

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. **Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** The Village Hall, Preston Candover

**Present:** Paul Sadler Chairman  
Ruth Chattell Vice Chair  
Daphne Prosser  
Tish Owencroft  
Maria Jones  
PC Andy Reid  
Wendy Simson Clerk

**Apologies:** Rob Marks

#### 987 Apologies

Councillor Marks who was not able to attend the meeting and sent apologies.

#### 988 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January were then approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### 989 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been four incidents/events since his last report in January, they were:

- 01/02 - Damage road traffic accident in Axford due to snow
- 05/02 – A domestic related incident
- 02/03 – Gunshot heard in Axford, all ok was Gamekeepers
- 10/03 – Car keys and mobile phone left at Village Hall

There have been a number of crimes to date in 2019, these include:

- Criminal damage to crops
- A non-dwelling burglary
- Theft of a garden bench
- Theft of a peddle cycle
- Theft of a door handle at the Purfoy Arms
- A domestic assault
- A case of stalking/harassment
- Theft of scrap metal from a skip
- A dwelling burglary

The community have nominated PC Reid for a High Sheriff's Award which PC Reid is due to collect on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and a celebration is to be held to congratulate him on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## 990 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

**Posts at War Memorial** – It was agreed by the Councillors that this project to be held while more important issues are dealt with including the street light and slide at the Children’s Play Area.

**New Councillors** – The Chairman again asked for any possible residents to be identified to join the Parish Council as the meeting was only just quorate this evening with three Councillors not attending.

**Action:** All Councillors to look to speak to local residents about joining the Parish Council

**Street Light** – The street lights have all been replaced except for pole number 6 which is covered in ivy which meant that it could not be changed.

**Action:** Chairman agreed to clear ivy

## 991 Financial Update

The Clerk presented the finance report.

A new battery and pads had been ordered for the defib at the village hall, however when these were fitted it was discovered that the electric to the box was not working which meant the light and heater were not functioning. R.S Birch, an electrician, attended the site and fixed the issue. Their invoice for £363 was paid in the gap between the January meeting and this one. However, the VAT was not added to the invoice and so an additional invoice for £72.60 was forwarded, this was agreed by the Councillors.

The following invoices were also signed off:

- New Street light - £3,726.54
- Clerk’s salary (Jan – Mar) - £354.30
- PAYE (Jan – Mar) - £235.50

SSE had also sent an invoice for the maintenance contract at £198.49 for the 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 payments (total £1,190.94 annual payment). The Councillors agreed to not take on this contract at this time and to pay for replacement bulbs as they stopped working.

## 992 Rights of Way

Councillor Jones plans to walk all the rights of way during the summer to check they are all in good order.

The Vice Chair thought there was a file of information which Adam Alexander had held and that it would be worth trying to get this for Councillor Jones.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Adam to ask about this.

## 993 Website

The Chairman explained that the Facebook page has been set up but that he was yet to post any information on it at this time. It was agreed that the information about the Annual Parish Meeting could be put onto the site.

**Action:** Chairman to post letter about APM on Facebook page.

There has been no further progress with the new website, so the Councillors asked the Clerk to speak to Candovers Parish Council about their progress to date.

**Action:** Clerk to report back after Candovers next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### **994 Planning**

There had been five planning applications since the last meeting they were:

- The Close, erection of a new fence (no objections)
- 1 Forge Cottage, fell Yew Tree and grind out stump (objection)
- Lower farm, adjustment to East Elevation to replace window with door (no objection)
- Marjoram Cottage, extension to side and rear (no objection but as house has recently been extended it was felt that planning team would object)
- South Hall, Regularisation of alteration to doorway to bedroom 1 (no objection)

Councillor Owencroft has visited all sites and reported back to the Councillors her comments on each application.

#### **995 Children's play areas**

The steps on the slide at the Children's Play Area are still taped off and to date only one of the three quotes has been received:

- Lapsett - £4,305 + VAT

Following the meeting the two further quotes have been received and forwarded to all Councillors, they are:

- Richard Randall - £1,976.30 + VAT
- SJB Joinery - £1,340 (not VAT registered)

The Chairman has asked the Councillors to consider all three quotes and report back.

**Action:** [Councillors to decide on quote so order can be placed](#)

#### **996 Skate Ramp/Recreation Ground**

The Chairman has looked at the bolts on the skate ramp and it appears they are going to be easy to remove so the unit can be dismantled and taken for storage ready for sale. The Chairman plans to do this prior to the new financial year so the insurance for this can be taken off the Parish Council's annual cost.

**Action:** [Chairman to report back to Clerk once ramp has been removed](#)

There has been no response to the letter sent to Mr Mills about the recreation ground and as no authorisation has been given to maintain either the ground or the changing rooms no work can be carried out. The Councillors expressed their concern that the changing rooms would become more dilapidated and a potential issue with squatters.

#### **997 Highways**

Councillor Prosser informed that Councillors that the Highways Team had been out to mark the potholes but to date no work has been carried out to fill them.

#### **998 General Correspondence**

None

**999 Any other business**

Councillor Owencroft asked about a small grant to repair the notice board in the grave yard in Nutley. The Chairman asked about what the issue was and agreed to look at what was required with a view to doing the work on the understanding that the Parish Council would agree to pay for the materials required which was likely to be just a couple of bags of post create.

**Action:** Chairman to update Councillors on requirements

The Chairman informed the Councillors that Gillian Bradley had become the new representative for Age Concern in the area and would like to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, the Councillors agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to add to invite list

The letter inviting all the various groups to the Annual Parish Meeting has been update by the Vice Chair and it was agreed that they would send out as the Clerk is on holiday.

**Action:** Clerk to send invite list to Vice Chair

**Action:** Vice Chair to send out letter and forward on responses so an agenda can be created.

**Action:** Tish agreed to buy nibbles for meeting

**Action:** Clerk agreed to buy wine and soft drinks

Councillor Prosser asked about the hedge at the church which has been cut hard back to allow the core plants to grow through while removing the unwanted pieces. Once it has been established which plants are still alive then additional planting can be added. By carrying out this work it will ensure the hedge is a better home for wildlife.

**1000 Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019