



# Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010, in Cannington Village Hall**

## MINUTES

### Present:

Cllr's. C. Allen (Chairman), R. Allen, Mrs. S. Allen, Andison, Child, Davey, Greenslade, Mrs. L. Laird & Sutton together with District Councillor Joslin

Six members of the public were in attendance:

*Before the meeting stated Kathryn Goodliffe, Conservation Officer at SDC, gave a talk to explain the appraisal procedure relating to the review of Cannington's Conservation area that happens every five years. She reported that she had looked at increasing the size to save many of the interesting buildings from changing greatly. The areas she has looked at is the area around and including the Almshouses, Ruskin House in High Street and the lane from the Church through to the doctors surgery in Mill Lane. Other areas that the public had identified are the Old Vicarage and the Newsagent area around the Village Hall. She also mentioned that the War Memorial together with the Old Vicarage are not listed and should be. The deadline for comments is 19<sup>th</sup> February before her report goes before SDC. She replied, from a question, that Brymore School together with its front drive is listed and she will oppose any encroachment or cutting through that EDF's plans might entail.*

*The Chairman thanked her for her presentation and asked when her report was completed, a copy be sent to the Council.*

A brief summary record of the Public Session:

Councillor Joslin stated that there was to be a site meeting for the Tincknells planning application on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, the time is not yet known.

- One member of the public, who lives in the vicinity reported that none of the local residents there had been notified by SDC and that they disagreed with the proposed entrance and could also see no reason why the existing entrance could not be used. Cllr. Child explained the planning procedure and that the Council had "no objection" to the application save a recommendation that there be no right turn from Blackmoor Lane onto the A39. Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that the Parish Plan had shown a need for small industrial units. Cllr. Greenslade stated that he agreed with the member of the public concerning the proposed turning from Blackmoor Lane
- A member of the public stated concern at the state of Marsh Lane with increasing pot holes being formed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the College to ask if co-operation can be given to this matter. **Action Clerk**

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### 1/02/10 Apologies for Absence

Were received from Cllr. Locke together with District Councillors Dyer and Edney

### 2/02/10 Declarations of Members Interests

There were none

### 3/02/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record after item 11/01/10, Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre, was changed to add after the second paragraph the words: "as he was unaware of any decisions being taken by the CVC". This was agreed and duly changed

### 4/02/10 Matters Arising

The Clerk was asked to add the blockage at the weir onto the Matters arising and this was agreed. **Action Clerk**

Cllr. R. Allen asked if the Clerk could contact Highways re the broken street names at Hawkers Close and Blackmoor Lane. This was agreed. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Betty, Highways, to find out when the parking in East Street was to be resolved. **Action Clerk**

### 5/02/10 Police Matters

1. Police report/Incidents Reported.  
The Chairman read a report from PC Jacobs that stated that there had been the following incidents during the preceding month:
  - Four burglary (dwellings) – plus two in non dwellings
  - One theft of a motor vehicle and two thefts from motor vehicles
  - Five items of criminal damage
  - Two thefts
  - One assault
  - One robbery
  - Five incidences of rowdy, nuisance behaviour

The reported six burglaries are the result of one individual who has been arrested and is being dealt with. The report of criminal damage were reported as being minor and the police hope to make an arrest in relation to them very shortly

3. P.A.C.T. It was noted that the next meeting is to be 16<sup>th</sup> March

*Cllr. Joslin left the meeting*

4. Community Speedwatch

Cllr. R. Allen reported that as soon as the weather improves this service will be resumed. He reported that a survey undertaken recently reported that there were 113 vehicles clocked during a 10min period and 257 during a 45min period from Bridgwater to Cannington

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that youths were again in cars late at night around the Jubilee Gardens area causing a disturbance

#### **6/02/10 Highways Matters**

1. It was noted that there would be Temporary road closure at Skimmerton Lane for three days starting from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to enable relocation of a water meter in this road.
2. General highway matters  
Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that the post in Jubilee Gardens had still not been replaced and Cllr. C. Allen reported that he would undertake this task.  
Cllr. Andison reported that the light on the left hand side as one goes up Chads Hill is still not working. The Clerk reported that he had reported this last month but would do so again. **Action Clerk**

#### **7/02/10 Parish Footpaths**

Mr. Richard Lane (Footpaths Officer) reported that he had sent his report onto County Hall and had given a copy to the Parish Council in which he reported that 50% of the walks had been covered with no major problems being encountered. He was thanked by the Chair on behalf of the Council for his efforts

Cllr. Sutton reported that the state of the footpath again had deteriorated along from Gurney Street to Gurney Manor Mill house and asked if the Clerk could contact Wessex Water again to see if they can improve the surface of the lane. **Action Clerk**

#### **8/02/10 Jubilee Gardens**

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that there was nothing to report

#### **9/02/10 Playing Field**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that the pitch had been rolled. He reported that a plumber was needed to undertake some work in the pavilion. He went on to report that letters had been written by the Clerk to all clubs that use the facilities to pay any outstanding monies as not much money had been received to date

#### **10/02/10 Cemetery**

Cllr. Andison reported that the Council had received an estimate for work to be done on the Yew trees but after discussion it was decided that the Clerk will ask two other firms to tender for this work giving precise specifications as to the work to be done. **Action Clerk**

#### **11/02/10 Village Hall**

Cllr. Greenslade reported that during the last Village Hall meeting it was voted that the CVC are no longer part of the Village Hall Committee and that the two Trustees had been asked to remain but one had declined. Questions were asked concerning the charitable status of the CVC now that it has no formal status within the charitable trust of the Village Hall

