



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 12th May 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

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Present:

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

Six members of the public were in attendance.

Closed Session

1/05/09 Election of Chairman & Signing of Office

Cllr. Locke was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen and seconded by Cllr. Child. There being no other nominations Cllr. Locke was voted to serve as Chairman for the next year unanimously. Cllr. Locke then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2/05/09 The signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Mr. Michael Andison

Mr. M. Andison signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Public Session

During the Public Session, the following topics were voiced:

1. *Member of the public voiced concern over the irresponsible parking on the pavement near the Newsagent shop in Brook Street obstructing their driveways. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways department asking for their assistance on this topic. **Action Clerk***
2. *One member of the public asked when the Parish accounts would be made public. The Clerk explained that they are with the internal auditor now and then they must go to the external auditor so that it would be a couple of months at least until publication.*

Closed Session

3/05/09 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. C. Allen was proposed by Cllr. Child and seconded by Cllr. R. Allen and carried unanimously there being no other nominations

4/05/09 Election of Posts of Responsibilities

The following posts were agreed after the Chairman explained the present set up of posts to all concerned:

Playing Field:	Cllr. C. Allen	Cemetery:	Cllr. Andison
Speedwatch:	Cllr. R. Allen	Jubilee Gardens:	Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird
Planning:	Cllr. Child	Finance:	Cllr. Sutton
Brook:	Cllr. Davey	Village Hall:	Cllr. Greenslade
Affordable Housing:	Cllr. Child	Tourism	Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen

5/05/09 Declarations of Members Interests

The Clerk explained that from now on the Council would invite Members to declare any interests that they might have at the start of the meeting and/or as they arise during the meeting. The Members concerned would then leave the room during the debate in question.

6/05/09 Code of Conduct Statement by the Chairman

The chairman reminded members of their responsibilities in respect of disclosure of confidential information. The following was read to all Members:

"It has come to my notice that, following the December parish council meeting, an item concerning affordable housing, which councillors were informed was to be treated as confidential, was subsequently disclosed to a third party. This disclosure has had a detrimental effect on certain negotiations that are taking place.

I must remind councillors that any information that a councillor may have knowledge of which is declared to be, or appears to be, of a confidential nature must not be disclosed to any third party under any circumstances, unless such disclosure has been authorised by the chairman of this council.

Further, members are reminded that any such unauthorised disclosure may well constitute an offence under the code of conduct. I trust that I shall not have to remind members again of their responsibilities in this matter".

7/05/09 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Davey

8/05/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the April meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record after one Planning Application house number was changed to "15" from "45"

9/05/09 Matters Arising

The Clerk was asked to find out what had happened to the following items from Appendix (A)

Item Number	Topic	Responsibility	Task outcome
18	Phone Box in High Street	English Heritage	Clerk to write
40	State of footpath at the end of Gurney Street	Wessex Water	Clerk to write
41	Potential danger at the weir due to luck of signposts	S.C.C. Footpaths Officer	Clerk to write
53	Parking in East Street and in Brook Street	Highways (Mr. Betty)	Clerk to write to organise a site inspection

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported on the conversations she had with Mrs. Julie Cooper from S.D.C. about the cows from Marsh Farm intruding upon the Children's play area near Brook Street. It was reported that this was being monitored but the cows had now left the neighbouring field.

10/05/09 Police Matters

There was no police presence at the meeting but it was reported that they will be attending the AGM the next day.

4. Community Speedwatch.

Cllr. R. Allen reported that the police will be visiting a Cannington session next Thursday to monitor our volunteers in action.

11/05/09 Highways Matters

The Chairman notified the Members of the Somerset County Council's grass cutting scheme for the verges this year.

12/05/09 Emergency Plan

Dr. Temple reported that he had attended a very useful meeting with Brymore School but he is finding difficulty in contacting 'Homes in Sedgemoor'

13/05/09 Parish Footpaths

Nothing to report

14/05/09 Jubilee Gardens

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that she wished to hold a Sub-Committee meeting. After discussion it was agreed to hold a meeting on 26th May at 4.00pm at the Chairman's house. **Action Clerk**

Youth loitering on the road bridge and leaving litter has been reported to the police and the police are monitoring the situation

15/05/09 Playing Field

It was agreed to hold the AGM on 10th June at the pavilion at 7.00pm. Cllr. Andison volunteered to attend. It was reported that all matches had now finished except one match on Thursday coming. The Clerk will organise the meeting as well as getting keys cut for Cllr. Andison. **Action Clerk**

16/05/09 Cemetery

The Chairman reported that some of the yew trees needed attention and that he would organise the work

17/05/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

Cllr. Greenslade reported that the funds were now sorting themselves out and that refund money should be coming back to Village Hall funds soon

18/05/09 Village Brook

Nothing to report

19/05/09 Allotments

The Clerk, in response to an enquiry, reported that there was a waiting list of ten for allotments at the present time

20/05/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that more walk leaflets will be printed within the next two weeks and that for the first time they will be self financing due to advertising revenue.

21/05/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported that 20% of EDF had been purchased by Centrica and that EDF Energy office in Kings Square in Bridgwater was now open. He reported that the cost for the two reactors at Hinkley Point would be in the order of £8 billion; 30% of this will go to the Areva reactor design and construction group with the remaining 70% to be awarded to other companies.

22/05/09 Cannington Garden Competition

The Council granted a request for a grant, under Section 137, for the forthcoming year of £150.00. This was proposed by Cllr. Child and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and carried unanimously

District Cllr's Edney and Dyer left the meeting

23/05/09 Planning Matters.

Cllr. Child reported the following:

- * The Sub-Committee had No Objection to Yeo Valley closing the old lane off the A39 to the factory
- * 13/09/00005/REM The application to hold laser games at Horn Hill farm had been rejected
- * 13/09/00008/STH The Committee had No Objections to Bradley Green Stables continuing their use of the mobile home in Blackmoor Lane
- * 13/09/00007/CJM 15 High Street – No Observations
- * 6, Teals Acre and Withiel Farm house extension will go to the Sub Committee this week
- * The Committee await the application from 28A High Street for Change of Application

24/05/09 Financial Matters**(1) Payments Due**

The following cheques were signed and the cheque stubs and invoices were initialled by Cllr. Mrs S. Allen and Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird

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 (April)	2046	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (April)	2047	£ 62.33
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for March (£386.20) Jubilee Gardens (£132.36)	2048	£ 598.64
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing fields work for March	2049	£ 128.80
D. J. Hatherley	Travelling claim to and from Internal Auditor	2050	£ 16.80
M. J. Locke	Chairman allowances for 2008/9	2051	£ 200.00
Allianz	Council Insurance	2052	£ 1324.45
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for April (£255.42 Jubilee Gardens (£83.21)	2053	£ 338.63
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing fields work for April	2054	£ 380.65
D. J. Hatherley	Viking-Direct.co.uk (Stationery)	2055	£ 106.73
Flower Show Committee	Cannington Flower Show – Front Gardens Competition	2056	£ 150.00

(2) Monthly Financial Monitor

The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting.

25/05/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal

The following documents were noted:

- ☆ Somerset Fields Flyer – Playing Field – Spring 2009
- ☆ Quantock Hills pamphlet as well as the Minutes from the Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Group 24th April 2009
- ☆ THATCH – The Rural Community Magazine for Somerset
- ☆ S.C.S.N. – Somerset Community Safety Newsletter

26/05/09 Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman reminded members of the forthcoming meeting to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th May 2009 at 7.00pm

27/05/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Nil

The meeting concluded at 20.37