

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Alex Taylor	Chairman
	Charles Bradshaw	Vice-Chairman
	Ruth Chattell	
	Tish Owencroft	
	Adam Alexander	
	Daphne Prosser	
	Arnout Van Der Veer	
	Rob Marks	
	Wendy Simson	Clerk
	PC Reid	
	David Wilson	Member of the community

**Apologies:** None

#### **540 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **541 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were approved and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

#### **542 Police update**

PC Reid gave an update of the incidents since his last report in June, these were:-

- 5/8 – injury road traffic incident on Dummer Road, Axford (car V tractor)
- 31/8 – HGV parked in Wield Road, Preston Candover – all in order

There had been another incident on the Axford Road but within the Dummer area and a third car had gone through the hedge in the same area.

There have been 7 crimes in Preston Candover to date in 2015 which was 1 more than for the same period in 2014, they are:-

- One theft of a caravan
- One possession of drugs
- Two counts of criminal damage (crops and wasp glass on bee hives)
- Two non dwelling burglaries (pub and a tack room)
- One assault (dog bite)

There has been no crime in Axford or Nutley to date in 2015; there were 2 crimes in Axford and 1 in Nutley in the same period in 2014.

The Chairman asked about the rural policing changes. PC Reid informed the Council discussion was still on-going but that Councillor Ruffell was working hard to get the required outcome for the community.

#### **543 Matter arising from previous meeting**

**Grant application for St Mary's** – The Clerk confirmed that the grant application paperwork has been sent to the vicar.

**Change of bank signatures** – Councillor Van Der Veer apologised for not returning the paperwork but agreed to post it back to the Clerk.

**Action:** Councillor Van Der Veer to forward paperwork

**Action:** Clerk to get Councillor Prosser's signature and return it to the bank

**Prices for tree felling work** – Councillor Prosser had collected two quotes for getting the two trees by the telephone box felled; they were for £1,596 and £1,095. Councillor Prosser informed the Council that she has spoken to both Mr Paravicini and the Village Hall Committee about paying half of the costs each as one of the trees sits on each of their land. The Village Hall had confirmed that they would pay their half and Councillor Prosser was waiting confirmation for Mr Paravicini. It was agreed by the Councillors that if the Parish Council were not being asked to contribute then the two quotes were sufficient but if the Council did need to contribute that a third quote would need to be obtained.

**Action:** Councillor Prosser to update the Parish Council at the next meeting.

#### **544 Financial statement**

The Clerk explained that having reconciled the bank statements that a cheque for £396.00 as payment for grass cutting work signed on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 had not been presented. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk was to make Mr Kimber aware that the payment had not been claimed and if required a new cheque be raised at the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Mr Kimber

The following payment were agreed and signed off at the meeting

- £312.00 – grass cutting (July)
- £50.00 – branch removal at lay-by (paid by Chairman, cheque made payable to Chairman)
- £50.00 – tree work at children's play area
- £235.96 – 6 months maintenance contract for street lights
- £108.50 – installation of map board
- £235.60 – PAYE
- £354.30 – Clerk's salary
- £35.00 – Data Protection
- £312.00 – grass cutting (August)

A total of 48p had been received as interest into the account and the final payment from Basingstoke & Deane of the remaining 50% of the precept was due later in September.

#### **545 Community Store**

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that he had met with the landowner from whom the Parish Council have leased the land next to the village hall which is the proposed site of the store. The meeting had occurring earlier in the day and the landowner had informed the

Chairman that the lease on the land was very clear about building anything on the land and that he expected the Parish Council to abide by the terms of the lease.

Councillor Marks asked in what context the meeting between the Chairman and the landowner had taken place. The Community Store Group have just completed three days of an exhibition about the plans for the store and the feedback from these meetings was being assessed and then was planned to be presented to the landowner as confirmation of the Community view about the new store. Councillor Marks expressed concern that the work of the Community Store Group had been usurped by the Chairman's actions. The clause in the lease was to protect the land from having dwellings built on it which the Parish Council were not looking to give permission for but a Community Store which was supported by the majority of the population was believed to be a possibility. The Chairman commented that there is no supporting evidence of this.

Councillor Prosser read out clause 3 which says "not to erect any buildings upon the Property and not to place on the Property anything except temporary seating (which shall have first been approved by the Landlord acting reasonably)". Councillor Prosser suggested that the lease was clear for all to understand.

Councillor Van Der Veer expressed concerns that the Chairman had taken the initiative without consulting the Parish Council, he suggested that he felt that the Councillors should act with integrity, however in this instance the Chairman had acted alone.

Councillor Marks stated that the parish Council should have waited for the facts. The landowner had been presented with the plans and was happy with the structure, the feedback given was that it needed to conform to 3 criteria:-

- It could be removed if it was no longer required
- It was in keeping with the village
- That the landowner was consulted and agreed to the design

The final requirement was that the community supported the project which was what the exhibition was designed to understand.

The Chairman stated that you would be unable to reinstate mature trees and rectify the damage caused by the demolition process easily.

The member of the public asked if he could speak which the Council agreed to. He suggested that the Parish Council had asked that the views of all the residents of Preston Candover be collected but while a number of people had attended the exhibition that not all had completed the feedback form. The exhibition had suggested that the residents of Preston Candover would not be paying for the store but he suggested that they would be losing the amenity of the field.

Councillor Chattell explained that from the feedback forms received the Store Committee would be able to identify who hadn't completed the form and ensure they were given the opportunity to do so. Councillor Chattell also expressed concerns about some of the intimidating actions of those against the store at the exhibition sessions and that some residents had been very upset by the way they had been treated.

