

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 9th September 2019 **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Village Hall, Preston Candover

Present: Paul Sadler Chairman
Ruth Chattell Vice Chair
Tish Owencroft
Daphne Prosser
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Maria Jones

1031 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillors Jones, who was away on holiday.

1032 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019. The Chairman signed the minutes.

1033 Police Update

PC Reid updated the Parish Councillors on the activity in the area since the last meeting, this was:

- 1/7 – an illegal pedlar in Preston Candover who was remanded for summons to court
- 27/7 – An abandoned 999 call (all in order)
- 1/8 – a burglar alarm activation (all in order)
- 9/8 – an abandoned car on B3046 in Nutley
- 11/8 – reports of a low flying helicopter in Preston Candover
- 14/8 – flooding in Axford (the drains have since been cleared)
- 21/8 - a burglar alarm activation (all in order)
- 22/8 – a drunken female sheltering in village at 23:25
- 23/8 – a fire in the grain silo at Dow Farm

PC Reid also carried out speed enforcement in Preston Candover

There were also a group of youths from Basingstoke being a general nuisance to whom PC Reid gave advice.

To date in 2019 there have been 21 crimes in Preston Candover up substantially on 2018 when there were just 9. The crimes in 2019 are:

- A dwelling burglary
- 9 criminal damage to crops
- 2 assaults
- 2 thefts of farm vehicles
- A non-dwelling burglary
- 5 thefts
- A dog bite (assault)

In Axford there have been 2 non dwelling burglaries in 2019 and Nutley has had no crime.

1034 Matters arising

New Councillors – There has been little interest in the Councillor vacancies, however the Clerk suggested a new resident who has taken one of the allotments and may be interested.

Action – Clerk to invite to next meeting

Streetlamp number 6 – The Chairman reported that he had asked the Lengthsman to clear the ivy and had worked with him having borrowed a ladder from the Vice Chair to get the ivy off however, he was not able to reach high enough to remove it all. The Chairman has also contacted SSE who are going to inspect the pole on 17th September and report what can be done. BT Open Reach have also been contacted but have informed the Clerk that the pole doesn't belong to them.

The Chairman has also asked if the farm cherry picker can be used to access the top of the pole, but this is the final option once the others have been exhausted.

Action: Chairman to keep the Councillors informed of progress.

Rights of Way information – Information about the Rights of Way was found in the storage room, this along with additional information from the HCC website has been passed to Councillor Jones.

New website – The Vice Chair has met with Rob Marks to look at setting up the new website and it was agreed that "Go Daddy" was the best supplier. A budget of £150 was set aside for the setup of the site.

Action – Vice Chair to report back on progress at next meeting

Youth Club funds – The Chairman has spoken to one of the Youth Club Committee and it has been agreed that the remaining funds from the account be transferred to the Parish Council as the Youth Club is no longer in existence. The total is £1,773.10 which will be added to the £602.87 from the sale of the skate ramp and this will be ring fenced for a project for the youth in the Parish.

Action: Any ideas about a project to be brought to the next meeting

Grass cutting by the BT Unit – The Chairman has identified that it is Jim Kimber's team who cut this area

Action – Chairman to ask that some weed kill spray be applied around that plants to take back grass and allow them to flourish

1035 Financial Statement

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Youth Club funds have been received into the account and suggested that this money along with the Skate Ramp sale funds be shown in a separate table on the financial statement to ensure that this money is seen as different from the general funds. The Councillors agreed to this.

Action: Clerk to add a table to financial statement for next meeting

The following payments were agreed and signed off at the meeting

- Grass cutting (June) - £228.00
- Grass cutting (July) - £228.00
- Maintenance contract invoice - £198.49
- Clerk's salary (July - Sept) - £590.00
- Information Commission - £40.00
- Paint for Children's slide (purchased by Chairman) - £113.18

The Clerk explained that HMRC had written to say that the PAYE account was in credit to the value of £235.50 which is one quarter's payment. The Clerk was therefore due the full value of the salary as tax had already been paid.

