

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 19th November 2018. **Time:** 7:30pm

Venue: The Vicarage, Preston Candover

Present: Paul Sadler Chairman
Ruth Chattell Vice Chair
Daphne Prosser
PC Andy Reid
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologies: Rob Marks
Tish Owencroft

958 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Maria to the meeting, Maria is thinking about becoming a Councillor.

959 **Apologies**

Councillors Marks and Owencroft were not able to attend the meeting and sent apologies.

960 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 17th September were then approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

961 **Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Posts at War Memorial – The Chairman had been quoted £1,000+ to replace all the posts around the War Memorial plus fitting. It was agreed that a quote for 10 posts which would replace the ones at the 3 corners of the area would mean the rotten ones were removed and replaced.

Action: Chairman to bring quote to next meeting for inclusion in budgets for 2019/20

New Councillors – The Chairman informed the Councillors that Ian Simpson had resigned his role as Councillor after the last meeting due to work commitments This meant there were now three vacancies to fill.

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

Recreation Ground – The Chairman updated the Councillors on the situation with the Recreation Ground and that email contact had been made with Oliver Mills, the owner of the land. Mr Mills had asked the Parish Council to send through a draft agreement to allow a Recreation Ground Committee to continue to maintain the area. It was agreed that a Committee was required to write an agreement and that until an agreement was in place that a Recreation Ground Committee could not be formed. It was therefore suggested that Mr Mills be emailed to explore the option of putting him in touch with a local contractor who could cut the grass and keep an eye on the general upkeep of the area. It is noted that liability

insurance drops to £210 for the field without amenities. This to be communicated to Mr Mills. Parish council to draft a letter to outline costs, some significantly reduced if building removed and needs of maintenance and security to Mr Mills in first instance. It was agreed that as the land and the changing rooms belong to Mr Mills that he be asked what he would like to do the changing rooms as they are currently in a very poor state of disrepair. The Parish Council discussed taking down the changing rooms and creating a decking area for seats which could perhaps have a plaque describing who had donated the land to the community.

Action: Chairman to draft email and circulate to Councillors for agreement.

Action: Clerk to chase up quote for grass cutting from Jim Kimber to pass onto Mr Mills

The Councillors also discussed the skate ramp which is situated on the Recreation Ground. It has been agreed that the ramp be taken down and sold and it can be stored locally while a buyer is found. The bolts holding the ramp together are likely to be tricky to remove so it was agreed that the ramp be taped off, so it isn't used as the surface is badly damaged.

Action: Clerk to produce laminated signs to stop people from using the ramp

Action: Chairman to tape off the ramp

962 Police Update

PC Reid explained that there had been several incidents since his last report in September, they were:

- 7/10 – An injury road traffic accident on B3046 in Nutley
- 10/10 – Suspicious men working for local elderly resident
- 14/10 – A damage road traffic accident on Dummer Road, Axford
- 21/10 – An alarm activation in Preston Candover
- 30/10 – A damage road traffic incident in Preston Candover between a mini bus and a car
- 3/11 – The fire work display went off without incident
- 5/11 – A suspicious vehicle seen at the new build in Nutley
- 11/11 – A damage road traffic accident on B3046 in Nutley

There have been nine crimes in Preston Candover to date in 2018, 3 non-dwelling burglary's, 2 assaults, 2 damage to vehicle, a criminal damage incident and a public order issue. There have been no incidents in Axford and a non-dwelling burglary in Nutley. In 2017 there were 19 crimes in Preston Candover, 1 in Nutley and 2 in Axford.

PC Reid held a Crime Prevention Evening at Preston Candover Village Hall on 14th November which was well attended. The Parish Council had provided tea and coffee for the evening and the Village Hall had provided the hall free of charge for which PC Reid thanked both parties. The Chairman thanked PC Reid for his support in keeping the village safe.

963 Financial Update

The Clerk presented the finance report.

There were two payments to be signed off at the meeting they were:

- Grass cutting (September & October) - £456.00
- New fence at Children's Play Area - £3,190.93

The Clerk explained that a small amount of interest had been received bring the total interest to £2.80 for the year to date. A VAT claim would be made in February which would include

the VAT on the fencing and was estimated to be approximately £700. Expenditure had been higher than planned due to an increase on the value of grants given and the fencing which would mean the Parish Council would be about £3,000 up on planned spending and the closing balance would be close to £8,000. The guidelines are that a Parish Council should hold reserves of about 1 year's precept which the Parish Council are in-line with.

The Vice Chair asked if the payment for the fence should be held until the issue with the bolts has been fixed which were picked up by the Basingstoke & Deane inspection. It was agreed that payment be made but that Metafence be asked to visit and correct the bolts.

Action: Vice Chair to speak to Metafence

964 Rights of Way

Councillor Simpson was due to attend a meeting on Rights of Way on 13th October but was not able to attend.

965 Website

The Chairman has explored the option to create a new website for the Parish Council only which would look similar to the one set up by Cliddesdon Parish Council. This would allow the minutes of the meetings, finance statements, budgets and policies to be stored along with some general information about the work carried out by the Parish Council.

Action: Chairman the speak to Candovers Parish Council about moving away from Candover Valley website

Action: Chairman to look at costs to bring to the next Parish Council meeting to be included in budgets for 2019/20

966 Planning

- **Yeomans, Preston Candover (roof alterations)** – no objections
- **Meadow Cottage, Preston Candover (reapplication for expired approval for rebuild)** – no objections
- **Laurel Cottage, Preston Candover (side extension and changes to window)** – no objections
- **Tree Preservation Order for Yew Tree at Forge Cottage**

967 Children's play areas

The steps on the slide at the Children's Play Area are rotten and require replacement. It was agreed that these would be taped off and a quote got from Lapsett to replace them.

Action: Clerk to contact Lapsett about quote

968 Highways

Councillor Prosser informed that Councillors that she had passed the issues along the Dummer Road, Axford and around the War Memorial in Preston Candover to Councillor Anna McNair-Scott as she was not getting any response from the Highways Team.

Action: Councillor Prosser to report at next meeting

969 General Correspondence

The Clerk had been asked by Councillor Owencroft to raise a possible grant request for the small churchyard in Nutley where work is needed on the signage.

Action: Councillor Owencroft to bring information to next meeting to include in budgets

970 Any other business

There are a number of street lamps which require new bulbs, the Clerk has spoken to SS on 5th November about coming out to survey all the street lamps and replace the bulbs as needed. SSE are currently waiting for a delivery of the bulbs and once this has arrived, they will visit.

Action: Clerk to chase SSE

The Chairman asked Maria if she was still interested in joining the Parish Council, which Maria confirmed she was. Maria did explain that as she is sometimes on call that she may not be able to attend all meetings but would hope to be able to get to most. The Vice Chair proposed Maria as a new Councillor and the Chairman seconded the proposal.

Action: Clerk to let Basingstoke & Deane know about the appointment of Maria to the Parish Council

Maria expressed an interest in taking on the Right of Way as her area of specialism, it was agreed that the paperwork held by Ian Simpson be retrieved and passed onto Maria for her to read through before the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to speak to Ian about paperwork

971 Date of next meeting

Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 21st January 2019