Councillor Owencroft suggested that an independent body should complete the survey as had been the case with the Community Housing Project; this would ensure that the feedback was as factual as possible.

The Vice Chairman asked the Chairman why he didn't invite him along to the meeting so a balanced view could be given. The Chairman explained that he had presented a balanced view to the landowner.

Following a heated debate two Councillors Marks and Van Der Veer declined to take any further part in the discussions and both left the meeting.

Councillor Chattell had met with Councillor Mark Ruffell at the exhibition and had asked to be copied into the minutes of the meetings. The Clerk had been asked by the Chairman to invite Councillor Ruffell to this meeting and also to pass on dates of future meeting, which she had done.

**Action:** Clerk to send approved minutes to Councillor Ruffell

#### **546 Rights of way**

Councillor Alexander informed the Council that Oxdrove 5 had been cleared by Hampshire County Council. The bridleway no.10 sign was still missing, Councillor Alexander had contact Highways and if he hasn't heard by 21<sup>st</sup> September he will contact them again.

**Action:** Councillor Alexander to report at next meeting

The Map Board has been erected and the Councillors agreed that it looked good.

#### **547 Website**

The member of the public noted that the website was not up to date and that the meeting minutes from February 2015 had not been uploaded. He explained that he still had access to the website and offered to assist and the Council thanked him for this.

**Action:** Clerk to pass on copies of minutes to be uploaded onto the website.

It was suggested that a local college may be prepared to work on the website as a project.

**Action:** Councillor Alexander to investigate and report to next meeting.

#### **548 Planning**

**The Gables, Alresford Road, Preston Candover** – relocation of access and erection of 1m high fence following demolition of existing wall – no objections

**1 Axford Lodge Cottages, Axford** – Erection of two storey rear extension – no objection

**Two Hoots, Dummer Road, Axford** – Erection of first floor rear extension – no objection

**Little Axford Cottage, Farleigh Road, Preston Candover** – regularisation of works carried out consisting of increase of width of dormer window cheeks, increase height of doorway and inclusion of first floor shower room – no objection

**The Old Cart Shed, Manor Farmhouse, Moundsmere, Preston Candover** – notification of proposed change of use of agricultural building to C3 dwelling house with associated external alterations. – No objections

**Woodham House, Preston Candover** – tree work to remove one dead Ash and work on 6 Beech and one Yew – no objections

#### **549 Council property**

The area behind the bus shelter has been cleared.

The plans for the footpath at the back of the lay-by has been provisionally priced at £25,000, the original quote the Parish Council had received was £5,000. The Councillors discussed if the footpath was required and it was agreed that the drainage of the area was important

and that if kerb-stones could be laid along the back of the lay-by that this would be sufficient.

Councillor Chattell suggested that the section 106 Highways money might be better spent on the children's crossing area or road marking at the school.

**Action:** Clerk to add to agenda for next meeting to discuss with PC Reid.

The Vice Chairman also informed the Council that the opportunity to spend the section 106 money on flooding may still be an option.

#### **550 Flooding**

The Vice Chairman explained that Councillor Van Der Veer had prepared a report on the flood work for the meeting and that this would be presented at the next meeting.

#### **551 Children's play areas**

Councillor Owencroft informed the Council that the new piece of play equipment had been install that day along with all the repairs except the gate stop which required a piece to be purchased.

The Vice Chairman called for a vote of thanks to be recorded for all the hard work Councillor Owencroft had done to ensure this installation had gone smoothly.

Councillor Owencroft explained that some of the piece of equipment needed painting but that this would probably not happen in 2015 due to the weather. The fence would also need staining but again may have to wait until spring 2016.

The cable ties which were to be put on top of the swings to stop the birds sitting there also need to be done.

**Action:** Chairman to fit cable ties

Councillor Alexander suggested that the ivy should be removed from the trees

**Action:** Councillor Alexander to cut ivy at base of tree to kill it

#### **552 Recreation Ground**

Ken Green plans to do some work at the recreation ground for the start of the new season and paint and tidy the changing rooms. Councillor Alexander agreed to support.

The Chairman had agreed with Keith Irons that he would complete the accounts which needed to be submitted as part of the charitable status.

#### **553 Highways**

Councillor Prosser has not progressed with the action points she was hoping to discuss with the Highways Team.

The compensation for the damaged plants at the BT building has been received by Councillor Prosser and new plants purchased. It was agreed that additional top soil and weed kill was needed before planting could take place.

Councillor Chattell asked if the posts along the entrance to the Tennis Club could be made removable, as there were issues with getting a caravan into the driveway. Councillor Alexander and the Chairman agreed that it would be best to dig up the posts (2, 3, 4.) and fit a socket underground to hold the posts in place to make them removable, this would also give access in the future to removals lorries.

**Action:** Chairman to report at next meeting

**554 TAG Farnborough**

Nothing to report

**555 Community Liaison meetings**

The meeting is booked for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September between 7:30 – 9:30pm

Councillor Chattell informed the Council that between 20-25 people were expected and would represent most of the clubs and groups in the area. The plan was to allow all the attendees to mingle for about 30mins before each group presents for 3mins each about their group.

Councillor Chattell is to have a date planner to allow all the events to be submitted and to try to avoid replication.

**556 War Memorial**

The Vice Chairman has been in touch with the War Memorial Trust who requires more detail on the quotes for the work to be carried out. The 5 page application is required for three quotes, currently the Council has just two stone mason who have quoted so a third company is required.

**557 General Correspondence**

The Clerk has received an invite from the Mayor of Basingstoke to a Variety Show on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30pm.

**558 Any other business**

The Clerk declared that she had been given a bottle of wine by a member of the community for providing some information about the flood work as part of an insurance policy quote.

**559 Date of next meeting**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.