1036 Planning

The planning applications made since the last meeting are:

- Mobile mast at Preston Farm – for emergency services
- 1 Whitegates - extension
- 2 Whitegates - extension
- Land on Stenbury Drive – new dwelling
- Laurel Cottage - extension

Councillor Owencroft had visited all the properties where applications have been made and reported that all were in keeping with the Council's guidelines except the additional dwelling on Stenbury Drive which the Parish Council gave the following comments about:

"The Parish Council have concerns about this application in particular with reference to the flooding in the middle of the village where this property is to be added. There are a number of springs which rise up in the area along with excess water which flows along the road and the addition of another property will put further strain on the water escaping from this area.

The parking being created in the front gardens of no. 2 & 3 will change the look of these cottages and the access in and out will be difficult as there is limited line of sight."

1037 Website Update

The Facebook page has been set up by the Chairman and has had a number of hits following the crop circle which appeared in one of the fields between Preston Candover and Chilton Candover. The Chairman explained that this showed that where there was updated information or a requirement from the public for information that the Facebook and website pages were looked at.

1038 Children's Play Area

The steps of the slide have now been repainted and all the other items are in good order. Councillor Owencroft suggested that the play equipment needs a clean and that she would visit and do this work.

1039 Recreation Ground

A copy of the agreement between Oliver Mills, the owner of the land, and the Renegades Football Team was circulated at the meeting. Councillor Prosser asked for the emails about the lease.

Action: Clerk to print email trail and pass on to Councillor Prosser

The Vice reported that she had visited the Recreation Ground a number of times and there had been some litter left which she had report back to John Smith who apologised and assured the Parish Council that he would speak to all the players about clearing up any rubbish.

Councillor Owencroft reported that there were about 8 children playing on the pitch when last visited and that the pitch was in very good condition. The Chairman offered some soil that could be donated to help with filling holes.

John Smith had informed the Vice Chair that the render on the changing rooms was been repaired in the next couple of weeks. There are also plans to install CCTV to the area to deter any unwanted activity.

The Chairman asked about the grass which had been dug up in front of the changing rooms, the Vice Chair agreed to speak to John Smith about this when they next met.

Action: Vice Chair to report back at next meeting about grass.

Councillors Prosser and Owencroft suggested that a bench in memory of three young boys who died in the village be moved down into the village and cleaned up. It was suggested that it would be appropriate to ask any remaining family of the boys what their wishes were.

Action: Clerk to speak to Ken Green about contact details for family and make contact.

1040 Highways

Councillor Prosser reported that the B3046 had been marked up to repair potholes but that only some of the holes had been repaired.

1041 General correspondence

The Clerk had been contacted by Paul Gaskell who is a Borough Councillor along with Mark Ruffell. Paul was asking to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the changes to the Basingstoke & Deane Ward Boundaries next year. The Clerk gave the dates of the September and November meetings but unfortunately Paul was not able to attend either of these dates but hoped to be able to come along in 2020.

1042 Any other business

Plaque for trees – The Chairman apologised for not having spoken to Adam Alexander, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, about the possibility of putting pictures of the 2 memorial cherry trees in the village hall along with an inscription about who they were dedicated to. The Parish Council discussed that a similar memorial be displayed for the Oak Trees for the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilee. The alternative of replacing the plaques was also discussed and costs were presented by the Clerk at the last meeting.

Action: Chairman to report back at next meeting about feedback from Village Hall.

Notice Board at Nutley Church – Councillor Owencroft informed that Chairman that the new posts had been purchased for the notice board and that a local resident had volunteered to help dig the holes. The Chairman agreed to meet at the churchyard and book a date to carry out the work required.

1043 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 18th November 2019 (7:30pm)
- Monday 20th January 2020 (7:30pm)
- Monday 16th March 2020 (7:30pm)
- Thursday 30th April 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting (TBC)
- Monday 18th May 2020 (7:30pm) AGM
- Monday 20th July 2020 (7:30pm)
- Monday 21st September 2020 (7:30pm)
- Monday 16th November 2020 (7:30pm)