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that the CVC had a meeting recently, which was held after the Village Hall meeting, in which it was agreed that they accept the Village Hall ruling and as there was no land available at the moment for any future building projects the committee would wait. She reported "*that after deliberation the CVC Group have made the decision that no further meetings can take place until proposals are published by the IPC*"

#### **12/02/10 Village Brook**

Cllr Davey reported that the Mill leat has been overflowing due to a blocked culvert but it was due to be cleared shortly

#### **13/02/10 Allotments**

The Clerk reported that he had received all the rent payment for last year

#### **14/02/10 Cannington Tourism**

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that the walk to/from Perry Green will be affected by the work being undertaken by Wessex Water and also that another walk will be published soon

#### **15/02/10 Report on Hinkley Point**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that one reactor was shut down for repairs

He reported that the next Forum meeting would be 25<sup>th</sup> March in Cannington College Main Hall in which feedback from Phase One of the consultation period would be reported and the start of Phase Two. He informed Councillors that test holes are due to start soon on some of the proposed sites.

**16/02/10 Parish Office**

The Chairman reported on the informal meeting that took place in the Parish Office/Community Room on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February which was attended by himself, Cllr. Locke, the Clerk, Mrs. K. Slade, Cllr. Greenslade and Mr. C. Fitzpatrick in order to air feelings between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. The Occupational Licence had been looked at in detail and alterations made on both sides. It was agreed at the meeting that Mrs. K. Slade would now produce another draft for the Council to sign

After discussions concerning the name it was voted on that the room would now be called "*The Parish Community Room*". This was proposed by Cllr. Davey and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and carried by five votes with three abstentions

The Clerk circulated photographs of a boardroom style table that the Cllr. Locke and he had seen at a store in Bridgwater who were offering a boardroom style table at less than half price (£650). After discussion it was voted to buy the second hand tables from the village Hall, when they become available, and to use them instead. This was proposed by Cllr. Child and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and carried unanimously. However it was agreed to purchase ten second-hand chairs at a cost of £30 per chair from Office Furniture Bargains in Bridgwater

**17/02/10 Asset Register 2009/10**

The asset register had been circulated and amendments made

**18/02/10 Sedgemoor District Council's Submission to the Boundary Commission**

The new proposals were discussed and noted by the Members

**19/02/10 Planning Matters.****1. To discuss the Planning Procedure**

After discussion it was agreed that the Planning Applications should be moved to the start of the meeting in order for the public to view the plans. The use of the overhead projector will be used. If the return date of the application falls before the Council meeting it was agreed to ask for an extension of time and if that was not allowed then an extra-ordinary meeting would be called giving three days notice. This was proposed by Cllr. Davey and seconded by Cllr. Child and carried unanimously

2. The Clerk reported that the only planning application received during the month was 13/10/00001 - 34 East Street to which the Council had "No Observations". The Clerk reported that the application for removing the crown of the mulberry tree at 8 Church Street had been approved by SDC and the work completed

**20/02/10 Financial Matters**

1. **Payments Due.** - Cheques were signed; cheque stubs and invoices were initialled by Cllr. Child and Mrs. L. Laird after discussion by some Councillors who thought the price for the ballot box as a waste of money but it was pointed out that the box would be with the Council for life and can be used again and again. It was also noted that there should have been a detailed specification when the contract for stump clearance was made that included a price for clearing the shavings upon completion of the tree removal in Jubilee Gardens

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 (January)	2151	£ 616.50
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (January)	2152	£ 62.95
BT Payments Ltd	Telephone line connection and rental charges	2153	£ 205.84
Colmans Blinds	Parish Office	2154	£ 199.75
D. J. Hatherley	IKEA – Rug and coffee tray	2155	£ 35.98
Radfords Carpets	Parish Office	2156	£ 552.25
A. F. Perham	Design and construction of Ballot box	2157	£ 92.00
S.A.L.C.	Day course for the Clerk	2158	£ 15.00
High Climb	Felling of poplar tree in Jubilee Gardens	2159	£ 360.00
South West Stump Grinders	Tree in Jubilee Gardens	2160	£ 100.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery and Jubilee Gardens for January	2161	£ 265.67
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field for January. Includes £346.63 for extra work re the tree stump in Jubilee Gardens	2162	£ 494.69
Supreme Engineering UK Ltd.	Repairs to Cemetery gates	2163	£ 172.50
D. J. Hatherley	Epson Printer	2164	£ 49.99
B. H White & Son	Extension reel and lead for Parish Room	2165	£ 22.63
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish room	2166	£ 216.67
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish room	2167	£ 216.67
EDF Energy	Playing field pavilion	2168	£ 41.75

**2. Monthly Financial Monitor**

Cllr. Sutton circulated the monthly report and stated that next month he and the Clerk would present the new style report and the accounts for Councillors perusal

**3. Future Funding of Local Services and Facilities from SDC**

It was noted that Parish Council may have to supply some services that SDC now do in the future due to them being rate capped. This in turn could mean a rise in the Parish precept for 2011

**21/02/10**

**Documents Received for Councillors' perusal**

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The Playing Field – Somerset Playing Fields Association Newsletter. It was noted that Cllr. C. Allen has this document

**22/02/10**

**Any items for next months Agenda**

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird wished it to be recorded that "*She is not happy that the Parish Council seem to be disowning the CVC. Do they not accept the CVC or not?*" This statement came as a result of her questioning the relationship between the Parish Council and the CVC. The Clerk read quotations from previous Minutes in 2006 that stated that the Council had never made the CVC a committee within the Parish Council. Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird asked that an item be put on next month's agenda under CVC - to discuss the position of CVC relating to the Parish Council.

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

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*Chairman's signature*

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