

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 15th March 2021 **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Via skype

Present: Paul Sadler Chairman
Ruth Chattell Vice Chair
Rebecca Kennelly
Tish Owencroft
Robin Human
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Daphne Prosser

1154 Public forum

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

1155 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillors Prosser.

1156 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

Action: Clerk to produce minutes for Chairman's signature

1157 Police Update

PC Reid was not able to attend the meeting, but sent the following update:

- 17.01 - Criminal damage to crops Wield Road, Preston Candover
- 30.01 - Concern for welfare for family member in parish – all in order communications fault
- 01.02 - Resident of Axford receiving issues over “cloned” registration plates.
- 15.02 - Other crime – committed in Preston Candover parish x 2.
- 17.02 - Suspicious vehicle seen in Nutley at 1 am B3046 - links with criminality in London.
- 20.02 - Theft of catalytic converter over 3 days from car in Axford
- 11.03 - Criminal damage to crops off the Oxdrove, Preston Candover

The Chairman asked for his thanks to be passed onto PC Reid for all the work he does to protect the community.

1158 Matters arising

Covid19 update – the Councillors reported that there had been few instances of residents being ill since the last meeting. The vaccinations programme was progressing well. Councillor Owencroft reported that she spoke to 23 of the older members of the community each month to check their general wellbeing.

New Notice Boards – The two old notice boards have been removed and the new boards have been fitted.

Action: Councillor Owencroft to stain the boards again and to look for a cork board to go inside so notices can be pinned up.

Invoices for flood work – The Clerk has reminded Jantiene about updating the spreadsheet on division of the costs, so that invoices can be generated.

Oxdrove piece – The Chairman is going to write a short piece for the April edition.

Action: Chairman to book a half page in the next edition.

Welcome booklet – The Clerk thanked all Councillors for the updates and information provided. A picture for the front cover is still required along with a piece on the Community Store new fund and the Young Farmers.

Action: Clerk to produce draft copy for next meeting for final sign off

1159 Financial Statement

There were five payments to be made at the meeting these were:

- Posts for War Memorial and Noticeboards - £309.46
- PostCrete for noticeboards (4 bags) - £19.40
- Stain and brush for bench at play area - £39.00
- Clerk's PAYE (Jan to Mar) – £118.00
- Clerk's salary (Jan to Mar) - £472.00

These were all approved by the Councillors.

The Parish Council were therefore carrying £8,700 into 2021/22 of which £2,376 was ringfenced for a youth project as it had been generated from the sale of the skate ramp and the funds remaining for the Youth Club. The Vice Chair suggested that the list of those families included in the Halloween email who had children could be used as a consultation list for ideas as to how to spend the funds. The Chairman agreed to work with the Vice Chair to create some questions to survey ideas.

Action: Chair and Vice Chair to create short survey of families about project ideas

1160 Flooding

Councillor Human informed the Council that several properties in Preston Candover were pumping basements including the Purefoy Arms. The work carried out to reduce the risk of flooding seem to have worked and the recommendation was to ensure this work is carried out each year.

The Vice Chair had received a telephone call from the flood warning line, which she had registered with and suggested that other should also register.

1161 Planning

There have been three applications for tree work since the last meeting they were:

- Tree work consultation T/00079/21/TCA - 5 Stenbury Drive
- Tree work consultation T/00076/21/TCA - The Pump House
- Tree work consultation T/00025/21/TCA - St Marys Church

The Councillors had no objections to any of these applications.

1162 Children's Play Area

The Chairman has asked for a quote from a local contractor to fix the piece on the climbing frame.

Clerk to download recent inspection report:

Asset Name	Finding Title	Risk Level	Finding Creation Date
slide	Entrapment - Finger	Low	27/11/2020
bin	Item - Not Secure	Low	27/11/2020
slide	Other / Miscellaneous	Medium	02/07/2020
slide	Entrapment - Head	Low	27/11/2020
springy rabbit	Falling Space - Obstacles	Low	27/11/2020
frame & net	Timber - Decay	Medium	27/11/2020

1163 Lengthsman

The Clerk has purchased the posts for the War Memorial and the Lengthsman has given a price for fitting of £380 which has been approved by the Councillors.

