



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th March 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. K. Dyer

Three members of the public were in attendance.

*During the Public Session, the following topic was voiced:
Nil*

1/03/09 Resignation of Cllr. Edwards

The Chairman read a letter of resignation he had received from Cllr. Edwards. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to him appreciating the work he had done during his time as a Parish Councillor

2/03/09 Apologies for Absence

District Cllr. J. Edney

3/03/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as a correct record

The Closed session of the Council was then suspended to allow a short talk by Mr Graham Quarrier (Project Manager for the Parrett Estuary Flood Risk Management Strategy, Environment Agency) and his assistant Mr. John Vinney. During this talk they explained about the proposed tidal barrage at Bridgwater, the improvement to the Clyce at the Cannington Bends on the River Parrett and the flood relief channel in Cannington. Praise was voiced by the Chairman for the work the Environment agency had done on the brook in the village by de-silting and clearing of the brook.

The meeting then went back into closed session.

4/03/09 Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and seconded by Cllr. W. Sutton to purchase a dog refuse bin on a post at the south roundabout. This was put to the vote and carried unanimously. **Action Clerk**

It was noted that the Globe Inn had apologised for putting its advertising boards on the War Memorial and promised that it would not happen again

5/03/09 Police Matters

1. Police report.

P.C.S.O. L. Bray reported that incidences in the village were very quiet at the moment and hoped this would continue. There had been only one vehicle damage this month as well as one incident of criminal damage, and one incident of anti-social behaviour near the school that they are continuing to monitor.

She mentioned about the newsletter that was now circulated by email and that C.A.T.S had been going well with a planting scheme in operation at Court Orchard as well as a pizza and coke night in the future

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

Cllr R. Allen reported that the training session held earlier this month had been successful and that five members of the public as well as four Councillors attended. A hands on training was to be organised for the following Thursday for two people to be acquainted with the equipment

6/03/09 Highways Matters

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Highways covering the raised man-hole cover in East Street, the surplus water at 4 Main Road and the drains at the end of East Street.

Cllr. C. Allen reported back from the Quantock Cluster Group meeting that he and the Clerk had attended at Nether Stowey, during which the use of the A39 in an event of a closure was discussed

Cllr Child reported that he had been in contact with the Highways concerning a hole on the A39 which had now been mended.

7/03/09 Emergency Plan

Dr. D Temple had been in contact with the Chairman and reported that the Plan was progressing well, a draft plan was close to completion and that negotiations were taking place with the College as an emergency centre. He was thanked for his efforts.

8/03/09 Parish Footpaths

Cllr. C. Allen reported that he will be in contact with the Footpath Officer re the state of the footbridge, with missing slats, on a footpath through Denman's Farm. **Action Cllr. Allen**

9/03/09 Jubilee Gardens

Nothing to report

10/03/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen thanked Greenslades Grounds Maintenance for the work in rolling the football pitch

11/03/09 Cemetery

The new Regulations and fees for 2009/2010 were accepted. Proposed Cllr. W. Sutton and Seconded by Cllr. R. Child and carried unanimously

12/03/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village CentreCllr. Greenslade reported that as from 16th March 2009 there will no longer be a Caretaker at the Village Hall and that bookings should be go to Mrs. Rosemarie Morgan, 12 Dukes Avenue (01278 652102) or Mrs Kate Slade, 10 Lonsdale Road. A cleaner will be found in the long term on a contract. He reported that the CVC had applied to Magnox South for a grant but this had been turned down.**13/03/09 Village Brook**

Nothing to report

14/03/09 Allotments

Nothing to report

15/03/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that the new leaflets should be available soon

16/03/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported that the B station had been undertaking emergency exercises and that the station was running well

17/03/09 Quantock Cluster Group meetingThe Vice Chairman reported from the Quantock Cluster meeting held at Combwich, Otterhampton Village Hall, 24th February 2009. He explained about hedge cutting in the county, roads to be swept on a ten weekly cycle and the new recycling collection arrangements that are due to start in October.**18/03/09 Telephone kiosk in the High Street**

Nothing to report

19/03/09 Risk Assessment

It was agreed that after Cllr's. Davey and Greenslade has checked them through the Chairman would sign them

21/03/09 Stronger Neighbourhoods RoadshowCllr. Child reported from the meeting he attended 12th February 2009. He mentioned about the PCSO'S not being able to have the "Power to Arrest".**22/03/09 Planning Matters.**

Cllr. Child reported on Appendix B

23/03/09 Financial Matters**(1) Payments Due.** – The cheques were signed; cheque stubs and invoices initialled by Cllr's. Mrs. L. Laird and Child

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made during February: -			
	Nil		
The following payments were made: -			
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk salary (February)	2028	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (February)	2029	£ 62.33
A. T. Thorne General Builders	Extension to concrete base at Brook Street bus shelter	2030	£ 365.00
EDF Energy	Pavilion	2031	£ 44.79
Somerset Association of Local Councils	Affiliation Fee for 2009/10	2032	£ 482.16
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Jubilee Gardens and Cemetery for February	2033	£ 260.02
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field for February	2034	£ 44.85
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Rolled Playing Field	2035	£ 62.10

(2) Monthly Financial Monitor

The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting. It was noted that the Clerk had applied for the final VAT refund for the year

24/03/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal

These were noted

25/03/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Nil

The meeting concluded at 20.28