

PRESTON CANDOVER AND NUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 19th May 2024

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall, Preston Candover

Present: Robin Human Chairman
Tara Paul
Emma Dare Bryan
Rebecca Kennelly Vice Chair
Luke Sherbrooke
Andrew Frome
Cllr Julian Jones Borough Councillor
Alex Rowley Member of the public
Wendy Simson Clerk

Apologise: Cllr Juliet Henderson County Councillor
Paul Gaskell Borough Councillor

1567 Public Forum

Cllr Jones updated the Parish Councillors on devolution in Hampshire and the impact on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

The new Mayor for Hampshire will be elected in May 2026, and a committee is being set up with the six Unitary Authority Leaders to advise the new Mayor.

As part of devolution Hampshire will be divided up into five areas each with approximately 400,000 people. Basingstoke and Deane are hoping that they form an area with Hart and Rushmore. Hart's finances are in similar shape to Basingstoke & Deane, but Rushmore is in debt.

The Local Plan was halted due to the additional homes required from Central Government and a call for sites has now been concluded. The results of this have been published on Tuesday 20th and so can be included in these minutes.

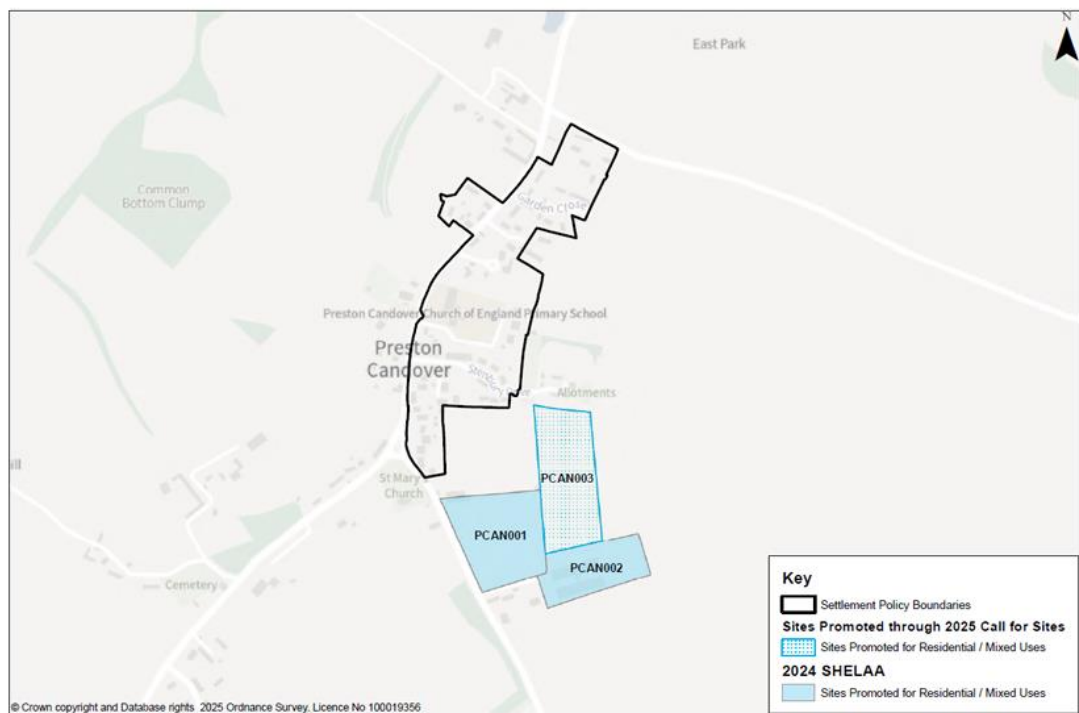
The allocation of new homes has increased for Basingstoke & Deane from 850 to 1125, and the original sites put forward were 100 short of the required numbers.

Parish	Site reference	Site Name	Area (hectares)	Promoted land use	Submission information
Preston Candover	PCAN001	Land adjacent to Church Farm, Wield Road	2.07	Residential	SHELAA 2024
Preston Candover	PCAN002	Fairview Farm	1.36	Residential	SHELAA 2024
Preston Candover	PCAN003	Land adjoining Paul's Field and Stenbury Drive	2.13	Residential	New promotion
Axford	PCAN004	Straight Furlong Site, Berrydown Lane	0.25	Residential	

Axford



Preston Candover



1568 Apologies for absence and welcome

Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Gaskell, Cllr Henderson and PC Andy Jones.

1569 Minutes of the last meeting

The Councillors confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting held on Monday 17th March. The Clerk to provide a copy of the minutes for the Chairman to sign at the meeting.

1570 Matters arising

Reporting of Flooding issues – Cllr Dare Bryan informed the Council that a report had been made to the Flood Water Management System who had directed the Council to Hampshire Highways. Hampshire Highways have been out and looked at the issues and have closed the case. Cllr Dare Bryan is going to look for the risk criteria used for assessing the reports to identify if the issues at Axford meet these.

Cllr Jones informed the Councillors that Hampshire Highways are only completely reactive maintenance work due to budget constraints.

