

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 16th January 2017. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Alex Taylor Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Daphne Prosser
Tish Owencroft
Ruth Chattell
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid
3 member of the public

Apologies: Rob Marks

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Councillors Marks was not able to attend the meeting and sent apologies

761 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 21st November were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

762 Police Update

PC Reid gave an update on the activity since the last Parish Council meeting which included the following six incidents: -

- 26/11 – A missing person was reported but found and all in order
- 12/12 – A dwelling burglary
- 12/12 – A non-dwelling burglary
- 14/12 – A damage road traffic incident on B3046 in Nutley
- 16/12 – A dwelling burglary
- 17/12 – A damage road traffic incident on B3046 in Nutley

There were also reports of door to door sales in Preston Candover.

In 2016 there were 14 crimes in Preston Candover, up from 11 in 2015, they were: -

- 2 dwelling burglaries
- 3 non-dwelling burglaries
- 1 assault at South Hall
- 3 incidents of theft (a horse head collar, money, and chimney pots)
- 1 public order offence (road rage incident)
- 4 incidents of criminal damage (crops by poachers)

Axford had 3 crimes in 2016, up from none in 2015, they were: -

- 2 non-dwelling burglaries (builder containers)
- 1 theft

Nutley had no reported crime in 2016, which was the same as in 2015, however there were 6 road traffic incidents with 3 resulting in injury and 2 damage.

763 Public Forum

Three members of the community joined the meeting to discuss the issue of speeding and road traffic incidents in the Parish. The Chairman asked Councillor Chattell to update the meeting on progress with the purchase of the Speed Indication devices (SID). Councillor Chattell and PC Reid had identified several locations for the SID, some of which had an existing road sign and 6 of which would require an additional pole to be erected. The members of the public agreed that the SID should be moved about to stop drivers becoming familiar with the warning and ignoring it. The Highways Department needed to sign off the use of the existing pole for mounting the SID if they would accommodate the SID at the required height.

Action: Clerk to ask SID manufacturer about the height required for the device and if it could point in both direction which would save poles on both sides of the road.

The sharp bend in Nutley was discussed as this has been the location of several incidents but is not within a reduced speed limit area so the SID would not be applicable. The new white posts by the gate to Nutley Manor have highlighted the bend in the road and it is believed has reduced the number of incidents and it was suggested that Slow Down/Dangerous bend signs could be placed on the verge. PC Reid explained that it would be the Highways Team who would be able to agree to this and that if residents wrote requested this be investigated that he would collate the incident data since 2004 when he moved to the area.

Action: PC Reid to collate data and pass to resident and Parish Council

Action: Residents and Parish Council to write to Mark Ruffell and Anna McNair Scott about road traffic issues in this area.

A Speed Watch Group was discussed regarding the hill in Axford on the B3046. An advert in the January Oxdrove had generated 9 interested parties which would be sufficient to set up the volunteers required. PC Reid suggested that the area suggested would not be suitable for Speed Watch as the piece of road did not have a safe location from which to carry out the exercise. The Speed Watch volunteers are covered by Hampshire Police insurance and so the locations would need to be agreed in advance.

Action: PC Reid to ask for the area to be assessed for suitability and for other locations in both Axford and Preston Candover to be suggested.

Action: Clerk to investigate funding guidance for the Speed Watch scheme as it was suggested that only the Parish Council could buy the equipment and training.

The number of large lorries were also discussed and the speed at which some used the road through the Candover Valley, it was agreed that the SID may slow some of these down.

764 Matter arising

Vacancy for Councillor – The advert in the Oxdrove did not raise any interest so it was agreed that a special meeting was to be put in for 16th February to send a letter to all residents asking for volunteers.

Action: Clerk to draft a letter to promote the vacancies

Lay-by project – this is connected to the SID project as the section 106 funds held by Hampshire Highways is being used to pay for both projects. Jenny Moon has not booked a date for a site visit to view the lay-by and school crossing despite regular emails from Councillor Chattell.

Action: Clerk and Councillor Chattell to write another email now that the SID project is ready for sign off.

765 Financial Update

The Clerk presented to the Councillors 5 payments which required signing off, it was: -

- £400.0 – grant to recreation ground
- £200.00 – grant to village hall
- £235.50 – PAYE (Sept – Dec)
- £354.30 – Clerk’s salary (Sept – Dec)
- £90.00 – leave collecting and general tidying

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

The precept application was signed off with an increase of 5% as agreed at the November meeting from £7,700 to £8,085.

766 Planning

There have been 3 planning applications since the last meeting they are: -

- Spring Cottage, Nutley – new roof – no objections
- Norton House, Nutley – extension and new garage – no objections
- Nutley Manor bungalow – relocate and rebuild – no objections

767 Children’s play areas

Councillor Owencroft confirmed that the gate at the Children’s Play Area has been fixed along with the other issues reported on the weekly risk assessment.

768 Recreation Ground

The skate ramp remains closed as the weather needs to improve before the fix to the hole can be completed.

768 War Memorial

The Vice Chairman is retiring from the Parish Council in February but has agreed to continue working on this project with the Parish Council’s consent. The Councillors all accepted his help gratefully.

769 Flooding

The new Lengths Man has started work on the issues raised to ensure that the valley is maintained as required.

770 General Correspondence

None

771 Any other business

The Vice Chairman informed the Parish Council that two Councillors are required to sit on the Allotment Charity Committee and when he retires one of the other Councillors will need to join Councillor Prosser. Both Councillors Owencroft and Chattell agreed to think about taking up the role.

Action: Nomination to made at next meeting

The Chairman suggested that although the field next to the Village Hall has reverted to the owner that the area along the fence line continue to be strimmed by the Parish Council. It was suggested that if the Parish Council organise for Jim Kimber to continue cutting the whole field that the owner may be prepared to pay for this.

Action: Vice Chairman to make suggestion to landowner.

772 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th March 2017, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.

An additional short meeting to be held on Thursday 16th February at 7pm to look at recruiting additional Councillors