

## PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Date:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018. **Time:** 8:00pm

**Venue:** Preston Candover Village Hall

**Present:** Paul Sadler Chairman  
Ruth Chattell Vice Chair  
Daphne Prosser  
Tish Owencroft  
Ian Simpson  
PC Andy Reid  
Wendy Simson Clerk

**Apologies:** Rob Marks

#### 931 Apologies

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

#### 932 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May were then approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### 933 Police Update

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

- 26/5 – A sudden death of a local resident
- 25/6 – A burglar alarm activation at Berrydown
- 25/6 – A damage road traffic accident at Floodmore Farm
- 28/6 – Door to door sales people in villages, one of which was very rude to a resident
- 3/7 – A burglar alarm activation in Church Lane, Preston Candover

There have been five crimes in Preston Candover to date in 2018, 2 non-dwelling burglary's, 2 criminal damage incidents and a public order issue.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid for his support in keeping the village safe.

#### 934 Matter arising

**Grant Application Form** – The Chairman has amended the form and will bring to the next meeting for approval.

**Posts for War Memorial** – The Chairman asked the Councillors if they wanted the posts to be:

- Wooden or metal – Councillors agreed on wooden
- Painted or stained – Councillors agreed on painted
- Cemented in or just in the ground – Councillors agreed set in concrete
- With or without chain – Councillors agreed on keeping the chain

Councillor Prosser asked if a reflector could be put on the post at the bottom of Wield Road and it was agreed that the three points round the green should all be fitted with reflectors.

[Action: Chairman to price up and bring costs to the next meeting](#)

Councillor vacancies – Chairman has agreed to put the two vacancies on the Facebook page for the local community. Councillor Simpson suggested that there may be other residents at Moundsmere Close who may be interested in joining.

[Action: All to ensure they ask all members of the community about joining.](#)

### **935 Financial Update**

The Clerk presented the finance report.

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

- Grass cutting (May) - £342.00
- Grass cutting (June) - £288.00
- Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting - £20.00
- Clerk's salary (April to June) - £354.30
- PAYE (April to June) - £235.50

The Clerk informed the Councillors that a grant application had been received from the Scouts. They had originally decided that they had sufficient funds but are required to complete a survey for the Scouting Association at an estimated cost of £1,500 so will require funds. The Councillors approved this payment.

### **936 Rights of Way**

Councillor Simpson informed the Councillors that there is nothing further to report.

### **937 Website**

Nothing to report

### **938 Planning**

**Sage Cottage (18/01498/HSE)** – erection of a rear conservatory – No objections

**Jasmine Cottage (18/01895/LBC)** – internal alterations – no objections

### **939 Children's play areas**

Councillor Owencroft reported that the playground was in good order. Councillor Simpson has placed some cable ties along the top of the swings to stop the birds from sitting up there and making a mess.

### **940 Recreation Ground**

Councillor Prosser brought information to the Councillors about the current situation with the Recreation Ground on Wield Road. The land was left to the community by the Mills family in 1870 for recreation and exercise. In 1970 the land was registered as a Village Green

under the Commons Registration Act 1965. The land is currently used by two football teams during the winter and the grass is cut accordingly. A grant was accessed in 2016 to rebuild the changing room facilities as these have deteriorated following vandalism in 2015. The grant could not be accessed due to the status of the land being in question and the Recreation Committee not being able to get permissions from the owners.

All three Trustees of the Charity have recently resigned their posts and the charities financial report has not been posted for year ending 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Councillor Prosser asked that the Parish Council look to take on running the Charity to allow the football to continue in 2018/19 and therefore provide an income. The costs for the upkeep of the ground are:

- Buildings Insurance - ?
- Water & electricity for the changing rooms - £200
- Grass cutting (7-9 cuts per year)- £600

The football teams pay £35 for seniors matches and £20 for juniors.

The Councillors discussed the issues and agreed that as the status of the land is in question and that under the terms of the Commons Registration Act that the Association has no right to do anything on the land, nor does any other body except the owners who are legally obligated under the 1870 Act of preserving the surface in good condition. It was therefore agreed that a copy of a letter that the Recreation Association received from the owner's solicitor in 2015 be requested along with any other correspondence.

[Action: Clerk to request letter and pass onto all Councillors.](#)

**941 Highways**

No further information currently.

**942 General Correspondence**

None

**943 Any other business**

The Vice Chair asked if feedback could be collected from those association who received grants about what the money has been spent on.

- Councillor Owencroft to ask for the Village Hall feedback
- Vice Chair to ask for Church feedback
- Clerk to ask for Scouts feedback

Councillor Prosser asked if any planning applications had been approved for South Hall as a huge amount of rubble has been removed from the property.

[Following the meeting:](#)

The Clerk investigated this property and an application for Demolition of existing Groundsman's Bungalow and realignment of main drive to South Hall. Reorientation of existing swimming pool. Demolition of associated pool house, store and pump room and removal and relocation of existing tennis court. Incorporating the re-alignment of the residential curtilage. This was granted on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**944 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September