Prices for tree work – The Clerk has received one quote and is due two more by the end of May. These will then be anonymised and presented to the Councillors for decision.

Action: Clerk to include tree work as an agenda item for the next meeting.

1571 Financial Statement

The Clerk circulated the financial report prior to the meeting.

Payments received since last meeting.

- £6,047.11 – 50% of Precept & grass cutting support from Basingstoke & Deane

The payments due for approval are:

- HALC Membership - £313.00.
- Grass cutting in April - £105.00.
- Maintenance at Play Area - £665.00
- Play area inspections for 2025/26 - £327.18
- Postage - £17.20.
- Electricity for streetlights - £57.13 (direct debit)
- Bank charges - £5.25 (direct debit)

All payments were approved.

1572 Flooding

The Parish Council wrote to Ellisfield Parish Council about clearing the grips and ditches between Ellisfield and Axford after the last meeting. The Clerk responded on Thursday 15th May:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter. I forwarded it councillors, and it was discussed at the March council meeting.

The council asked me to inform you and your council that at this point they do not want to commit to sharing the costs on grip clearance at Berrydown Lane, given limitations on the budget for flood defences. However, they have been in discussions with the Portsmouth Estate in Farleigh and also other landowners. A number of proposals have been in discussion, with some already being actioned, to improve the flooding situation in Ellisfield. We are also in the process of trying to appoint a new contractor to do our grip clearance. All of this should improve the flooding situation and the water flowing into Axford. The council will continue to monitor any improvements and will reconsider the situation with Berrydown Lane again in future.

We have another council meeting on Monday, and I will email you again if there is anything further to report on our flood defences work.

It would be helpful if you could let me have contact details for Paul Peskett so I can get him to quote for our grip clearance, plus any other contractors who you know who do this kind of work, assuming you approached more than one company before finding Paul.

The Clerk explained that Ellisfield are part of the Candover Cluster for the Lengthsman project but have opted out of using the Lengthsman used by all the other Parishes. It was agreed that the Clerk to send through Paul Peskett's contact details along with the Lengthsman with a view to Ellisfield using the £1,000 Lengthsman funding to support this work.

Action: Clerk to send contact detail to Ellisfield Clerk.

1573 Speeding

Cllr Paul informed the Councillors that there were no updates on the application for a 20mph limit in Preston Candover.

Cllr Dare Bryan raised the issue of speed along Dummer Road and reports that driver used excessive speed particular at night along this stretch. The speed indication device currently on Axford Hill can be moved to a position on Dummer Road and an additional bracket for the device has been purchased but the bracket for the solar panel was not. The Clerk informed Councillors this extra bracket was £185.10 plus delivery and VAT. Councillors agreed to purchase this bracket so the device can be moved between the two locations easily.

Action: Clerk to order second bracket.

1574 Rights of Way

Cllr Kennelly informed the Council that there were no new issues to report. Cllr Sherbrooke was asked to report any issues in Nutley.

1575 Lengthsman visits

The dates for the Lengthsman visits in 2025/26 have been agreed as:

- Tuesday 17th June
- Thursday 4th September
- Monday 8th December
- Thursday 5th March

The Councillors agreed that the Lengthsman be asked to work on the bus shelter next to the Purefoy Arms on the June visit. The Clerk has taken photographs of the ivy and gutting which both need clearing along with the floor of the bus shelter and the area in front of the building.

1576 Parish Council website

The Clerk reported that the website was up to date and that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, now signed, would be uploaded for public consultation.

Cllr Sherbrooke asked if the links to the Hampshire County Council sites to report potholes, damaged signs, flood, etc can be posted on the Parish Council website.

Action: Clerk to add these links.

1577 Planning

The Parish Council have had seven applications since the last meeting, they are:

- **Rose Cottage (25/00626/HSE)** – widening of a door with new French doors and side lights – Granted by B&D

- **Purefoy Arms (T/00170/25/TCA)** – tree work – to be discussed as part of a closed session at the end of the meeting.
- **Preston House (T/00189/25/TCA)** – tree work – no comments
- **The Elms (T/00187/25/TCA)** - tree work - no comments
- **South Hall (25/00888/HSE)** – External and internal alterations – no comments
- **North Hall (25/01002/LBC)** – Replacement of 9 windows – no comments
- **1 Kimber Cottage. Dummer Road, Axford (25/01080/HSE)** – Erection of home office and garden room and associated engineering works to retain the existing Ground – This application was received recently, and comments are required by 2nd June. A visit has been made to the property, and it was agreed that the changes would only be visible to the property owner and so no comments were to be raised.

1578 Children's Play Area

The Clerk reported that the work required has been carried out at the Play Area and the picnic bench removed.

The new seesaw is due to be installed on Tuesday 20th May.

1579 Highways

The Councillors asked that residents are reminded of the link to Hampshire Highways to report any potholes, it is:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

1580 General Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that all relevant correspondence had been covered.

1581 Dates of next meeting

- Monday 21st July 2025 (7:30pm)

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.