



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 11th August 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

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Present:

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

Twelve members of the public were in attendance.

During the Public session the following topics were voiced:

1. Complaints were received concerning potholes in Dukes Avenue, a lamp post not working in Oak Tree Way and a bench had been removed from the children's play area. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways and S.D.C respectively. **Action Clerk**
2. It was asked, concerning the closed shop in the village, if the Parish Council could buy the business. The Chairman explained what the position would be if that were to happen. *(See Minute item 18/08/09)*
3. The Health Centre Practice Manager gave a report from the findings of the survey that they had undertaken in the village concerning the proposed new pharmacy. She responded that out of the 700 questionnaires that had been delivered 401 had been returned and that 401 stated that they would prefer the Health Centre as the village has at present. 398 did not feel it was necessary to have a pharmaceutical outlet in the village and 159 people had added comments to the form.
4. A complaint has been received about the state of the footpath along the Main Road. And the fencing in Oak Tree Way. The Clerk will write to Highways. **Action Clerk**

1/08/09 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Child and Greenslade and District Councillor Dyer

2/08/09 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that she now had no Interests in the Affordable Housing projects as from July 2008 and asked that this be recorded.

3/08/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record. The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th August in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record after the alteration made to delete the wording "Hinkley Point" and replace them with "EDF Energy".

4/08/09 Matters Arising

1. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the Footpath Officer from County Hall who stated that they had no money or resources to fund a danger sign at the weir. It was agreed that the Council would fund this and that permission to site it should be obtained from the Landmark Trust first. **Action Clerk**
2. The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Highways Authority stating that they were not going to take any further action against the encroachment of land at Brownings Road, Hawkers Close and Oak Tree Way. The Council voiced their regret over this response.
3. The Clerk read a letter he had received from Mr. C. Betty, Highways Traffic Engineer, stating that work will start on the yellow lines in East Street and the bollard in Brook Street as soon as the statutory advertising of Orders has been completed later this year.
4. The Clerk read a letter he had received from Highways concerning the dropped kerbs that there is no money available for this project at this time
5. The Chairman read a letter received from the Environment Agency concerning the state of the water quality in the Brook that stated that it has been tested several times each month and that there was nothing untoward concerning the water quality.

Cllr. Edney left the meeting

5/08/09 Police Matters

1. Police report.
Nil
2. Incidents Reported.
The Chairman read a report from P.C.S.O Karen Evans
3. P.A.C.T.
Nil
4. Community Speedwatch. (Cllr. R. Allen)
Cllr. R. Allen reported that the speedgun is away with the police for repair

6/08/09 Highways Matters

As stated during the Public Session

It was noted that there was excessive plant growth on the stone wall at the bottom of Chads Hill. **Action Clerk**

7/08/09 Emergency Plan

Dr. Temple reported that he had met with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and that minor alterations had been made to the draft report. This in turn would then be submitted to the Full Parish Council for their approval shortly. He was thanked by the Chairman for his work in undertaking this Emergency Plan

8/08/09 Parish Footpaths

Nothing to report

9/08/09 Jubilee Gardens

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that the hedge needs cutting and that the poplar tree on the Pack Horse bridge side needs inspecting. **Action Clerk** to contact Ben Jarvis

10/08/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen reported that broken glass had been discovered on the playing area. There would be an AGM with all clubs next Monday at 7.00pm (17th August 2009)

11/08/09 Cemetery

Cllr. Anderson reported that it was in good order but the hedges need cutting. He had found a suitable waste bin for £94 and it was agreed that the Clerk should purchase the bin from Mole Valley Farmers. **Action Clerk**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a site meeting with a builder and metalworker to discuss the proposed access slope for the disabled. The price would be £495 for the slope and £200 for an extension to the gate and handrail

12/08/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

It was reported that there is to be a meeting of the Villager Hall Committee the following Wednesday (12th August 2009)

Cllr. Joslin left the meeting

13/08/09 Village Brook

Cllr. Davey reported that the brook was all clear at the moment

14/08/09 Allotments

The Clerk reported that Plot number 9 and 10 were in a poor state. He was instructed to write to the tenant seeking co-operation in rectifying the situation and to do so as and when this type of situation arises. **Action Clerk**

He reported that the lane still had not been weeded and was instructed to write again to the college asking them to undertake this work. **Action Clerk**

15/08/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that the new leaflets were now out with the retailers

16/08/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported that he had received a letter from Hinkley Point reassuring the public over the recent contamination incident at the Point. The dosage had been very low and contained to a small area. He went on to report that both reactors were at present shut down for maintenance work

17/08/09 Grocery/Convenience store

Discussion took place over the need for a village shop. It was agreed to leave any decision until after the pharmacy situation had resolved itself. It was proposed by Cllr. Davey and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird to undertake a feasibility study into the cost of buying the shop on behalf of the village. **Action Clerk**

18/08/09 Health Centre Pharmaceutical Provision

It was unanimously agreed to support the Health Centre Patient Support Group and to write a letter to the Primary Care Trust stating the Parish Council's full support for the situation as the village has at present.

19/08/09 Planning Matters.

As stated on Appendix (B) and accepted

20/08/09 Financial Matters

- 1. Payments Due.** – The cheques were signed, cheque stubs & invoices initialled by Cllr's Mrs. L. Laird and Davey

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
	Nil		
The following payments are due: -			
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Salary (July)	2075	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (July)	2076	£ 62.33
R. Child	Travelling Expenses and telephone calls	2077	£ 32.62
M. Locke	Pavilion expenses	2078	£ 74.13
Cannington P.C.C.	Photocopying for public meeting	2079	£ 24.50
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for July (£222.10 excluding VAT)	2080	£ 338.63
	Jubilee Gardens work for July (£72.36 excluding VAT)		
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field work for July (£271.00 excluding VAT)	2081	£ 311.65

2. Monthly Financial Monitor

Cllr. Sutton circulated the monthly statement and summarised the present situation. After discussion concerning the two grants the Council had received totalling almost £3000 it was firstly proposed by Cllr. Andison and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen to provide and enlarge the gate and install a new disabled ramp, gate and hand rail for the cemetery for the total price of £695.00. A second proposal from Cllr. Davey to seek other quotes was not seconded. The first proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously. **Acton Clerk** to contact the builder

A new hedge to be planted on the east side of Jubilee Gardens was proposed by Cllr. L. Laird and seconded by Cllr. Davey that tenders for the work be sought. This was agreed unanimously. **Acton Clerk**

It was agreed the proposed hanging sign for Jubilee Gardens to be left for a full Council Meeting at a later date.

3. External Audit report

Cllr. Sutton reported that the external Auditor, Moore and Stephens, had at last replied to the Clerk’s letter to them some two months ago. In their reply they asked for clarification of the increase in the precept, the increase in revenue and the increase in staffing costs. The Clerk was asked to read to the Members the letter he had replied to the external Auditors

21/08/09 Documents Received for Councillors’ perusal

- ✘ Quantock Hills Management Plan 2009 – 2014
- ✘ "THATCH" The Rural Communities Magazine for Somerset – Summer 2009

These were taken by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird

22/08/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Nil

The Meeting concluded at 21.02

Chairman’s signature:

Date:

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