

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 **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

#### 1140 Public forum

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

#### 1141 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillors Prosser.

#### 1141 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

**Action:** Clerk to produce minutes for Chairman's signature

#### 1142 Police Update

PC Reid was not able to attend the meeting, the Clerk agreed to include PC Reid's update in the covering email of the minutes if it arrived before these were distributed.

#### 1143 Matters arising

**Covid19 update** – There have been several cases in the Parish, most have had mild symptoms and have recovered. There have been some reports of residents being hospitalised but again they have recovered and are home again. The community network is working and where households are isolating support has been offered.

**Database of residents contact details** – The Clerk to produce a spreadsheet with all residents and their addresses from the electoral roll, this can then be updated with the contact details of those we already know and then The Parish Council can look at how to fill the gaps.

**New Notice Boards** – Councillor Owencroft is going to stain the new boards and the Chairman and Clerk intend to set the new posts in place on the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> February.

#### 1144 Financial Statement

There have been two payments agreed since the last meeting, they are:

- Two new noticeboards (Axford & Nutley) - £500.00
- Ditch and culvert clearing - £2,225.00.

Both these payments had been approved in principle at the last meeting, but invoices had not been received. The invoice for ditch and culvert clearing is to be reclaimed from the landowners with property along the river in Preston Candover where work was carried out. The Clerk reported that the final figures for cross charging were being confirmed with Jantiene.

**Action:** Clerk to ensure invoices are sent out as soon as possible.

The Councillors had agreed that the invoice for the work along the church's piece of the ditch was to be paid by the Parish Council as a grant.

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

- Street light electric (6 months) - £367.42
- Defib pads - £54.00
- Website annual domain rental - £100.66
- Bags for sandbags - £104.40
- Clerk's PAYE – £118.00
- Clerk's salary - £472.00

These were all approved by the Councillors.

The Clerk looked at ordering a set of child pads for the defib but they were £71 and so only order the adult size as these can be used for children if needed. Councillor Kennelly suggested that a fund raiser be sent round at the school to collect the funds and raise awareness of the unit, its location and how to use it. The Clerk explained that a training day was planned in Brown Candover once we are past the pandemic, where a local resident who is a paramedic will train anyone who attends how to use the units. The access code for the defib cabinet is included in the welcome pack and is for all residents, it cannot be put on the box as the unit would be stolen, but all residents should have a note of the number.

A grant application has been received from the 1<sup>st</sup> Candover Scouts for £300 to support payment of full fees to the Scout Association through the pandemic, as the Scouts are only paying 50% subs. The Councillors approved the application.

**Action:** Clerk to circulate a cheque for signing

#### **1145 Budgets for 2021/22**

The Councillors agreed to leave the precept at the same rate as 2020/21 but to publish a short piece in the Oxdrove explaining that the rate had been held for 2021/22 but would need to increase in 2022/23 to cover continued price increases.

**Action:** Clerk to circulate the precept form for signing by the Chairman and two Councillors.

**Action:** Chairman to write a short piece for the March Oxdrove

#### **1146 Flooding**

The update from the Environment Agency dated 15<sup>th</sup> January is as follows:

*A Groundwater Flood Alert is in force. Groundwater levels continue to rise steadily. Forecast rain over the next week may cause further small increases in water level. Over the next 7 days, a very small number of properties at the lower end of Preston Candover village may experience cellar flooding. In Old Alresford, septic tanks may struggle to operate effectively. It will take a significant volume of rain, before a larger number of properties are affected in the village.*

Councillor Human informed the Council that his automatic pumps had not been triggered by rising water levels.

#### **1147 Planning**

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

- Tree work at Rosemary Cottage, Preston Candover (t/00639/TCA) – no objections

- Always, Preston Candover – to erect a ground floor extension to replace two existing lean to extensions (20/03416/LBC & 20/03415/HSE) – no objections
- The Pump House, Preston Candover – Convert a conservatory onto an extension and replace the tile hanging on the rear (20/0345/HSE) – no objections
- Tree work at St Mary’s Church, Preston Candover (T/00025/21/TCA) – no objections

The Clerk had received an update about the proposed water pump line in the Valley, Southern Water have been asked to reassess the plans including looking at the option to use the Candover Brook as a course for the water.

