



# Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES**

### **Present:**

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

One members of the public was in attendance.

### **1/06/09 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and District Cllr. Joslin

### **2/06/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record

### **3/06/09 Declarations of Members Interests**

The Clerk asked for any Declarations of Interests that Members might have with any topics on the Agenda. There were none.

### **4/06/09 Matters Arising**

The Clerk read letters he had received from:-

English Heritage re the progress with "Listing" the phone box in the High Street which is still being dealt with.

Wessex Water about the state of the footpath near Gurney Manor Mill. This has now been mended

Highways department concerning the encroachment of land on Browning Road and Oak Tree Way. This is being referred to the Highways Enforcement Manager

### **5/06/09 Police Matters**

#### 1. Police report.

Parking in Brook Street has been causing problems and the police have been enforcing the law in that area. Unfortunately the road has now been resurfaced but as soon as the yellow lines are replaced they will continue to enforce the Law.

Parking in Toll House Road was also causing problems from the College and the Clerk was asked to write to advise the College and arrange a College Liaison Meeting for early next academic term with the police present. **Action Clerk**

A window in the URC Church had been broken with what appeared to be a pellet from a gun and the police were investigating the matter.

#### 2. Incidents Reported.

P.C.S.O. Karen Evans reported that there had been two cases of criminal damage this last month as well as two thefts from motor vehicles and one incident of possessing cannabis.

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

The Chairman reported from the Quantock Cluster meeting that the police were looking into ways of diverting traffic if there was a major incident on the A39 in an emergency

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

Cllr. R. Allen reported that there had been five sessions monitoring the speed of traffic this month and he was pleased to report that no-one was reported for breaking the speed limit.

### **6/06/09 Highways Matters**

It was reported that parking was still causing problems around the Hairdressers in East Street and the Clerk was asked to write to the establishment asking for co-operation from their customers. **Action Clerk** P.C.S.O. Karen Evans also said that she would call in and speak to the people there.

A hedge was reported to be overgrown near Cannington House thus blocking part of the pavement and the Clerk was instructed to write to Brymore School to seek their help in this matter. **Action Clerk**

### **7/06/09 Emergency Plan**

Dr. D. Temple reported that he had arranged a meeting with 'Homes in Sedgemoor' this week as the one outstanding organisation left in the report yet to contribute.

### **8/06/09 Parish Footpaths**

Nothing to report

### **9/06/09 Jubilee Gardens**

The Chairman reported from the Jubilee Gardens Sub-committee meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Areas that the Committee felt needed attention were the hanging sign for the Gardens and the proposed new hedge to stop the bank from falling away. The information map is still being drafted but should be brought to their next meeting.

Greenslade Grounds Maintenance agreed to cut the hedge as it was becoming overgrown and that the bird nesting session had now

almost finished. Cllr. Greenslade also agreed to investigate insecticides to eradicate the growth of the Japanese Knotweed that is growing in the hedge.

The Chairman reported that the W.I. had approached the Council to use the Gardens for a "tea and biscuits afternoon" some time in the summer. The Council had no objections.

**10/06/09 Playing Field**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that the AGM was to take place the next evening in the pavilion (10.06.09). Discussions took place concerning the hire cost that the Council charge each game. It decided to leave it as it is at £30 for senior clubs and £25 for Cannington clubs and juniors. It is hoped that the field could be used for other activities and it was also noted that there was no sign indicating what the field is for on the main road

It was agreed to send a £10 donation to the Playing Field Association

**11/06/09 Cemetery**

Cllr. Andison reported that the yew trees needed attention and that Ian Greenslade would be looking into the task

*Cllr. Andison then left the meeting*

**12/06/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre**

Cllr. Greenslade reported that the first rent had been received for the house this month

**13/06/09 Village Brook**

Nothing to report

**14/06/09 Allotments**

The Clerk reported that the lane from Marsh Lane to the golf course that the college own is very overgrown and asked if the Council could write to the College asking their co-operation in this matter. This was agreed. **Action Clerk**

The grass entrance path was overgrown and it was agreed to invite Greenslade Grounds Maintenance to maintain this stretch of land on their regular work each month and/or when needed. **Action Clerk to write to G.G.M.**

**15/06/09 Cannington Tourism**

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that they are awaiting the next print of the leaflets

**16/06/09 Report on Hinkley Point**

Cllr. C. Allen reported that the new offices for E.D.F Energy are now open in Kings Square in Bridgwater

**17/06/09 To review the Standing Orders**

It was discovered that they were some different versions of the Standing Orders in circulation and therefore it was agreed that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman will sort out an acceptable version and bring to the next meeting. **Action Clerk and Chairman**

**18/06/09 Notification by a Member of Financial and Other Interests**

The Clerk asked if there was any changes to Members financial and other interests and if there were they were to notify S.D.C or pass the new ones on to him and he would forward them. If there was no change than the Clerk instructed the Members to ignore the document they had.

*Distinct Cllr's Edney and Dyer left the meeting*

**19/06/09 Planning Matters.**

Cllr. Child thanked Cllr. R. Allen for his help in taking over this task of monitoring the Planning Applications in his absence.

Cllr. Child reported that permission had been granted at 15 High Street with seven conditions attached. Planning Application 13/09/00010, 13/09/00011 and 13/09/00012 the sub committee recommendation of "No Observations" stood.

**20/06/09 Financial Matters**

**(1) Payments Due. -**

The following cheques were signed and the cheque stubs and invoices were initialled by Cllr's C. Allen and Child

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 (May)	2057	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (May)	2058	£ 62.33
EDF Energy	Playing field Pavilion	2059	£ 23.32
Mr. B. Knox	Internal Audit (£262.00 last year)	2060	£ 220.00
D. J. Hatherley	Mileage claim for internal audit	2061	£ 16.80
Wessex Water	Pavilion	2062	£ 18.59
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for May (£255.42) Jubilee Gardens for May (£83.21)	2063	£ 338.63
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing fields work for May	2064	£ 197.80
Mrs. P. Locke	Refreshments at the AGM	2065	£ 48.56
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Hall from March to June	2066	£ 105.00
Playing Field Association	Yearly subscription	2067	£ 10.00

**(2) Monthly Financial Monitor**

Cllr. Sutton explained the financial situation as it now stands and the difference between running costs and capital costs. A motion was put forward to keep a reserve of £5000. Proposed by Cllr. C. Allen and Seconded by Cllr. R. Allen and carried by six votes with one abstention. Discussion then took place over possible capital costs for the future such as the work needed in Jubilee Gardens and that a grant had been made in the past for this work to take place. It was agreed that Members bring to the next meeting any capital expenditure projects for the foreseeable future.

**(3) Internal Audit report**

The Audit was noted and that action would take place over the points the Auditor raised.

**21/06/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal**

These were noted

**22/06/09 Any items for next months Agenda**

Nil

The Meeting concluded at 20.32

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