

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 18th April 2016. **Time:** 7:30pm
Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

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

Apologies: Adam Alexander

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Councillor Alexander was not able to attend the meeting.

640 Minutes of previous meeting

The Vice Chairman asked for a minor amendment to be made to point 627 on TAG Farnborough, the Council agreed to the change. The minutes of the previous meeting on 21st March were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

641 Public Forum

Mr Adrian Emck, from Lasham Gliding Club attended the meeting to give the Parish Council an update on the situation with TAG Farnborough. Mr Emck had produced a map showing the flight paths into Farnborough, along with the proposed "Rovhl Pepis" route. This proposed route would mean flights over the Candover Valley at 3,500ft which would generate noise of 60-70 dB. The knock on effect of this will be to drive smaller aircraft down lower to the ground causing increased noise.

The Parish Council has not been consulted by the CAA and although the plans have been paused at the moment they can be started again at any time. If the plans are re-activated then Lasham Glider Club plan to go for a Judicial Review which will be expensive but will ensure a full consultation is completed. If the flight paths were granted then there may be an opportunity for Farnborough to look to become an overflow airport for London which would cause further increased traffic.

Councillor Marks asked why this was being done as there are a number of airports in the area including Southampton, Bournemouth and Blackbush. All these airports are underutilized and it makes little sense to add another airport. Adrian explained that TAG Farnborough was looking to take market share which would become more economic.

Mr Emck suggested that the Gliding Club could present at a community meeting to inform local people of these plans as there was so little information in the public domain.

Action: Councillors to agree at next meeting if a presentation was required.

642 Policing update

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been five incidents since the last Parish Council meeting in February, they were:-

- 23/3 – a false burglary alarm activation in Preston Candover
- 24/3 – a damage road traffic incident between a car and a HGV. The HGV did not stop until Basingstoke when the car driver managed to get him to stop.
- 28/3 – a tree across the B3046 in Preston Candover
- 29/3 - a false burglary alarm activation in Preston Candover
- 1/4- a damage road traffic incident between a car and a car.

There have been three crimes in Preston Candover & Nutley Parish in 2016, they were:-

- A non dwelling burglary to a metal container in Axford
- An assault at South Hall involving a trespasser in the grounds
- The pavilion at the Recreation Ground was broken into and damage caused.

The Chairman asked about the changes to rural policing, PC Reid explained that this was on hold until after the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for all the work he does in the community.

643 Matter arising

Vacancy for Councillor – Councillor Chattell updated the Council about the person she had approached who unfortunately was not interested.

Action: Councillors to look for someone to co-opt onto the Council

644 Financial Update

The Clerk presented to the Councillors 5 payments which required signing off, they were:-

- £413.37 – electricity for street lamps
- £187.00 – HALC affiliation fees
- £27.00 – HALC levy
- £900.41 – Insurance
- £24.75 – Vice Chairman expenses for war memorial grant application

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

The Clerk had raised a complaint with Lloyds bank over the two cheques returned to Mr Jim Kimber; the issue was that the last bank mandate had not been approved and actioned. This meant that Councillor Owencroft's signature had not been approved and as only a sample of cheques is looked at, this had not been identified until the two cheques had been looked at. Lloyds have compensated Mr Kimber the £15 which was charged to him for the return of the cheques and a new mandate has been prepared. Councillor Owencroft had completed the section of the mandate and the Vice Chair and Councillor Prosser signed the forms at the meeting.

Action: Clerk to send mandate recorded delivery to the customer service team at Lloyds

The Clerk explained that the accounts were ready for audit and time was booked with John Murray, the internal auditor, on 20th May and the paperwork was required to be with BDO by 20th June.

645 Flooding

The Vice Chairman updated the Council on the flooding in Axford where 3-4 homes were flooded in January/February. The flood water had come through from Ellisfield and so PC Reid, Councillor Marks and the Vice Chair had spent some time looking at the route the water had taken and what actions were required to prevent this in the future.

