



# Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, in Cannington Village Hall**

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Cllr's. C. Allen, R. Allen, Andison, Child, Davey, Greenslade, Locke (Chairman), & Sutton

Eight members of the public were in attendance

During the Public session the following topics were voiced:

- After the open meeting held in the college a member of the public called for the village to be united in its dealings with EDF energy and the plans it has for the village. This was agreed. He then reported that the action group that had been formed in the village had handed in a petition with 740 signatures on to EDF with the press being present but unfortunately EDF were not prepared to meet them and the documents were handed only to the secretary.
- A question regarding the publication of the Councils response to EDF was taken and the Chairman said that the letter had been put on the website and a hard copy was available from the Parish Office via the Clerk

### **1/01/10 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's Mrs. S. Allen and Mrs. L. Laird

### **2/01/10 Declarations of Members Interests**

Nil

### **3/01/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as a correct record after the addition of Cllr. Greenslade leaving the room during item 20/12/09

The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as a correct record

### **4/01/10 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that another pane of glass had been broken on a BT telephone booth this time the one in Brook Street. He reported that he will report this a.s.a.p. It was noted that the weir had still not been cleared and the Clerk agreed to follow this matter up with the Environment Agency

### **5/01/10 Police Matters**

#### **1. Police report.**

P.C.S.O Karen Evans reported that the crime for the Christmas period was low but unfortunately the following incidents had been reported:

- a. Graffiti had been removed from the URC church. (This was reported as criminal damage and that pictures had been sent to schools and to Bridgwater College to try to identify the culprit(s))
- b. There had been five road traffic collisions due to the icy conditions
- c. There had been two burglaries/thefts
- d. Two attempted burglaries in the Over Stowey vicinity
- e. There had been an incident of nails being driven through car tyres in Mill Lane and an incident of a telephone wire being cut

#### **3. P.A.C.T.**

The Chairman reported that the last meeting was at Over Stowey but unfortunately it had clashed with the monthly Parish Council meeting but we would await the minutes

#### **4. Community Speedwatch.** (Cllr. R. Allen)

Cllr. R. Allen reported that due to the inclement weather that there had been no speedwatch undertaken during the month.

### **6/01/10 Highways Matters**

Cllr. Andison reported some of the drains in High Street, Brook Street and the Main Road were blocked and that a street light was not working in Chads Hill. The Clerk agreed to report both to the authorities

**7/01/10 Parish Footpaths**

Nothing to report

**8/01/10 Jubilee Gardens**

The Chairman reported that the meeting of the Jubilee Gardens Committee that had been arranged on 6th January was postponed due to the work being undertaken at the time on the Council response to EDF energy and that the meeting would be rearranged sometime in the not too distant future.

**9/01/10 Playing Field**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that the pipes had not frozen in the cold weather and that all was well at the pavilion

**10/01/10 Cemetery**

Cllr. Andison reported that the gate was still not finished and the yews were splitting out again and needed attention. The Chairman reported that he would contact Mr. Ian Greenslade concerning this matter

**11/01/10 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre**

Cllr. Greenslade reported that the next Committee meeting will be this coming Monday (11<sup>th</sup> January 2010)

Cllr. Greenslade reported that he cannot and is not prepared to represent the CVC at the Village Hall Committee meetings as he was unaware of any decisions being taken by the CVC

**12/01/10 Parish Community Room**

The Chairman reported that a written agreement concerning the lease of the room will be drawn up during the forthcoming Monday Village Hall Committee meeting. He reported that the snooker table had now been removed and that the telephone line was up and working (01278 653322) He reported that the room needed security bars at the window and that it would be looked into in more detail in the future. He reported that the Clerk had ordered blinds at a cost of £170 plus VAT, that carpet tiles had been ordered; £463.00 plus VAT and that he had obtained three quotes for the desk, shelves and pedestal unit furniture. The quotes were for £2,650.00, £1550.00 and £1355 plus VAT respectively. It was proposed by Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. Child to accept the lowest quote. This was put to the vote and carried unanimously

**13/01/10 Village Brook**

Cllr Davey reported that the top of the weir was blocked and that the Clerk was going to report this to the Environment Agency.