Action: Councillor Human to confirm date in May for work to be carried out.

The Chairman suggested that as there was little work to be done at the next visit on 9th April that this date be rolled into May and used as part of the costs of fitting the new posts.

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2021/22 are:

- 9th April 2021
- 12th July 2021
- 7th October 2021
- 29th November 2021
- 24th January 2022

The Clerk recommended that a tree survey be carried out as a tree has fallen at the Allotments causing some damage. The Chairman agreed that there were several Beech trees on the Parish Council land that may need to be felled. The Chairman asked about the ownership of the land by the tennis courts as there are 3 Beech trees in this area which may have disease.

Action: Clerk to get a quote for tree survey

1164 Highways

The Chairman reminded all Councillors to report potholes on the Hampshire Highways website at:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

1165 General correspondence

Speeding

The Vice Chair had investigated methods of reducing speeding in the parish following communication from a concerned resident. Cliddesdon Parish Council have a speed watch kit which they purchased, and the Vice Chair asked if it could be borrowed, however they are looking to sell the equipment for £900. The Vice Chair spoke to PC Reid about the system and received the following answers:

- They tell us that the training for new volunteers is done / or was done by yourself. Yes, I did them all.
- Is there a cost to having training? No, I am if nothing else cheap. We all just meet up say the village hall, I complete the paperwork etc and sign everyone off as competent.
- Do you know any of the specifics of the scheme...? I kind of remember there is number needed to operate it- maybe 3 trained people each time? It must be three at all times, on the odd occasion Cliddesden could only arrange for two at a time, but this was frowned upon by the Constabulary. With the 3 one watches the equipment and speed, another calls out the registration number and speed and time and the third writes it down, I also felt a Dictaphone would always be the best to record as it is at the time,

- And I guess locations will be discussed and agreed in training? The Police will access locations and will bear in mind health and safety, visibility, etc. The volunteers have to be visible and safe, hence they can only operate in a 30-mph limit.
- Does the device require any costs - like recalibration regularly - that we should consider? Good question and I will endeavour to find out, as no one can ever be prosecuted from the readings of the device we only send out warning letters, if a repeat offender we will tap on the door and if they continue, we will target the driver in the knowledge of what time of the day they continue to come through.

The key points for the discussion about the speed kit were:

- The kit is operated by a minimum of 3 trained volunteers at a time.
- It has a device that receives the speed and displays the numerical value on a sign that showing speed to the drivers and the volunteers..
- PC Reid will train volunteers- this has no charge.
- The locations are dictated by PC Reid- so not where the volunteers want them.
- It displays the speed of the vehicle, the people record the number plates and corresponding speed.
- Hampshire Constabulary send out letters to offending drivers- these are not fines but informative non legal warnings.
- Repeat offenders can be called on by police to discuss information, or targeted speed cameras operated by police can then be utilised to get an enforceable reading.
- Cliddesden are selling due to a lack of volunteers and because they are happy with their SIDs which have replaced the kit. (as the SIDs are the same as ours and these record speed of traffic and times- just not number plates.)
- In the past the drivers have occasionally stopped to have interaction with volunteers... this may have deterred volunteers.
- There is nothing to stop us sharing the purchase with other councils and holding a share in the kit. Total price around £900. (half new price)
- Neither the chair of Cliddesden PC nor PC Reid think they have ever had need for recalibration.

Councillor Kennelly suggested that the school send out reminders to parents about the risks of speeding in Preston Candover and the surrounding villages.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council look to extend the speed limit further up the hill in Axford as this was a particularly dangerous stretch of road.

Action: Chairman to contact Highways about a road safety audit

The Vice Chair had spoken to Hampshire Highways about the damaged railings at the school and was informed that it would be fixed in the next 2 months.

Solar Farm at Godsfield Copse

Following the last meeting the Clerk circulated the application made to install a solar farm at Godsfield Copse, the Councillors agreed that they would not object to the application as there was a requirement for green energy generation.

1166 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 17th May 2021 (7:30pm)

The Clerk information Councillors that the Government guidance about meetings being held remotely was due to end on 7th May and it was expected that a quorate number of Councillors would meet and if required the public and any Councillors not able to attend could join remotely. However, any Councillor not present in person would not be able to take part in any voting.