PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 18th May 2020 Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Via skype

Present: Paul Sadler Chairman

Ruth Chattell Vice Chair

Rebecca Kennelly Robin Human

Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Daphne Prosser

Tish Owencroft

1082 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Rebecca who is looking to join the Parish Council. Rebecca had several questions about the scope of the role which were answered by the Chairman and Clerk.

1083 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Owencroft, she was unable to attend the meeting as the internet connection is being upgraded. Councillor Prosser had not been in contact with either the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

1084 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 9th March 2020. The Chairman will sign the minutes at the next face to face meeting.

1085 Flooding

The Chairman explained that Jantiene was planning to join the meeting to give an update on the plans to elevate flooding for the future but had been unable to attend. The Chairman informed the Councillors that a meeting with Hampshire County Council, The Environment Agency and local representatives had taken place to look at initial plans for Flood Prevention in the Candover Valley. Jantiene has agreed that once plans have more detail that they will be briefed to the Parish Councils involved for support and approval.

Action: Clerk to invite Jantiene to the next meeting for an update

1086 Police Update

PC Reid was not able to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

No incidents of note reported in Axford, Nutley or Preston Candover

Crime:

Criminal Damage - 6 reported breakdown is a roof, four x crops and a Larson trap

Non dwelling burglary - 3 reported two at Moundsmere and the Pavilion

Theft - Two calor gas bottles and two parcels from a doorstep

Assault no injury - One

Other crime - One firearms offences

PC Reid also reported that no reported problems with residents flouting the COVID19 regulations, I did have a couple that came to my attention but no further problems of late.

1087 Matters arising

Covid19 update – The Councillors reviewed any residents having issues during the Covid19 crisis, it appears that the small groups model is working well, and the community is looking after one another.

Action: Councillors to ensure any issues are raised with the Chairman so action can be taken quickly to support.

Annual Parish Meeting – the meeting has been postponed due to the Covid19 issues and a date of Wednesday 7th October was agreed to reschedule.

Action: Clerk to check availability of the Village Hall for this date

New Noticeboards for Nutley & Axford – The Councillors are looking to replace the noticeboards at Nutley & Axford as they are both in an extremely poor condition.





At the last meeting, the Chairman presented a price of £730 to replace each of the noticeboards and the Clerk was tasked to look at alternative quotes. The costs of metal noticeboards were £581 plus VAT for Nutley and £651 plus VAT for Axford, wooden version was twice this price. The Vice Chair suggested a website that the church use and agreed to pass this onto the Clerk. Councillor Human also had a contact who may be prepared to quote.

Action: Additional quotes to be discussed at the next meeting.

1088 Financial Statement

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the first 50% of the precept had been received along with the grant for grass cutting, three payments to be made, they were:

- Grass cutting (March & April) £228.00
- Insurance £631.92
- Hampshire Association of Local Council subscription £254.25

These payments were signed off, the Clerk will circulate the chequebook for signatures.

The internal audit will now be completed remotely with Clerk taking the required paperwork to the auditor on 28th May and leaving it for scrutiny, with any questions dealt with on phone and email.

Action: Clerk to report back on the outcome of the audit at the next meeting

The Chairman asked about the section 106 funding due for the new property in Nutley, a total of £1,440 for "for Replacement/Refurbishment of Community Facilities". Attached is the flow chart which shows how funds are claimed.

1089 Planning

There have been no planning applications since the last meeting.

1090 Children's Play Area

The Chairman updated the Councillors that the Children's Play Area remains closed and is likely to stay shut for some time. The remaining work on painting of the slide steps and cleaning and repairing the picnic bench can be done during this time.

Action: Chairman to update Councillors on work completed at next meeting.

1091 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman visited on 14th April and carried out litter picking through Preston Candover, Axford & Nutley, along with tiding up the layby opposite the school.

The next visit is due 1st July so any issues to be reported to Councillor Human.

A large branch has fallen into the ditch between the Church and Old Timbers which needs to be removed as it will cause a blockage.

1092 Highways

The potholes reported by the Vice Chair have been repaired, however there are still some which need attention. The Chairman agreed to photograph and report when he had time but asked if anyone else could do any they found.

1093 General correspondence

None

1094 Any other business

Rights of Way

The Councillors discussed the Rights of Way which were being looked after by Maria, but she has now left the Council. Rebecca agreed to take on this role for the future. There have been noted several issues along the Rights of Way which need to be reported and sorted out. Councillors to discuss further at next meeting.

Activity during Lockdown

The Vice Chair suggested that the Parish should look to organise an event that residents can take part in from home and mentioned the scarecrow competition which Four Marks have recently done. Each home produces a Scarecrow and puts it in the front garden and there are categories for which they are judged. It was agreed this was a good idea and further investigation to be made.

Action: Vice Chair to bring to next meeting

1095 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 20th July 2020 (7:30pm)
- Monday 21st September 2020 (7:30pm)
- Monday 16th November 2020 (7:30pm)