

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 17th May 2021 **Time:** 8:00pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover

Present: Paul Sadler Chairman
Rebecca Kennelly
Tish Owencroft
Robin Human
Daphne Prosser
Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Ruth Chattell Vice Chair

1172 Public forum

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

1173 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from the Vice Chair.

1174 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1175 Report from Councillor Gaskell

Councillor Gaskell informed the Councillors that he had been elected as one of three Borough Councillors for the area along with Hannah Golding and Diane Taylor. As this covered 15 Parishes that he would take the lead for Preston Candover & Nutley Paris Council. A new County Councillor, Juliet Henderson, was also elected.

Councillor Gaskell explained that there were a few large-scale planning applications in process which were the main focus, these include:

- The new hospital – there are several options including a new hospital on the outskirts of Basingstoke and upgrading the existing facilities, a decision on this has been delayed until 2024.
- Merrydown application
- The distribution depots, this is 4 units to be used by Amazon. 97,000 people signed the petition to this application, and it has been taken to central Government for discussion.
- The new Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Provision has been approved in Basingstoke.
- Councillor Gaskell circulated the outcome of a High Court judgement in relation to unauthorised encampment injunction which applies only to 115 names individuals, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have said that this will mean they will need

to use alternative legislation to regain possession of the Council owned land which will take longer.

- Upper Swallick development.

The Councillors invited Councillor Gaskell to join the meetings on a regular basis to update the Parish Council on issues and to support with any issues in the Parish.

1176 Matters arising

New Notice Boards – Councillor Owencroft confirmed to the Council that the two new noticeboards were in place and that cork tiles have been installed to allow paperwork to be pinned up.



Youth Projects – the Vice Chair has created a list of possible projects for the money from the sale of the skate ramp and the remaining funds from the Youth Club account. The Chairman invited any other ideas for the money.

Action: Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting

Tree survey – the Clerk presented a quote for surveying the trees which belong to the Parish Council, these are at the Children’s play area on Stenbury Drive, at the War Memorial and in the area behind the bus shelter next to the Purefoy Arms. Arbor-call, who carried out the survey for the Allotment Charity, have quoted £780 plus VAT. The Councillors asked that the Clerk get two further quotes for the work and circulate to all.

Action: Clerk to circulate additional quotes

Damaged railing outside school – the Clerk updated the Councillors that this has been replaced having been reported to HC by Councillor Kennelly. Councillor Human raised concern about the lorries who deliver to the shop using the lane next to the school as a turning point.

Action: Clerk to speak to Shop committee to ask if drivers can be directed to the war memorial which they can use as a roundabout to turn around.

SID positions – the Chairman has changed the position of the Speed Indication Device on the post in Axford on the hill towards Nutley, which is working much better than the higher location. A resident had suggested that the Parish Council purchase an additional unit which has the smile/angry face. The Clerk resented the price to the Councillors of £2,900 plus VAT with an optional upgrade to lithium batteries which are lighter and last longer of £580 plus VAT. The Councillors agreed that if an additional unit were purchased that additional locations would need to be identified and approved by Hampshire Highways.

Action: Councillors to look at additional locations.

Councillor Owencroft asked if a location in Nutley could be identified as there are a number of driveways which were on bends and vehicles passed at speeds up to 60 mph (and in some cases in excess of 60 mph). It was suggested that the “beware of the deer” picture signs would

be suitable. The hill in Axford has loose material washed onto the road when it rains and so the "loose material" sign could be deployed in this location.

Action: Clerk to speak to Highways about additional signs

1177 Financial Statement

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

- Grass cutting (April & May) - £335
- Insurance - £649.38
- HALC Membership - £258.18
- Install costs of the posts at the War Memorial - £380.00
- Postcrete for posts at War Memorial - £258.66

The Chairman explained that 45 bags of Postcrete were delivered but the surplus has been returned, once this credit has been received then the balance will be paid.

These were all approved by the Councillors.

The Clerk confirmed that the first 50% of the precept had been received along with the grant for grass cutting which totalled £5,142.

1177 Rights of Way

Councillor Kennelly reported that she has walked all the rights of way recently and had asked for various signs to be repaired which had been completed. There is a sign missing from the walk which starts behind the shop in Preston Candover and finishes on the Dummer Road, it was agreed that there was no reason for there not to be a sign in this location.

Action: Councillor Kennelly to ask for the sign to be allocated.

1179 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date but asked that if any of the Councillors wanted any changes that these could easily be made.

1180 Lengthsman

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

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

Councillor Human has worked with the Lengthsman to ensure priority work is carried out. The Lengthsman also installed the posts at the War Memorial, when there is some dry weather then these need to be given an undercoat and painted white before the new hooks are installed and the chain replaced. Councillor Human has access to cleaning solutions which he has using to clean the chain ready for reinstating.

1181 Flooding

Councillor Human informed the Council that water levels are dropping in Preston Candover. The properties who needed to pump out basements and cellars have now all stopped. The work done to ensure the ditches were all fully cleared worked well and the Parish Council intend to diary this work each year.

1182 Planning

There have been four applications since the last meeting they were:

- The Croft (21/01000/HSE)
- Jasmine Cottage (21/00920/HSE)

- North Hall – tree work (T/00213/21)
- Chapel Copse (21/00697/HSE)

Councillor Owencroft had visited all the properties and reported back to Councillors that there were no issues with any of these, Councillors had no objections to any of these applications.

1183 Children’s Play Area

The Children’s play area is in good order, the carpenter who is going to look at the cross bar which needs a little work is due to attend.

Basingstoke and Deane wrote to the Parish Council on 26th March about charging for the inspection of the Play Area in the future. A cost of £208 plus VAT would be charged for the play area in Preston Candover and whilst the Councillor looked at getting a member of the community trained to do this, it was agreed that they would prefer that this was completed by an external provider. The Clerk therefore confirmed to Basingstoke & Deane that would continue to use their service.

1184 Highways

Councillor Prosser reported that potholes continued to be the main issue, Councillor Gaskell suggested that when reporting the holes on the Hampshire Highways site that a tennis ball be placed in the bottom of the hole to gauge size. It was also suggested that reporting hazardous potholes to the County Councillors was often effective.

Action: Councillor Prosser to ensure large potholes are report to Juliet Henderson as the County Councillor.

1185 General correspondence

Memorial Bench – the bench which was placed at the Recreation Ground in memorial of three boys who died about twenty years ago in separate incidents but where all friends and football players, was destroyed by vandals on 25th April. Councillor Prosser and the Clerk have spoken to two of the families who have asked that a replacement be purchased, and a location suggested. It was agreed that Dickers Field or the area inside the gate onto the field by the Village hall would be most suitable. The Clerk has spoken to a local supplier and circulated a photo of the type of bench which could be purchased. It was agreed that the Clerk would gain permission from the Village Hall Committee for placing it on their land and permission has already be gained for Dicker’s Field.

Action: Clerk to speak to Village Hall Committee

Action: Clerk to pass on details to families for final decision/approval.

The Parish Council agreed to contribute towards the replacement bench.

1186 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 19th July 2021 (7:30pm) – Councillor Kennelly sent her apologies.

Peter Elms has asked if he can attend the meeting on behalf of British Solar Renewables to speak about potential development of a solar park on land near Preston Farm.