

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 19th May 2014.

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present: Keith Irons Chairman
Charles Bradshaw Vice-Chairman
Alex Taylor
Marion Philips
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Andy Reid
1 member of the public

Apologies: Daphne Prosser
Rob Marks
David Wilson

278 Apologies

The Clerk passed on apologies from Councillor Prosser, Councillor Marks and Councillor Wilson who were all not able to attend the meeting.

279 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, and were signed by the Chairman.

280 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been no incidents or crimes in the Parish since the last meeting.

The Chairman asked about the cycle race/time trials which were planned to happen the villages with approximately 150 cycles riding through the local area. PC Reid confirmed that this request would have gone to the Safety Advisory Group at Basingstoke & Deane and if road closures were required that the police would then be involved, however this had not been the case.

281 Matters arising

Letter about development plans for TAG Farnborough – The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for composing and sent the letter on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Taylor explained that he had been informed that East Hampshire Borough Council had put in a complaint which it was hoped would mean the plans would not be passed.

Defibrillator – The Clerk presented some information about this national campaign to get these life saving pieces of equipment into rural communities. The Parish Council agreed that they would contribute £500 from the general grant funds in the 2014/15 budget. The remaining £500 had been promised to the Village Hall Committee to install shutters at the

kitchen hatches to reduce the noise between the two halls. The Parish Council agreed that there would be no grant given to the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts in the 2014/15 budget.

Insurance for War Memorial – The Chairman did not believe that the highways department would be able to claim for the flooding which was damaging the stone plinth that the war memorial was sitting on. It was agreed that the memorial needed taking off its Portland Stone base and a new granite base constructed which would not be porous but this would be very expensive and the Council did not have access to sufficient funds at this time.

Survey on Website – the Chairman confirmed that he would put the survey onto the website.

Repair work at children’s play area and recreation ground – Councillor Taylor had not been able to carry out the cleaning work planned for the children’s play area as the weather hadn’t been dry enough when he had been available. He had asked a local contractor to quote for getting the fence posts replaced and hoped to bring this to the next meeting.

The changing rooms at the recreation ground need about £5,000 to get them back to a useable state. The Chairman had sorted out the accounts for the last 10 years so these could be presented to the charity commission. Once these had been passed then a new committee needed to be set up as most of the existing names committee members are no longer involved. Once this had been sorted out then funds could be accessed via grants, lottery funds and other sponsorship and the facilities improved.

282 **Financial statement**

The Clerk talked through the payment pending, which were:-

- £95.00 – internal auditors fee
- £120.00 - grass cutting a Village Hall (March 2014)
- £881.96 – Insurance policy
- £138 00 – grass cutting at Village Hall (April 2014)
- £80.00 – grass cutting at war memorial
- £18.00 – lease on field next to Village Hall (Oct 2013 to April 2015 at £12 per year)

The Clerk explained that Came & Co, the insurance company, was offering a reduction to £837.86 if the Council signed up to a three year agreement. The Council agreed this would be a good investment.

The Vice Chairman asked if the field by the Village Hall had been added to the insurance policy since the Parish Council took on responsibility for it. The Clerk explained that it hadn’t but would ask if any additional cover was required as public liability was already within the policy.

Action: Clerk to ask Came & Co about insurance on the field next to the Village Hall.

283 **Planning Applications**

The Council discussed the application for the owners of Malmsmead to carry out some tree work. This work includes:-

- Felling 1 Leylandii
- Felling 1 diseased apple tree
- Felling 2 ash trees
- Reducing the crown of 1 yew tree

- Cutting back branches by 6' on 1 ash tree

The Council raised no objection to the work.

284 Council Property

No further information

285 Section 106 funds

The Council discussed the project at the Wield Road junction and it was agreed that the solutions that Basingstoke & Deane had put forward were not appropriate. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would ask at a meeting on 28th May with Basingstoke & Deane if the highways funds could be spent on the flooding. If the funds could not be used for this issue then it was agreed that the speed indication device would be purchased as this would have a greater impact on reducing speed in the valley than the change of road surface at the Wield Road junction.

Action: Vice Chairman to report back about use of funds

286 Flooding

No further information.

287 Valley & Council Website

No further information.

288 Play areas

Councillor Taylor said that the inspection report was still showing all risks as low except the skate ramp. Councillor Taylor was looking to meet with Bernard Crisp, the inspector from Basingstoke & Deane to confirm the planned action would be satisfactory.

Action: Councillor Taylor to bring update to next meeting

289 Highways

No further information.

290 Rights of Way

Councillor Philips has organised the 3 remaining walks that Freddie Osgood wrote up for 2014, the first of these is taking place on Saturday 24th May.

Councillor Philips is also looking into a grant to get the walks made into a leaflet which could be made available at the shop and pub.

291 Shop Update

No further information.

292 General Correspondence

The Clerk had not had any other correspondence through which related to the Council.

293 Any other business

The Chairman mentioned the speed limit being put into place between Axford and Preston Candover at 40mph. An additional warning light had been installed for the school.

294 Date of next meeting

Monday 16th June 2014, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.