**14/01/10 Allotments**

The Clerk reported that there were two rent arrears outstanding but one of these had contacted him as he was in hospital and that the Clerk had given him more time in which to settle his payment. After discussion it was agreed that the other tenant holder should be written to for a third time asking for settlement

**15/01/10 Cannington Tourism**

Cllr. R. Allen reported that the leaflets were still being taken in encouraging numbers

**16/01/10 Report on Hinkley Point**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that one of the reactors had tripped last Thursday but all is working now. The meeting at Stogursey Village Hall 27<sup>th</sup> January was noted

**17/01/10 The proposed Pharmacy/Village Shop**

Cllr. Andison reported that the shop should be up and running as a Spar convenience store once again within four to six weeks. The pharmacy proposals have been withdrawn

**18/01/10 Cannington Target**

The Chairman read the article for the Target that he had written concerning the village questionnaire and the new Parish Office.

**19/01/10 Sedgemoor CleanSweep**

The Clerk asked if Members had any areas of Cannington that particularly needed the CleanSweep Team because as they are due to visit Cannington in February and wish the Council to identify areas that need attention. The Bottle bank area together with Rodway Hill were two areas that the Members identified

**20/01/10 Planning Matters.**

The Clerk reported on the one planning application received during the month that had already been circulated to the Members. – 13/09/00031 – Industrial units on Main Road at the old Tincknells site. This was passed as “to support” with a recommendation of a no right turn at the A39 to facilitate safe turning onto the Main Road

The Clerk reported that he had received another application since the Agenda was printed and the plans were passed around. After discussion the Council had “no observations” concerning the application – 13/09/00032 to crown an acacia tree at Mulberry Cottage, Church Street

**21/01/10 Financial Matters**

- 1. Payments Due.** - Cheques were signed and the cheque stubs and invoices were initialled by Cllr. C. Allen and Davey

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
<b>Additional payments made since the last meeting: -</b>			
E M Print	Signs for Parish Office door	2133	£ 60.00
Cannington Villagers	Christmas lights etc – Grant under Section 137	2134	£ 157.46
BT Payment Services Ltd.	Closing bill for Parish phone	2137	£ 39.18
<b>The following payments are due: -</b>			
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Salary (November)	2135	£ 616.50
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (November)	2136	£ 62.95
D. J. Hatherley	Viking Direct – Envelopes and address labels for questionnaire	2138	£ 71.27
D. J. Hatherley	Lane – Hammett, Bridgwater – A3 paper for questionnaires	2139	£ 67.75
D. J. Hatherley	Dicketts, Glastonbury – Envelopes and address labels	2140	£ 51.12
Cannington P. C. C.	Printing of Questionnaire	2141	£ 122.10
Sedgemoor District Council	Quarterly lease of land at Sharks Lane	2142	£ 65.00
VOID		2143	
D. J. Hatherley	Ink cartridges – <a href="http://www.inkworldwide.com">www.inkworldwide.com</a>	2144	£ 47.45
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery and Jubilee Gardens for December	2145	£ 299.33
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field for December	2146	£ 44.85
BT Payment Services Ltd.	Parish phone, Broadband and one off charge of £79.00	2147	£ 143.16
D. J. Hatherley	B & Q – Heater	2148	£ 55.23
D. J. Hatherley	Royce keys for Village Hall	2149	£ 67.50
D. J. Hatherley	Office equipment – Shredder, guillotine, shelves for paper etc	2150	£ 140.54

**2. Monthly Financial Monitor**

The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting.

**3. Precept**

Cllr. Sutton explained the current financial situation in which there was an anticipated surplus at the end of this financial year in the region of £5000. It was noted that there would be extra running costs next year of some £3000 on top of normal payments for the Parish Office and a sum in the region of £4000 in order to furnish and equip the office. The cost of laying a honeycomb path in Jubilee Gardens in order to take heavy vehicles in order to maintain the brook was to be in the region of £7000 and the cost to widen the wall by the brook in the region of £600. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr. C. Allen to raise the precept to £25,000 in order to cover the additional cost for the coming year as well as to try to raise the reserves. The work in Jubilee Gardens could be left until next year

The Chairman stated that he was not happy with the presentation of the accounts and the fact that some of the figures on the capital costs details sheet were incorrect.

**22/01/10 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal**

The following document was noted

- ✘ THATCH – autumn 2009

**23/01/10 Any items for next months Agenda**

It was noted that the Chairman would not be at the next Council meeting

The meeting closed at 20.45

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Chairman's signature

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