

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 15th January 2018. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Paul Sadler Vice Chairman
Ruth Chattell
Daphne Prosser
Tina Spicer
Tish Owencroft
Ian Simpson
PC Andy Reid

Apologies: Rob Marks
Wendy Simson Clerk

872 Apologies

Councillor Marks and the Clerk were not able to attend the meeting and sent apologies. The Clerk had to send apologies at short notice and so minutes were taken by one of the Councillors.

873 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 20th November were then approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

874 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been several incidents since his last report in September, they were:

- 25/11 – False burglary alarm activation in Axford
- 7/12 – Concern for welfare in Preston Candover, all in order
- 10/12 – Fallen cables in Preston Candover and Dummer Road
- 23/12 – A sudden death in Axford
- 27/12 - False burglary alarm activation in Nutley x 2
- 12/1 – A broken down car on B3046 in Nutley

Crime rate were up in 2017 from 2016, with 20 in Preston Candover (14 in 2016), 2 in Axford (3 in 2016) and 1 in Nutley (0 in 2016). To date there have been no crimes in 2018.

PC Reid informed the Councillors that he had reported a pot hole on Spiers Lane to Highways and they should be visiting this evening to fill it in.

The Vice Chairman thanked PC Reid for his support in keeping the village safe.

875 Matter arising

Speed Indication Device (SID) data – both devices are working well again and once data has been retrieved this will be circulated to the Councillors.

Action: Clerk to send data to all Councillors

Street Lighting service contract – The Clerk had provided prices for contracts and having work done on the street lamps as and when required and it was agreed that a 3-year contract be signed with SSC

Action: Clerk to arrange for 3 years contract to be signed for new financial year.

War Memorial Base – the Vice Chairman reported that this is being done on 15th February by himself and a team of volunteers.

Purefoy Arms – no update following community meeting and comments sent before 21st December.

876 Financial Update

The Clerk presented the finance report.

Three cheques have been signed off since the last meeting, it was:

- £114.00 – grass cutting (November)

There were three payments to be signed off at the meeting they were:

- £354.30 – Clerk's salary (Oct – Dec)
- £235.50 – PAYE (Oct – Dec)

The budget process for 18/19 was discussed and approved, a precept of £8,085 was agreed. The Councillors asked where the Lengthsman grant was recorded but this is not included on the budget as it is paid by the lead parish Council in the cluster which is Candovers Parish Council.

877 Lay-by projects

Nothing to report

878 Planning

Woodland Camping Project – The Parish Council was made aware of this application as it is on the border between the Parish Council and Dummer. It was agreed that Councillor Spicer would attend the viewing on 28th January. It was agreed by the Councillors that they would leave Dummer Parish Council to make comments on the plans.

Community Village Store – The Community Store Committee are holding an open day on Saturday 20th January to allow the public to look at the plans and make any comments. The main concerns raised by members of the Parish Council were around parking but believed that this would self-regulate. Councillor Prosser questioned if 2 Sycamore trees would need to be felled, the Vice Chairman suggested that the Parish Council asked that replacements are planted.

Tree work at Beech Cottage – Councillor Spicer reported that there were no issues with this application.

879 Children’s play areas

The Vice Chairman reported that spikes or cable ties were not safe to deter birds from sitting on top of the swings and fouling the area so a “bobble” stripe was to be investigated and reported back to the Councillors.

Councillor Owencroft reported that she has asked for the invoice from Lapset for the repair work on two separate occasions, but they are still “working it out”.

880 Recreation Ground

The Chairman explained that there are three options for the skate ramp, which are:

- Repair it
- Sell it
- Look at a grant for a new one

Councillor Simpson suggested putting a piece in the Oxdrove asking for the community feedback about the ramp and how much it is used. Any comments to be sent to Councillor Owencroft on tishowencroft@yahoo.co.uk or 01256 389499.

Action: Councillor Chattell to write a piece for February Oxdrove asking for feedback by 19th March

Prior to the meeting the Clerk has forwarded some information about the history of the Recreation Ground and the current situation which had been put together by Keith Irons in readiness for a community meeting later in the year. The Councillors agreed that they would wait to comment until feedback had been received from the solicitor of the landowner.

881 Rights of Way

Councillor Simpson reported that there was nothing major to report.

882 Highways

Councillor Prosser reported that there had been no further work done on the pot holes in the area. Councillor Simpson reported that the issue with the hedges growing across the Dummer Road had been sorted out.

883 Council Property

Nothing to report

884 Community Store Update

There is nothing further to report now

885 Website

Nothing to report

886 Riparian Responsibilities

The piece in the Oxdrove on riparian responsibilities about the ditches has been well received and the community are doing their bit to support the work done by the Lengthsman to keep these gullies clear. All looking good currently.

887 Good Neighbour network

Councillor Chattell suggested that the other Parish Councils and the community to identify how much need there is for this service.

Action: Councillor Chattell to design a flyer for Clerk to print and Chairman to distribute

Action: Councillor Chattell to put a piece in the March Oxdrove.

888 General Correspondence

None

889 Any other business

None

890 Meeting dates for 2018

The following dates were agreed to 2018:

- Monday 15th January
- Monday 19th March
- Monday 21st May
- Monday 16th July
- Monday 17th September
- Monday 19th November (this date was reported incorrectly in last minutes)

The May meeting would include the AGM and the Parish meeting would be held on Thursday 19th April.

891 Date of next meeting

Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 19th March at 7:30pm