



# Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES**

### **Present:**

Cllr's. C. Allen, R. Allen, Mrs. S. Allen, Child, Davey, Locke (Chairman) & Sutton  
District Cllr's. Edney and Joslin

Two members of the public were in attendance.

*During the Public Session, the following topics were voiced:*

1. A member of the public was concerned about the possible pollution of the brook because of bubbles and foam on the water surface behind Mill Lane and Church Street. The Clerk stated that the Environment Agency had been notified and that samples had been taken and that nothing untoward had been found. It was agreed, however that the Clerk would again contact the Agency and ask them to check the water above the Creamery as well as below. **Action Clerk**
2. Cllr. Edney reported that EDF Energy had purchased a SID device and asked if the Council had any objections on them using the posts presently designated for the Council. The Parish Council had no objection.

### **1/04/09 The signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Mr. Michael Andison**

Mr. Michael Andison was absent from the meeting therefore the signing was deferred until the next meeting.

### **2/04/09 Mervyn Sayer**

An Act of Silence in memory of Mervyn Sayer who served as a Councillor for many years was observed

### **3/04/09 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's. Mrs. L. Laird and Greenslade

### **4/04/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the March meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Cannington Village Hall and the Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the Committee Room of the Village Hall were signed as being a true record.

### **5/04/09 Matters Arising**

1. The Clerk was asked to write again to First Bus to see what the situation is regarding the propose new bus stop near the Red House **Action Clerk**
2. It was repoted that cows had been encroaching the land within the children's play area. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners. **Action Clerk**
3. It was noted that the footpath near Gurney Manor had not as yet been repaired.
4. The logo for the bus shelter was still awaited as was the dog bin that had been ordered for placement near the south roundabout.

### **6/04/09 Police Matters**

There was no police presence at the meeting

It was noted that there had been damage to the land that Greenslade Grounds Maintenance maintained near the South roundabout and to the roundabout in Southbrook as well as a tree being broken in Jubilee Garden. All three incidents had been reported to the police.

### **3. Community Speedwatch**

Cllr. R. Allen reported that all of the new volunteers had been out with him twice and that an improved monitoring place had been found with the help of the police at Rodway Hill. The police have spoken with some of the offenders who had been found breaking the speed limit.

### **7/04/09 Highways Matters**

Nil

### **8/04/09 Emergency Plan**

The Council's Emergency Plan Officer, Dr. Temple reported to the Council that all organisations in the village had been contacted and that a good level of support shown from all, especially the College as a proposed rest centre, and from Brymore School. The Plan is close to its draft copy being made. He was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the village for his efforts.

### **9/04/09 Parish Footpaths**

The Footpath Officer, Richard Lane had sent a report to the Chairman in which he mentioned the footpath bridge near Denmans Farm was in need of attention and that SCC had been notified.

### **10/04/09 Jubilee Gardens**

Nothing to report

### **11/04/09 Playing Field**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that the electric emergency light had been fitted and the trip switches had been brought up to the required specifications.

### **12/04/09 Cemetery**

It was noted that there was to be an interment on Friday at 3.30pm

**13/04/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre**

The Chairman summarised the present situation concerning the booking, opened and closing of the Hall. The Clerk holds a set of keys on the Councils behalf.

**14/04/09 Village Brook**

Nothing more to report other than that already mentioned in the Public session

**15/04/09 Allotments**

Nothing to report

**16/04/09 Cannington Tourism**

It was reported that sponsorship for the new leaflets is being sought.

**17/04/09 Report on Hinkley Point**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that EDF have now nominated five sites of which Hinkley Point is one.

**18/04/09 The Power of Well-Being**

1. Cllr. Child summarised the meeting he and the Clerk attended 12<sup>th</sup> March.
2. It was decided because of the financial restraints this year that the training of the Clerk to obtain the Certificate of Local Council Administration to be deferred to the next financial year

**19/04/09 Code Of Conduct Meeting**

Cllr. Child reported back from the meeting he attended on the Council's behalf at Bridgwater House, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Peter Keith Lewis, an experienced solicitor, gave a very interesting account explaining the new regulations that are to come into force. Interests should be declared at the start of the meeting and not just as the meeting progresses through each item on the agenda

**20/04/09 Community Council for Somerset**

A proposal from Cllr. Child and seconded by Cllr. Sutton to subscribe to C.C.S. was carried by five votes.

*Cllr Edney left the meeting*

**21/04/09 Planning Matters.**

Cllr. Child reported that the application for an extension at 15 High Street is to be looked at by the sub committee on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April as is the proposal for laser games near Horn Hill farm and then if necessary to the full Council

**22/04/09 Financial Matters****(1) Payments Due.**

The cheques were signed by Cllr's Mrs. S. Allen and Davey also the cheque stubs and invoices were initialled.

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
<b>Additional payments made since the last meeting: -</b>			
	Nil		
<b>The following payments are due: -</b>			
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk salary (March)	2036	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (March)	2037	£ 62.33
Sedgemoor District Council	Rates for Cemetery and Premises. – (was £320.11 last year but due to the Government "Transitional Relief Scheme" finishing has led to a substantial increase from last year)	2038	£ 470.45
Sedgemoor District Council	Rates for Playing Field Pavilion and premises. (was £462.00 last year)	2039	£ 485.00
Clifford Estate Company Ltd.	Annual rent for allotments (no change)	2040	£ 40.00
BT Payment Services Ltd.	Parish phone	2041	£ 85.54
Sedgemoor District Council	Lease of land at Sharks Lane quarterly bill	2042	£ 65.00
D. J. Hatherley	Cutting of keys for the Playing Field	2043	£ 12.70
Bridgwater Electrical Services	To fit Rcbos to ring mains & cooker circuits and to repair & upgrade emergency lighting to bring the playing pavilion up to "satisfactory" condition after yearly check	2045	£ 290.00
Community Council for Somerset	Subscription	2046	£ 30.00

**(2) Monthly Financial Monitor**

Cllr. Sutton circulated the monthly financial monitor

**(3) To approve the accounts for 2008/9**

The accounts were approved by the Council and thanks were given to the Clerk for his efforts in getting the accounts out so quickly

**23/04/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal**

- ★ Sedgemoor Volunteer Centre Spring Newsletter:
- ★ Hinkley Point – News from EDF Energy – April 2009. These were noted

**24/04/09 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.00pm

**25/04/09 Any items for next months Agenda**

Nil

The meeting concluded at 20.20