



Cannington Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th July 2009, in Cannington Village Hall

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Present:

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

Nine members of the public were in attendance.

1/07/09 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor's Dyer and Joslin

2/07/09 Declarations of Members Interests

Nil

3/07/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a correct record after two amendments:

1. P.C.S.O. Karen "Bray" was changed to "Evans" (5/06/09 -2 and 6/06/09)
2. The word "Brook" was replaced with the word "Jubilee" (9/06/09)

4/07/09 Matters Arising

Item 41. The Clerk was asked to write a second letter to the Footpath Officer at Somerset County Council concerning the safety of the weir. **Action Clerk**

Item 44. The Clerk was asked to write a second letter to First Bus to see what progress they have made with the proposed stop in the High Street. **Action Clerk**

Item 47. The Clerk was asked to write a third letter to Highways to find out about the encroachment of land in Brownings road and Oaktree Way. **Action Clerk**

5/07/09 Police Matters

1. Police report.
There were no police present at the meeting
2. Incidents Reported.
It was reported that the new bus shelter had been vandalised with graffiti and that an attempt had been made to catch the PVC alight. The Clerk was asked to contact the police. **Action Clerk**
3. P.A.C.T.
Nothing to report
4. Community Cashback
The Chairman reported that there was four million pounds to be shared over the country from the ill-gotten gains of criminals. There was £95,000 to be shared within Avon and Somerset police district. The Chairman asked if the Members had ideas or projects that might fit the requirements stipulated by the police. Two ideas were forthcoming: C.C.T.V. cameras by the bus shelter and activated lights for the Play area by the Brook
5. Community Speedwatch
Cllr. R. Allen reported that the speedgun was faulty. It was agreed to have it repaired with the help of Chris Fry, the co-ordinator of the speedwatch scheme in the area.

6/07/09 Highways Matters

1. General highway matters
The Chairman reported that he had asked the Clerk to write a letter to Highways to ask for dropped kerbs to be constructed on both sides to Teals Acre to facilitate wheelchair access. The Clerk reported that this letter had been sent.
2. The Chairman reported from the meeting he and the Vice-Chairman attended with Mr. Betty on Wednesday 17th June concerning parking in East Street and Brook Street. It is hoped that a bollard will be placed on the pavement near the Newsagent to deter parking on the pavement and that the double yellow lines on the north side of East Street after Portland Close to be extended by two car lengths after consultations with the two residents whose property fronts the proposal. Cllr. Allen reported that he had spoken with the owner of 25 East Street who was in favour of this extension. Unfortunately there is no-one living at 27 at the time. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Betty informing him of the consultation. **Action Clerk**

7/07/09 Emergency Plan

Dr. D. Temple reported that the first draft had been completed and is awaiting the Chairman's approval before it comes to the full Council. **Action Chairman**

8/07/09 Parish Footpaths

Nothing to report

9/07/09 Jubilee Gardens

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that moles were still causing problems as well as pink weeds growing in abundance on the sides of the brook. Thanks were given to Cllr. Davey who cleared a length of rope from the Black Poplar tree.

10/07/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen reported from the AGM on 10th June. No representatives from the football clubs turned up. However a meeting has now been arranged 17th August to issue, the possibility of new keys, to the clubs. The pavilion is due to get a spring clean on 20th July and the first practice match is to be played 22nd August. There is one new team to play on Saturday afternoons. (Bridgwater Grasshoppers)

11/07/09 Cemetery

Cllr. Andison reported that a headstone at the top of the cemetery had been vandalised and that children had been seen playing there. There was dog excrement as well as discarded drink cans. He reported that he had visited the bereaved family and promised to try to rectify the situation. The police had been called to the scene but unfortunately the culprits had gone. It was agreed to place a sign at the entrance to the cemetery stating that there will be no ball games, no dogs and no alcohol and asking people to respect the place. **Action Clerk**

Cllr. Andison asked for a rubbish bin to be placed near the entrance and he agreed to find out the cost and report back to the next meeting.

It was noted that a disabled ramp was needed for access to the cemetery and it was agreed to put this item on the list for the precept next year.

Cllr. Andison read a letter that the clerk had received from a Mr. Gwyn Rees who praised the state and upkeep of the cemetery upon his visit.

