadvantage of purchasing a system is that the Parish Council would need to move it, charge it up and insure it. Councillor Philips asked if the Parish Council would have to forfeit another purchase if they bought the SID and the Chairman explained that it would come from the section 106 funds held by Hampshire County Council. It was agreed that a 4 week trial of one of the rental devices should be discussed with Basingstoke and Deane and feedback gathered about its effectiveness.

Action: Chairman to speak to Basingstoke and Deane about booking a rental slot.

Children's Play Area – Councillor Taylor and Councillor Wilson were not able to attend the meeting but sent through confirmation that when the weather improves they will be working to fix all the faults reported at both the Children's play area and Skate Park.

Short Survey – The Chairman handed out copies of the long survey which largely replicates the one completed in the Parish in 1990. It was agreed that it would be put on the website with an advert in the Oxdrove to direct people to log on and fill it in on-line. The survey would then be displayed on the website for 3 months so that residents would have ample time to complete it. Interim results could also be published to encourage participation. It was also agreed that a poster would be placed on the notice board and in the pub and shop when the survey had been uploaded.

Action: Councillor Philips to upload survey to website

Action: Chairman to produce a poster and advert for the Oxdrove

Faster Broadband petition – Councillor Philips was not aware of this link, the Chairman agreed to place it on the website.

Action: Chairman to put link for broadband petition on website

Website space for WW1 pages – The Chairman understands that the Council can create new pages on the website, so we could add in pages for the material which Peter Rayment has created about the men named on the war memorial in Preston Candover. Councillor Philips suggested that the site needed some rearranging as areas were becoming confused.

Action: Chairman and Councillor Philips to spend some time on getting the site tidied up and this WW1 information loaded.

The Vice Chairman suggested that an exhibition could be arranged at the Village Hall to display all the maps and photos. The Parish Council agreed this would be an excellent idea and the school may be interested in a presentation.

War Memorial – The base of the war memorial is currently sitting in a foot of water and when the Chairman met with a stone mason to assess the work required, it was suggested

that the memorial should be taken off the Portland Stone base which is porous and moved to a granite replacement. This would be an expensive job but would protect it for years to come. It was agreed that while grants were available this year that a cost for this work should be sort.

Action: Chairman to get quotes for replacement base for war memorial

227 Financial statement

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

- £173.62 – for the street lamp repairs
- £180.00 – for the HALC Training on Localism
- £25.00 – for maps of the village field to get this land registered.

Councillor Prosser explained that SSE had been directed to the wrong faulty street lamp and that had now been given the correct details, however as they had been and inspected the incorrect one twice this invoice should be paid.

The Chairman suggested that Wield, Ellisfield and Candovers Parish Council should be approached for a donation towards the Localism Training cost.

Action: Chairman to speak to other Parish Council contacts.

228 Planning Applications

There have been three applications since the last meeting, they are:-

- Thorpes, Alresford Road, Preston Candover - for a single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and a detached garage and reduction in size of an existing garage. The Parish Council agreed that an application for this work had been agreed in 2013 and that work was now started. Having discussed the plans it was agreed that the changes to the application were minor and so no objection was raised.
- Park House, Wield Road, Preston Candover – to crown reduce by 3m a mature beech, crown lift by 3m a mature beech, height reduce by 5m a mature beech, crown reduce by 40% a Liquid Amber and cable brace two sycamore trees. This application was for the Chairman's property and he explained that a number of trees had been damaged with the recent high winds but the remaining work was required. The Chairman offered to step out of the meeting but the Council agreed that they had been able to view the application on-line and were happy for no objections to be raised.
- Fawkners, Preston Candover – to erect a two storey front extension, two storey rear extension a rear conservatory and chimney to the side elevation. The Parish Council viewed the plans and felt that it would be the same house only larger and so would raise no objection.

The Chairman presented a plan he was going to submit for approval for a timber framed garage and workshop. The planning application may come through before the next meeting and the Chairman wanted the Councillors to have the opportunity to view them.

229 Council Property

The Chairman has submitted an application for a £3,000 amenity grant from Basingstoke and Deane BC for the work planned on the field next to the Village Hall. Not sure that the money

will come through but any funds will not be available until April, at the beginning of the new financial year. The Chairman has suggested that the plans go on the notice boards with contact details for comments.

Action: Clerk to put plans on Notice Boards

The Chairman has presented plans to the Village Hall Committee.

Work is planned to start in April or May 2014.

230 Section 106 funds

No further information

231 Flooding

The Vice Chairman has written to Keith Holdsworth from the Highways Department and has also gained written consent from all the properties adjacent to the river to have the culverts taken out and replaced once the water levels drop. This will include the pipe under the Wield Road junction, the foot path to the Church, and the private residence along this side of the road. The Vice Chairman explained that the Highways team will take out the bridges and clear the channel below but it will be the residents who will be financially responsible for replacing the bridges.

232 Valley & Council Website

Discussed under matters arising

233 Play areas

Discussed under Matters Arising

234 Highways

Discussed under Matters Arising

235 Rights of Way

Councillor Philips explained that all Rights of Way were very wet!

236 General Correspondence

Nothing to report

237 Any other business

Councillor Prosser asked if there was any progress with the plan to install a bench outside the Village Hall for people waiting for the bus. The Chairman explained this would be done when the work was being completed on the field. One of the benches from the bus shelter would be used and the other one placed in the area at the front of the field. A fixed seat would be constructed in the bus shelter to allow the benches to be freed up. The Vice Chairman asked if there was a third bench available for the old churchyard, but the Chairman explained that there wasn't. It was discussed that part of the £400 of remaining money from the Jubilee could be spent on bench and the tree which had been planned.

The Chairman suggested the idea of two memorial Oaks on the Field by the Village Hall to commemorate those from the parish who died in the First and Second World Wars, in addition to the Jubilee Oak

The Localism Training which took place on the 30th January had been very interesting and the Clerk circulated some notes to those who were not able to attend. The Chairman explained that local communities would have more power over planning decisions if they had a Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted by the Borough Council. While Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council was too small to create a plan on their own it was suggested that if Candovers Parish Council along with Bradley were to form a small group then a plan could be set out to cover these parishes which are all within Basingstoke and Deane area. Grants of £7,000 can be accessed to support the writing of a plan and so a small community group would need to form to communicate the views to a consultant who would then write it.

The formation of a group to consider the viability of a community shop has met and Bob Woods from Wield is chairing the committee. They have met with the Plunket Society about funds and are looking for a suitable site. The Council asked about the idea of using the front of the field by the village hall but the Chairman explained that this may not be a viable option.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to speak to Basingstoke and Deane about a replacement for Councillor Owencroft.

Action: Clerk to email B&D

238 Date of next meeting

Monday 17th March 2014 at 7:30pm, in the Preston Candover Village Hall.