**1148 Children’s Play Area**

The Chairman reported that the wooden crossbar on the rope climbing frame still needed replacement but that there were a couple of other items which needed cleaning and painting. Councillor Owencroft asked which piece it was that needed replacing and the Clerk agreed to take a photograph and send it across.

The Chairman has also taken the Freddie Osgood bench home to strip it and repaint it ready for summer.

Councillor Owencroft has covered the memorial bench at the Recreation Ground to protect it for winter.

**1149 Lengthsman**

Councillor Human informed the Councillors that the Lengthsman visited on 11<sup>th</sup> December and had cleared all the grips and litter picked through the village.

The next visit by the Lengthsman is due on 10<sup>th</sup> February, this will be the final visit of 2020/21. The posts at the war memorial need to be replaced and the Chairman has collected costs of the materials:

**Herriard Fencing**

- 1.5m x 100mm x 100mm - £11.71
- 1.8m x 100mm x 100mm - £14.04
- 2.1m x 100mm x 100mm - £16.37
- 2.4m x 100mm x 100mm - £18.70
- 2.7m x 100mm x 100mm - £20.99
- 3.0m x 100mm x 100mm - £24.59
- 3.6m x 100mm x 100mm - £28.00
- 2.1m x 125mm x 125mm - £26.99
- 2.7m x 150mm x 150mm - £49.99
- Postcete (20kg bag) - £6.62

**Coomers**

- 2.4m x 100mm x 100mm - £17.49
- 2.4m x 75mm x 75mm - £9.85

The Chairman knows a company who can chamfer the tops of the posts.

Councillor Human suggested a company he has worked with who will sell a post which will be easier to paint as he explained that most fence posts are impregnated with oil to help preserve them, but this meant they didn’t take paint well.

**Action:** Councillor Human to circulate costs to Council.

Councillor Human agreed to speak to the Lengthsman about the cost of installing the posts and if the last Lengthsman day can be used.

**Action:** Councillor Human to report back to Councillors.

**1150 Highways**

Councillor Owencroft reported that the potholes in Nutley have been filled.

**1151 Rights of Way**

Councillor Kennelly reported that she has walked all the rights of way and has reported 5 finger posts which have been damaged.

**1152 General correspondence**

**Upper Swallick development**

*The Upper Swallick proposal has not gone away although at the moment things are quieter, we are continuing to work behind the scenes with various consultants, for example looking at traffic issues. We are also looking at the landscape as a whole and rather than simply complaining about 2,500 houses we are also discussing with various experts and organisations the true value of the landscape and the fact that so many people have been using this area for walking and cycling over this past year.*

*Also the Petition online has more than 5,300 signatures online plus 200 from Ellisfield and 170 Cliddesdon as physical signatures taken in the summer. Petitions of more than 4,000 local signatories are allowed to be presented to the Full Council. So we are aiming to give it to The Mayor in time for the February meeting so that she can inform the Full Council that it will form part of the March Full Council meeting - currently scheduled for late March via ZOOM. We will have 5 minutes to 'present' our case and the Council will then debate it for a further 20 minutes - we are allowed to listen to the debate but not participate. The format and the detail of our presentation is currently being worked on.*

**Recreation Ground**

Councillor Human asked about the changing rooms at the Recreation Ground as they are in a very poor state of repair. The Chairman explained that the new leaseholder was planning to remove all the render and replace it but the Covid19 has meant that the team were not able to travel to the site. The Clerk explained that a grant of £50,000 had been allocated by Basingstoke & Deane to build a new change room but that the grant could not be approved because the Recreation Charity did not have a legal agreement from the owner to maintain the area. Now that there is a lease this could be investigated again.

**“Welcome Booklet”**

The Clerk circulated an update version of the welcome booklet to all Councillors and asked for feedback. It was agreed that it was a fabulous tool for new residents but that most of the text needed updating. There were also some omissions including the Fox at Ellisfield and the Jolly Farmer at Cliddesdon, the toddler group in Cliddesdon, etc.

It was agreed that the circulation would be for the villages of Nutley, Axford, Preston Candover, Chilton Candover and Brown Candover and would be given out with a bag of local produce from the Community Store to new residents.

**Action:** Councillors to amend paper version and send back to Clerk

The Clerk has also sent to Candover Parish Council Councillors for discussion at the Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January and will make all amendments before printing and circulating again.

**1153 Dates of next meeting**

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (7:30pm)

It was agreed that the Council would follow Government guidance about the safest format for the next meeting.