

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 29th September 2020

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Via skype

Present: Paul Sadler Chairman
Ruth Chattell Vice Chair
Rebecca Kennelly
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Daphne Prosser
Tish Owencroft
Robin Human

1111 Public forum

Upper Swallick Garden Town - There had been one resident who contacted the Parish Council wishing to object the planning application at Cliddesdon. The Councillors agreed that a full consultation with the community was needed to ensure that the feedback given to Basingstoke and Deane was representative of the views of the residents.

It was agreed that an A5 leaflet be produced for each household to get responses on 5 questions. This feedback would be collected either on-line via survey monkey or by telephone with the Clerk being the contact for residents to call.

It was agreed that the postman be employed to deliver the cards to each property to ensure that all homes received one.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to draft wording of the card and circulate to all Councillors for approval

Councillor Kennelly suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to start building a database of email addresses to allow quick communication with residents when the need arose.

Action: Councillor Kennelly to speak to Chairman of Candovers Parish Council about how their database was collected.

1112 Apologies for absence

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Prosser, Owencroft and Councillor Human.

1113 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020. The Clerk had provided a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign.

1114 Police Update

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

- Burglary dwelling reported in Dummer Road, Axford over a ten-day period
- Criminal damage to crops at Moundsmere Estate
- A malicious communications (letter) sent to a resident in Nutley

- Drink bottle thrown from a car which just missed the head of a cyclist in Dummer Road, Axford
- Damage road traffic accident B3046 at Axford – single vehicle involved driver arrested for drink drive
- Suspicious vehicle seen in Wield Road, Preston Candover – suspected poaching.
- A report of a breach of COVID regulations

The Chairman passed on thanks to PC Reid for all his work in the community to protect.

1115 Matters arising

Covid19 update – Years 4, 5 & 6 from Preston Candover School have been sent home due to their teacher being tested positive for Covid19. It is believed that the incubation period has now passed and none of the children have shown any symptoms.

The Community Store has started to stock up with essential items such as toilet rolls in case there is another lockdown situation. It was agreed that at this time there was not a need to activate the pods where one person in each group of properties ensured that everyone was safe and had any support provided.

Action: Councillors to ensure that if a lockdown is implemented that support networks are reinstated.

Lettering on new Noticeboards for Nutley & Axford – Councillor Owencroft had informed the Chairman that the contractor making the notice boards is progressing well with them. There had been a shortage in the Perspex for the front, due to it being used for screens in retail and office environments, but he had now sourced what was required.

The lettering for the boards was still to be confirmed but it was agreed that the new boards could be installed without the lettering and this added later.

1116 Financial Statement

There were several payments to be made at the meeting these were:

- Grass cutting (July & August) - £418.00
- Data Protection - £40.00
- Clerk's salary (July to Sept) - £471.60
- PAYE (July to Sept) - £117.90

These were all approved by the Councillors.

The Council received the remaining 50% of the precept, £4,891.00.

The £1,440 of section 106 funds for the development of the property at the old water tower sight in Nutley is still available to be spent.

1117 Flooding

Jantiene sent her apologies to the meeting.

The Clerk had spoken to Jantiene last week and an update from the meetings with Hampshire County Council, The Environment Agency and Hampshire Highways will be forwarded to all Councillors later this week.

A first draft of a letter to all those residents who have riparian responsibilities to explain that they have a legal responsibility to ensure the flow is not blocked, was discussed. It was agreed that a date be included by which the landowner was required to respond to say if they planned to clear the ditches themselves or ask the contractor recruited by the Flood Action Group to do this work. The costs involved would be met by the landowner, but grants may be available to community facilities such as the Church.

The Flood Action Group have also purchased bags which can be filled with sand if there is flooding in the villages. These are biodegradable so cannot be filled until they are required but

it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a cubic yard of sand and store it ready to fill the bags if needed.

Action: Chairman to speak to Preston Farms about storing sand.

1118 Planning

There have been five applications since the last meeting they are:

- Tree work at Beech Cottage - no objections
- Extension of refuse area at Candover Valley Community Store - no objection
- Increase chimney height and build a breakfast room at the rear of Jasmine Cottage – no objection
- Variation of condition 1 of application 19/02541/ROC at Meadow House (Condition 1 is to amend drawing numbers to allow for increase in length and depth of dwelling, increase of ridge height and alterations to fenestration of dwelling and layout and fenestration of garage.) – comments by 7th Oct
- Tree work at Park House – no objections

1119 Children's Play Area

The Chairman reported that one of the posts on the climbing net fixture needs replacing. It was agreed that 3 quotes be sort for the work so this could be completed during the winter ready for use in the spring. A budget of £500 has been allocated for the play area maintenance.

Action: Chairman to get 3 quotes

1120 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman next visit is on 7th October, however the contractor had contacted the Chairman to ask if they could come on Thursday 1st October instead. The Councillors agreed that there were not a huge number of jobs for the Lengthsman to do at this time. It was suggested that the date be moved back to close to the 11th November date of the following visit and that they could fit the new posts at the Village Green near the War Memorial. When this project had been costed out in the past the labour was the most expensive part and the posts could be purchased at an affordable cost.

Action: Chairman to update costs of materials

Action: Chairman to speak to Lengthsman about date change and project requirements.

1121 Highways

The Chairman has reported the potholes at Axford and Councillor Kennelly has also been busy with the app, photographing and reporting potholes.

Residents are encouraged the use the website where it is safe to do so, to report potholes, this link is:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

The Vice Chair asked if Highways were responsible for filling salt bins as the one in Church Lane seems to have been moved into the hedge and so would not be where they expected it to be.

Action: Clerk to speak to Hampshire Highways about when salt bins are due to be filled and explain about relocated bin

1122 Rights of Way

Councillor Kennelly has walked most of the Rights of Way in the area and has found several broken or missing finger posts. The website to report any issues is easy to use and can be accessed at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

1123 General correspondence

None

1124 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 16th November 2020 (7:30pm)
- Monday 18th January 2021 (7:30pm)
- Monday 15th March 2021 (7:30pm)

It was agreed that the Council would follow Government guidance about the safest format for the next meeting.

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