A meeting had been held in Hook with a team from HCC along with the Chairman of Ellisfield Parish Council and the Vice Chairman, at which plans for work to be carried out were agreed. The landowners will be required to take some action in particular to clear the flood pits in Ellisfield which have become silted up. The area in Preston Oakhill which Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council own will be included in the areas that require clearing.

Action: Vice Chair to speak to landowners about their responsibility

646 Rights of Way

No updates

647 Community Website

The Chairman informed the Council that David Wilson had uploaded the minutes onto the site but a member of the public said that some of the information was out of date.

Action: Clerk to ask Di Peisley, from Candovers Parish Council, to look at the site.

Councillor Marks agreed to spend some time looking at if a new site was required or if alteration to the existing one could be made.

648 Broadband

The cabinet in the middle of Preston Candover has been upgraded to high speed broadband and properties downstream of there can now access it. Cabinet 4 by Lord Sainsbury's has been made faster but has not got the high speed line. Both Councillor Marks and Chattell had experienced faster speed once on a site but both found getting onto a website was still slow.

649 Council Property

The properties in Moundsmere Close which were built on land for which the Parish Council owns the freehold under the Allotment Charity, are to be transferred from Hyde Housing to Sovereign. The Vice Chairman has received a number of complaints about the increases in rent and service charge, rents have increased by 31% and service charge has doubled, and this change of management has meant a rent decrease of 5% and service charges taken back to the original level.

The Allotment Charity will be required to authorise the transfer to Sovereign but the Vice Chairman is waiting for confirmation that they will pay all legal fees.

650 Planning

1 Lay Hay Cottage – The Councillors felt that the increase to the size of the property was excessive but agreed to leave the decision to B&D.

Little Axford Cottage – no objections

651 Children’s play areas

Councillor Owencroft reported that the bottom step on the slide was in very poor condition and so she had removed it. The Chairman agreed to support in finding someone to build a new step.

The gate hinge was also put on upside down and so it is difficult to get a gate stop which won’t pinch children’s fingers.

Once the weather dries out it is also planned for the fence to be painted.

A member of public explained that she had seen a couple of children enter the play area under the fence and that one could only just get through, this was a potential issue.

Action: Chairman and Councillor Owencroft to report at next meeting

652 Recreation Ground

The Chairman has spoken to B&D about funding to repair the damage done to the changing rooms, it appears that most grants are for larger values and so the Chairman plans to apply for money to rebuild the facility. Applications are required by 30th April, which the Chairman believes he can achieve.

An under 13’s side from Basingstoke has expressed an interest in using the ground as their pitch has been closed.

653 Highways

Councillor Prosser suggested that the request for photos of all the pot holes in the parish was a huge job and therefore intended to speak to the Highways Team about visiting to survey the area.

Action: Councillor Prosser to update the Council at the next meeting

654 War Memorial

The Vice Chairman has completed and submitted the application for funds for the repairs to the war memorial, it is hoped that feedback will be in June.

655 General Correspondence

The Clerk had been contacted by a member of the public who had visited to use one of the 7 scenic walks but had found the instructions confusing. Councillor Alexander has agreed to walk the route and make any amendments.

656 Any other business

Lay-by - The Vice Chairman raised the plans for the lay-by opposite the school and having spoken to the head teacher and a number of parents they would like a path installed along the front of the cars as a “virtual” footpath. Councillor Prosser explained that a path along the back would allow those with buggies or wheelchairs to travel away from the traffic.

A member of the public suggested that if kerb stones were placed along the back of the lay-by that an area could be created to walk but would not require as much work.

It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would create some drawings and Councillor Chattell would speak to the parents and teachers to get feedback.

Action: Councillor Chattell to report at next meeting

Telephone box – a number of members of the community had asked about who owns the telephone box outside the village hall as it was now very visible since the trees have been taken down and it is in very poor repair. The box is owned by the Village Hall and the Chairman agreed to take it up with the committee. A member of the public also asked about the box in Axford, the Clerk suggested that this was still a working unit and would therefore be owned by BT.

Action: Clerk to investigate and report at next meeting

657 Date of next meeting

The AGM will be held on Monday 16th May 2016, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.