



# Cannington Parish Council

## MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008, in Cannington Village Hall.

### Present:

Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs. Laird, Mrs. S. Allen, C. D. Allen, Davey, Greenslade & Sutton  
District Councillors: Dyer, Edney and Joslin

Six members of the public were in attendance.

*During the Public Session, the following topics were voiced: - It was asked if the recycling centre at the top of Rodway Hill be emptied more often. This was agreed and that the Clerk should write to S.D.C to enquire. **Action Clerk.** Cllr. Edney informed the meeting that Somerset was set to increase the recycling programme in Somerset.*

*It was asked when the Cannington speedgun was last used and it was explained that it was difficult to find volunteers to help to man the gun.*

*A Governor from the primary school informed the Council that a Governor is needed for the primary school to represent the L.E.A. Names should be given either to him or to the school.*

### 1/04/08 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs. Child, Edwards and Gibson

### 2/04/08 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as a true record after a correction on 15/04/08 that read "monitor" changed to read "be a member".

### 3/04/08 Matters Arising.

- (1) It was noted that the two lower limbs of the black poplar tree had not been removed by "Yates" when they crowned the tree and the Clerk was asked to withhold the payment until this work was completed. **Action Clerk**
- (2) Disappointment was voiced about the Traffic Team at County Hall response from a letter from them regarding the purchasing of a VAS and or SID. It was agreed that the Council should still follow this up and therefore the Chairman together with the Clerk should write another letter. **Action Chairman and Clerk**
- (3) The W.I. have asked if they could plant a tree in Jubilee Gardens and this was approved.

### 4/04/08 Police Matters.

#### (1) Police report. *That covered items (2) & (3)*

P.C.S.O. L. Bray gave a report from the police in which it was reported that Cannington now have a new Beat Manager for Cannington, P.C. R. Jacobs. That training can be given for people wishing to help with "Speedwatch". That increased police presence will be given to the village now that the longer evenings are with us. That P.C. Jacobs and the two P.C.S.O's are keen that their mobile numbers are used to contact them but they should only be used in urgent situations. That they will be attending the Duck Race again this year at about 5.00pm and that the following yearly crime figures for Cannington are as follows:

Criminal damage	8	Criminal damage to motor vehicles	3
Theft	4	Burglary	11
Assault	6	Rowdy nuisance behaviour	37

#### (4) P.A.C.T. (Partnership and Communities Together)

P.C.S.O. L. Bray reported that Cannington needs a chairperson and a venue, then to invite as many people as possible to this event. She reported that this had already been set up at Nether Stowey and that she was keen to begin at Cannington.

### 5/04/08 Highways Matters.

It was reported that the road surface on the roundabout on the Minehead side of the village was deteriorating and the Clerk should write a letter to L. Hackling asking for this to be repaired. **Action Clerk**

It was also asked what has happened to the progress of the dropped kerb at the bottom of Rodway Hill. The Clerk to investigate. **Action Clerk**

There were complaints about the amount of dog fouling in the village and the clerk was asked to write to Sedgemoor District Council asking for the dog warden to investigate. **Action Clerk**

### 6/04/08 Jubilee Gardens.

It was noted that the seat in Jubilee Gardens was loose and that the Clerk would look into it in order to get it fixed. **Action Clerk**

### 7/04/08 Playing Field.

Councillor C. Allen was thanked into looking into the state of the pavilion during the chairman's absence. Concern was voiced over the blocked gate leading into Sharks Lane. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the college giving thanks for their work maintaining the Playing Field. **Action Clerk**

### 8/04/08 Cemetery.

The chairman reported about the state of some of the yew trees in the cemetery and that he had approach Mr. Ian Greenslade to rectify the situation.

**9/04/08 Village Hall.**

It was reported that there was not a quorum for the last Village Hall meeting therefore it did not proceed but general discussion took place.

**10/04/08 Cannington Village Centre.**

It was reported that there had been little progress from the last meeting but that architects were to be asked to produce preliminary drawings to give an idea of the project.

**11/04/08 Affordable Housing**

Due to the absence of Cllr. Child there was no report.

**12/04/08 Village Brook**

The Council were awaiting a report from Mr. Yarham

**13/04/08 Allotments**

Nothing to report

**14/04/08 Cannington Tourism**

Cllr. L. Laird together with Cllr. S. Allen showed and explained the visual aid they had made for the proposed notice board for Jubilee Gardens. It was reported that costs should be in the region of £1000 and that this matched the donation that had already been given to this project. Both Councillors were thanked for their efforts in moving this project forward. It was also reported that the walk leaflets had been going very well especially at the recent Blackmore Manor Farm opened day and that more leaflets would be needed in the future.

**15/04/08 Report on Hinkley Point**

Cllr. Allen reported that there had not been a meeting since the last Council meeting but there was planned a meeting at Cannington Centre on April 23<sup>rd</sup> about the proposed new reactor and that British Energy was to be taken over by another firm but the Government would still hold its 30% of the shares.

**16/04/08 Bus Shelters in the village**

Discussion took place over the style of bus shelter required and whether to take it down and/or leave it to see what the response might be. After discussion it was put to two proposals. The first proposal, by Cllr. Davey, seconded by Cllr. Allen, was to take it down and rebuild a new shelter. The second proposal was to take it down and leave it to see what response we would have from the public was proposed by Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. S. Allen. This was put to the vote and each proposal had three votes apiece. Therefore the Chairman cast his acting vote for the first proposal. The Clerk was asked first to contact the Planning authorities and Highways to confirm that we have permission to take the old shelter down. **Action Clerk**

**17/04/08 Items for the article for the Cannington Target**

The following were asked to be included: 1. Police beat surgeries, the next being 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30 – 4.00pm  
(2) Yearly police report 3. Black poplar tree 4. Bus shelter

**18/04/08 Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk was instructed to write to all organisations in the village inviting them to report at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Action Clerk**

**19/04/08 Risk Assessment & Assist Register for Councils approval**

The statutory requirement was noted and it was asked to change the keeping of deeds from Lloyd/TSB bank to the Clerk's safe. The Clerk to amend the records. **Action Clerk**

**20/04/08 Local Action for Rural Communities**

Unfortunately no Councillor was able to attend.

*District Councillors, Dyer, Edney and Joslin left the room*

**21/04/08 Planning Matters**

Concern was raised about the building of the flats above the old Crabtree shop and whether planning consent had been approved. Cllr. Child is to be approached when he returns from holiday in order to clarify the situation.

An anonymous letter had been received by the Chairman in which the writer voiced concern at some building discrepancies from the original planning consent at the house being built at 28 High Street. It was agreed that Cllr. Child was to look into this upon his return.

**23/03/08 Financial Matters**

- (1) **Payments Due.** – The cheques were signed together with the initialling of the cheque stubs and invoices with the exception of the cheque to Yates.
- (2) **Monthly Financial Monitor.** The monthly statement was circulated.

**24/03/08 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal**

This was noted

**25/03/08 Any items for next months Agenda**

The Clerk was asked to produce the annual accounts for the next meeting.  
The Council to consider a grant for the village Front Garden Competition.

Cllr. Laird queried some of the questions from a form we had received regarding the Parish Plan.

The meeting closed at 20.51