

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 21st March 2016.

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

Present:

Alex Taylor	Chairman
Charles Bradshaw	Vice-Chairman
Tish Owencroft	
Ruth Chattell	
Adam Alexander	
Daphne Prosser	
Wendy Simson	Clerk
PC Reid	
Richard Walker	Chairman, Community Store
Lucy Muncey	Community Store Committee
Anna McNair Scott	County Councillor

Apologies: Rob Marks

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

621 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 15th February were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

622 Community Store Update

Richard and Lucy attended the meeting to give an update since the Parish Meeting held on 23rd January at which the community had the opportunity to ask questions about the plans for the new Community Store to various groups. At the Parish Meeting the Community Store Committee and the Village Hall Committee agreed to form a working party to investigate the viability of an extension to the village hall to house the new store as opposed to a separate building. The groups met on the 19th January and 8th February and the project was progressing but since then there has been no action achieved. Councillor Alexander explained that this was his fault as he had been busy with other activities but had written to the Community Store Group earlier in the day to confirm that the working party would be set up.

The Community Store Group had agreed to take the lead on the project as they had 2 years of knowledge and understanding of what was required and the Village Hall Committee had agreed to this.

At the next Village Hall meeting on 7th April, the agreement of terms would be agreed and signed to formalise the agreed way forward. The plans would then be finalised ready to go for planning permission.

The Chairman asked that the Parish Council be given an update when key milestones were achieved and Richard agreed that he would ensure this happened.

623 Matter arising

Vacancy for Councillor – the vacant position has been advertised by Basingstoke and Deane along with being on each of the 3 notice boards, the Clerk explained that as nobody had come forward the Parish Council were able to co-opt someone into the role. Councillor Chattell suggested that she had two people who may be interested and the Chairman requested that she speak to both and report at next meeting.

Action: Councillor Chattell to report on possible new Councillors

624 Financial Update

The Clerk presented to the Councillors 3 payments which required signing off, they were:-

- £235.60 – PAYE (Jan - Mar)
- £354.30 – Clerk's salary (Jan - Mar)
- £120.00 – meeting hire (Nov + Jan – Mar + Parish Meeting)

These were agreed and the cheques signed.

Two cheques which were signed off at the February meeting had been returned, the Clerk had not had an opportunity to investigate why but it was believed that the bank mandate had not been auctioned by the bank. A new cheque for £225 was signed to replace the two cheques for £108 (cheque no 884) and £117 (cheque no 885), with Councillor Prosser and the Vice Chairman signing as they have been approved signatories for some years.

Councillor Owencroft presented the invoice for the additional piece of play equipment at £4,380 which was also agreed and a cheque signed.

The Clerk explained that a VAT refund had been claimed for £1,238.77 which did not include the £730 VAT on the play equipment.

Action: Clerk to raise a second VAT claim

625 Flooding

The Vice Chairman informed the Council that he was still chasing Simon Cramp, Environmental Initiatives Manager at Hampshire County Council for a meeting to update the plan for flood prevention in the Candover Valley. The money required for the projects appears to be available but the plans need to be progressed.

Axford had been hit by 3 instances of flash flooding caused by huge amounts of rain in a short period of time flowing from Ellisfield, along Berrydown Lane and flooding properties in the junction of the B3046. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr & Mrs Tiller at Appletree Cottage, Axford who were asking what the Parish Council were and could do to ensure that this did not continue to happen. PC Reid had joined the meeting and the Vice Chairman asked about what had occurred, it was not possible to redirect the flood water away from all the homes in the area but PC Reid had worked through the night along with other emergency services to try to minimise the damage. Councillor McNair Scott had attended the meeting in order to support with this issue and had also attended the Ellisfield Parish Council meeting on 29th February. The Vice Chairman suggested that Simon Cramp needed to be engaged in a meeting with the Ellisfield Parish Council and the local landowners to ensure that work was done to try to redirect the water flow off the fields and away from the road and homes.

Action: Vice Chairman to set up a meeting with PC Reid to discuss the issues

Action: Vice Chairman to contact Simon Cramp to schedule an update meeting on the Candover Valley Plans and to create a plan for the Ellisfield and Axford area

Action: Vice Chairman to write back to Mr & Mrs Tiller and keep them informed of actions

626 Police Update

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

- 29/2 – a dead pony was found on the Moundsmere Track
- 2/3 – a tree came down across Church Lane in Preston Candover
- 12/3 – a damage road traffic accident on B3046 in Nutley
- 14/3 – a damage road traffic accident on B3046 and Bradley Road junction, the driver had a positive breath test and was prosecuted.

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 thanked PC Reid for all the work he does in the community particularly in times of crisis such as the flooding.

627 TAG Farnborough

The Vice Chairman gave a short update for the visitors to the meeting, explaining that Farnborough airport had been purchased from the MOD around 7 years ago by a middle-eastern company, called TAG Farnborough. They have already received planning permission to increase the capacity of private jets flying in and out of the airport from 20,000 movements a year to 50,000. The press reports rumours that TAG's ultimate long term aim is to expand the facilities at the airport to take wide bodied passenger jets and make it into another London reliever airport like Stanstead. TAG has made a formal application to the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) to vastly increase the amount of airspace it can use (mainly over a corridor that includes the Candovers, and over Lasham/Ropley/Alresford and further south towards Southampton). The question is why? If given the go-ahead, the Candovers could be faced with noise and environmental pollution. Lasham Gliding Club's air operations would be particularly badly affected and even shut down because of the dangers of mid air collisions. The Vice Chairman has been working with other interested parties to lobby the CAA about the impact of these plans. There was no further news to report at the meeting.

628 Rights of Way

Councillor Alexander reported that the missing sign at Bridleway 10 had still not been replaced and that two further signs also needed repair. Councillor McNair Scott noted down the locations and agreed to chase these up with the officers.

There has been an application to change the access rights on a Bridleway that runs from Dummer through to Axford and make it a restricted Byway. This would mean that horse drawn carriages would be able to use the route; however there were concerns that it may be stepping step to allowing motorised vehicles to use the track. Councillor McNair Scott agreed to look into this and keep the Parish Council informed.

629 Community Website

Councillor Marks was not at the meeting for an update.

The Chairman had got the minutes updated on the sight, along with contact details for the current Councillors.

630 Council Property

Nothing to report

631 Planning

No planning applications have been received

632 Children's play areas

Councillor Owencroft reported that the play area was up in good shape. When the weather improves there are plans to paint the fence and give the play equipment a clean.

633 Recreation Ground

As reported by PC Reid the changing rooms at the recreation ground have been broken into and the sinks and toilets broken as an act of vandalism. Ken Green has been made aware of the situation and a claim will need to be made in the insurance.

The Vice Chairman is still looking for a copy of the accounts for 2013/14 from which this year's accounts can be built but they have not been included in the paperwork pass onto the Chairman.

634 Highways

Councillor Prosser again reported that none of the pot holes in the villages have been filled. Councillor McNair Scott asked if she could be given a map showing all the worst holes that she could then get the Highways Team out to work on.

Action: Councillors Prosser and Alexander to produce a map and photos

635 War Memorial

The Vice Chairman is completing the application for funds for the repairs to the war memorial and this will be submitted by end of March. The application required photographs of the dedication ceremony which the library has been able to find.

636 General Correspondence

The road between Dummer and Axford (Farleigh Lane) is to be closed on 4th April between 9:30am and 4:30pm to replace a telegraph pole.

637 Any other business

The Councillor discussed the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations; a big lunch is planned for Sunday 12th June prior to the fete in addition to a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's.

638 Date of next meeting

Monday 18th April 2016, at Preston Candover Village Hall at 7:30pm.