12/07/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

Cllr. Greenslade reported that a key box was to be placed in the entrance hall in the near future for all key holders to access other parts of the building

13/07/09 Village Brook

Cllr. Davey asked if the Council could again write to the Environment Agency to ask for the spoil to be removed from the recent dredging of the brook near the Main Road. **Action Clerk**

14/07/09 Allotments

The Clerk was asked to point out to allotment holders not to spray weed killer on land that is not their plot. **Action Clerk**

15/07/09 Cannington Tourism

It was noted there had been a request to update the signs at the entrance to the village from the Kings Head Inn. The college were undertaking a sign study in the village to update their signs and it was hoped that the two schemes could go together. The college had offered to pay for one of the signs (Bridgwater end of the village). It was noted the sign at the Minehead end was in the wrong place.

16/07/09 Report on Hinkley Point

The Chairman gave a report from the meeting he, Cllr. C. Allen and the Clerk attended with EDF Energy on Wednesday 24th June at the EDF's offices in Kings Square, Bridgwater. EDF Energy were looking into the possibility of a park and ride scheme, Cannington being one of five sites for this, a hostel, again Cannington being one of five sites, and three different routes for a possible by-pass for Cannington, two on the west and one on the east. Whilst this is early days yet EDF Energy has promised to keep the Council fully in the picture and have offered to give a presentation at the October/November meetings when they will have finalised their presentation.

17/07/09 To review the Standing Orders

After minor alterations the Standing Orders were accepted. An updated copy was agreed to be sent to all Councillors

18/07/09 To accept the Financial Regulations

After minor alterations the Financial Regulations were accepted. An updated copy was agreed to be sent to all Councillors

19/07/09 SALC meeting 11th June 2009

Cllr. Child reported from a meeting on the topic – 'Policy & Legislation Updates'. He reported that the updates to this were delayed.

20/07/09 Affordable Housing

It was noted that there was to be an Open Day at the Regional Rural Business Centre at Junction 24 of the M5, North Petherton, TA6 6DF on Thursday 16th July 2009. 4.00pm – 7.30pm

21/07/09 Health Centre Pharmaceutical Provision

The Chairman summarised the present situation that enquires had been made into the possible change of use of the village shop. Cllr. Child called for a Public Meeting but this was rejected at this stage as there was nothing concrete to work upon.

1. There was a proposal from Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. C. Allen – "That the Council support the present Health Centre as we have now".

2. A second proposal from Cllr. Child and seconded by Cllr. Greenslade – "That the Council waits until they receive a reply from the Patients Group in late July". This was put to the vote and the second proposal won by five votes to four

22/07/09 Target

The Council agreed the item for the Target that the Clerk had written but asked if a sentence could be added informing all that if any wheelchair uses require a key for the Cemetery they have only to contact the Clerk

23/07/09 URC Open Air Service

The Council had received a request from the URC to use Jubilee Gardens in order to hold an Open Air Service on September 6th at 3.00pm followed by a barbecue. This was agreed.

24/07/09 Planning Matters.

Cllr. Child reported that one extra Planning Application had been received from Beer Manor Farm and that the sub committee would meet after the Full Council meeting to discuss this application.

The Council accepted the recommendations of the various sub-committees during the month.

25/07/09 Financial Matters

- 1. **Payments Due.** – The following cheques were signed, by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and Mrs. S. Allen together with initialling the cheque stubs and invoices.

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 (June)	2068	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (June)	2069	£ 62.33
Sedgemoor District Council	Lease of land at Sharks Lane. Quarterly lease	2070	£ 65.00
BT Payment services	Parish phone quarterly bill: £16.45 = cost of calls	2071	£ 74.71
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for June (£222.10) Jubilee Gardens for June (£72.36)	2072	£ 338.63
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing fields work for June	2073	£ 202.40
C. Allen	Playing Field sundries	2074	£ 23.65

- 2. **Monthly Financial Monitor**
The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting.
- 3. **External Audit report**
This was not available as the External Auditors had not been in contact with the Clerk as yet.

26/07/09 Documents Received for Councillors attention

These were noted

27/07/09 Any items for next months Agenda

To discuss the empty shop next to the Post Office in the High Street

The Meeting concluded at 21.50

Chairman's signature:

Date: