



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 10th February 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

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Present:

Cllr's. C. Allen, R. Allen, Mrs. S. Allen, Mrs. L. Laird, Child, Davey, Greenslade, Locke (Chairman) & Sutton
District Cllr. J. Edney

One members of the public was in attendance.

During the Public Session, the following topics were voiced:

1. *Complaints about dog fouling on the path at the end of Schoolfields and the Primary School. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Sedgemoor District Council Dog Wardens and ask for a sign to be put on the gate asking people to respect the environment. **Action Clerk***
2. *There was concern voiced about the steepness of the bank in the newly dredged brook at the play area because if children were to fall down this incline it could be a safety hazard. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Environment Agency seeking their advice on this matter. **Action Clerk***

1/02/09 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Edwards and District Councillors Dyer and Joslin

2/02/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were taken as being correct after the following two alterations:

1. To change the wording 11/01/09 to: "CVC are now a sub-committee"
2. To change the wording 22/01/09 to read: "A grant request for £500 was refused due to financial restraints but will be discussed at the next meeting"

3/02/09 Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Child reported that he had been in contact with "First Bus" and asked them to rethink the proposed route through the village so that the east side of the village does not lose out on the proposed new route.
2. It was noted that the weir had been de-silted by the Environment Agency
3. The Clerk read two letters he had received; one from the Highways about the encroachment of the gardens of three properties on the Barrett estate and from the Somerset C.C. Lighting authorities re the lack of replacement lights that are faulty in the village. On the first letter it was agreed to monitor the situation for a copy of weeks in the hope that the owners will comply with the letters and if not the Clerk should inform the Highways authority. It was agreed to send the letter, which the Clerk had drafted, excluding the light from Conway road to Fore Street as that had been repaired.

4/02/09 Police Matters

1&2. Police report.

There was no police presence during the meeting but a report had been handed to the Chairman which was read out. There had been two incidences of Criminal Damage, one theft from a motor car, two anti-social behaviour and two road traffic collisions during the last month.

3. P.A.C.T.
Nothing to report

4. Community Speedwatch.

Cllr. R. Allen reported that training will take place at 7.00pm Tuesday 24th February in the Upper Village Hall and that five volunteers had offered to attend the course. Cllr. C. Allen and the Clerk gave their apologies as they were to attend the Quantock Cluster Group meeting that evening. Cllr. R. Allen then summarised a letter he had received from a group of three children at the Primary School who are concerned about speeding throughout the village especially near the school. It was agreed that Cllr. R. Allen should reply to the letter and ask for parental help with speedwatch in order to reduce the incident numbers. **Action Cllr. R. Allen**

5/02/09 Highways Matters

Concern was voiced about the amount of water flowing out from number 4, Main Road and the Clerk was asked to write to Highways in order to bring it to their attention. **Action Clerk**

There was concern about the dropped manhole cover at the entrance to East Street and the Clerk was asked to write to Highways about the situation. **Action Clerk**

There was also concern at the amount of water coming out of the drains at the bottom of East Street at the junction with Marsh Lane. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Highways in order to bring the situation to their attention. **Action Clerk**

6/02/09 Emergency Plan

Nothing to report

7/02/09 Parish Footpaths

Nothing to report

8/02/09 Jubilee Gardens

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird stated that there was nothing new to report

9/02/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen reported that £250 was paid into the bank account last month from Bridgwater Wolves and that the pitch needed rolling but due to the inclement weather it was not considered prudent to do this job at this time. The Clerk was asked to check the progress of the lighting contract that had gone out last month. **Action Clerk**

10/02/09 Cemetery

It was noted that the path had been finished and the invoice was due to be paid.

11/02/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

Cllr. Greenslade reported that a meeting had been held two weeks ago and that the Caretaker will no longer hold a position as from two months from that meeting and that a letter will be written to all clubs/organisations in order to inform them of the new situation and the procedure to unlock and to lock the hall. It was noted that this new situation could bring more revenue into the Village Hall Committee's funds.

12/02/09 Affordable Housing

Cllr. Child reported that they still await a signature of intent from the landowner.

13/02/09 Village Brook

Cllr. Davey reported that there was flooding the previous night but in-fact only one house in Denman's Lane was flooded. The Environment Agency have cleared the weir near Gurney Manor and both side arches of the County Bridge plus the area by Sedgemoor District Play area.

14/02/09 Allotments

The Clerk reported that there was only one outstanding payment now and that a tenant holder had been bitten on the arm by a dog on the Allotments and that the Clerk, together with the Chairman, was investigating the situation. It was noted that a warning sign had been erected by the Clerk asking that all dogs that the owners take onto the allotments, should be kept on a lead.

15/02/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that the walks leaflets were still being used.

16/02/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported that there was nothing of any significant to report this month except to state the date of the next meeting on 27th February

17/02/09 Telephone kiosk in the High Street

Nothing to report

18/02/09 War Memorial, Cemetery and Jubilee Gardens

The Clerk give an update concerning Land Registry of the above and stated that all had now been registered with the Land Registry and that the Council were now in possession of the documents that are to be kept in the Parish safe.

19/02/09 Rural Settlements Study

It was generally felt that this was a well compiled report of the village of Cannington and that nothing needed changing.

20/02/09 The Rural Services Network

This email was noted by the Members but it was felt that no action should be voiced at this time.

21/02/09 Quantock Cluster Group meeting

The Chairman summarised the meeting he, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk attended at Neither Stowey on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 during which it was agreed to generate the agendas for the Cluster Group meetings from the parishes within the Cluster. The group would meet one hour prior to the meeting in order to finalise ideas and to share information. It was agreed to circulate the Minutes from each Parish to Neither Stowey's Clerk and that he in turn would then pass them on to other parishes so that information and ideas can be shared. It was proposed that the Chairman would be elected for a twelve month period.

Cllr. J. Edney left the meeting

22/02/09 S.A.W. (Somerset Arts Week)

It was agreed to leave this item until item 26/02/09

23/02/09 Relate Somerset HQ

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and seconded by Cllr. R. Child and carried unanimously not to support this organisation this year.

24/02/09 Risk Assessment

It was agreed to leave this item until the next meeting

25/02/09 Planning Matters.

Cllr. Child reported that the Cannington Cold Store had been granted planning consent with a list of conditions.

He asked for a site meeting to be held at the URC next Saturday (14.02.09) at 11.00am to discuss the planning application received. Cllr's Greenslade and R. Allen offered to attend.

It was noted that both 11 Gurney Street and 36 Clifford Park's planning applications had been approved.

Cllr. Child reported that he was looking into the change of use at "Myrtle cottage" on Fore Street and was concerned about the possible increased parking.

26/02/09 Financial Matters

(1) Payments Due. – The cheques were signed; cheque stubs and the invoices were initialled by Cllr's C. Allen and A. Davey. The three extra payments were noted.

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made during December: -			
The following payments were made: -			
VOID		2020	Nil
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk salary (January)	2021	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (January)	2022	£ 62.33
A. T. Thorne General Builders	To repair collapsed stone wall, to make opening to stone wall for access to the new extension, new pedestrian footpath and to lay new concrete plinth and fix bench in the cemetery.	2023	£ 7570.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Jubilee Gardens and Cemetery for January	2024	£ 260.02
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field for January	2025	£ 59.80
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Committee rooms @ £5 per hour = £17.50 & Upper room for four months @ 2.5 hours = £25.00 per evening	2026	£ 117.50

(2) Monthly Financial Monitor

The monthly statement was circulated.

(3) Cost cutting exercise for the year 2009/10

Cllr. Greenslade reported he had reviewed the costing of the annual work of the Grounds maintenance works in Jubilee Gardens and the Cemetery and found that the costs have risen by some £3000. It was agreed that this would have to go out to tender for April and that the Clerk would take the necessary steps to arrange this.

It was decided to keep a minimum of £6000 in the account for next year after running costs had been taken out. This in turn meant that some projected projects for next year such as the welcoming sign in Jubilee Gardens and the relaying of the path in the cemetery will have to be deferred. This was proposed by Cllr. C. Allen and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and carried unanimously.

A proposal by Cllr. Child and seconded by Cllr C. Allen and carried unanimously to grant the Cannington Target £100 for this year. The cheque was written during the meeting.

It was agreed not to support S.A.W. this year due to the economic situation

27/02/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal

★ The Environment Agency Calendar 2009 was taken by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird

28/02/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Nil

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm