



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th November 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Three members of the public were in attendance.

No member of the public wished to speak at the public session

1/11/09 Apologies for Absence

Nil

2/11/09 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr. Davey (*item 23*), Cllr. Locke (*item 20*)

3/11/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as a true record

The Chairman closed the meeting in order to let a late member of the public speak:

A member of the public asked for clarification to the planning application at Horn Hill Farm for laser games. Cllr. Greenslade read out the email that the Clerk had sent to S.D.C planning office and the Clerk read out the reply.

The meeting resumed closed session

4/11/09 Matters Arising

1. The Clerk was asked to write again to English Heritage regarding the present situation of the phone box in the High Street as it has been such a long time since the initial letter was sent. **Action Clerk**
2. The Clerk was asked to write to BT to inform them of the broken glass in the telephone box in the High Street. **Action Clerk**
3. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Betty, Highways, to find out why no work had been started in East Street concerning the parking problems. **Action Clerk**

5/11/09 Police Matters

1. Police report.

There was no police presence at the meeting. However, it was agreed after discussion that the Council would check with Cllr. Edney about the possible withdrawal of funding for the PC.S.O.'s. **Action Chairman**
It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the police for their work during the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, 4th November 2009. **Action Clerk**

2. Incidents Reported.

Cllr. Greenslade reported that a quantity of diesel had been stolen from his premises and that the police had been informed.

3. P.A.C.T.

This item was to be discussed at the next Cluster Group meeting.

4. Community Speedwatch.

It was reported, that due to the inclement weather, no speedwatch had been undertaken during the last month.

6/11/09 Highways Matters

Cllr Mrs. S. Allen reported that the road surface on the roundabout at the Bridgwater end of the village was deteriorating and needed attention. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Highways. **Action Clerk**. Also it was noted that the chevron sign on the roundabout that had been knocked down many months ago had still not been put right. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways in order to find out about the situation. **Action Clerk**

7/11/09 Parish Footpaths

Nil

8/11/09 Jubilee Gardens

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that the second poplar tree had not been felled as planned as it was realised that the Council needed permission from S.D.C. as it was in a conservation area. It was noted that the Clerk had now applied for permission and that the Council awaits the outcome.

Cllr Greenslade left the room

The Clerk had reported that he had sent letters asking for quotations to four different firms to submit a quote to plant the hedge on the east side of the gardens. However only one firm had shown an interest in doing the work. Discussion took place as to whether to plant the whole hedge or just part this year. The one quote the Council had received was below the original figure earmarked for the job. It was proposed by Cllr. Davey and seconded by Cllr. Child to plant the whole hedge and award

the contract to Greenslades Grounds Maintenance after the Council had obtained permission from S.D.C. Conservation Officer. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Greenslade returned

9/11/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen reported that Cllr. Andison and his son had removed the old chill cabinet from within the pavilion and this would be taken to the recycling centre as soon as possible. Cllr. Andison was thanked by the Council for his work in undertaking this task. It was reported that a shower unit had broken and it was agreed that the unit be replaced

10/11/09 Cemetery

Cllr. Andison reported that the hedge on the front has been cut and is looking very smart. The disabled access ramp should be finished soon and that he had received the newly purchased litter bin and hoped that it would be in situ soon.

11/11/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

Nothing to report

12/11/09 Parish Community Room

The Clerk explained the three quotations he had obtained to construct office furniture for the new Community room but after discussion he was asked to find further estimates in order to obtain a better price. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk told the Council that he had organised a phone and broadband for the room that should be working by 1st December. The new email address should be: canningtonpc@btconnect.com The telephone number should be 01278 653322

13/11/09 Village Brook – (18th November 2009 - Brook walk)

The date of the brook walk was noted. There was concern at the silting up of the brook between the two bridges. It was agreed to mention this to James Yarham during the walk

Cllr Greenslade left the room

14/11/09 Allotments

It was agreed not to raise the tenancy rate for the year 2011/12. This was proposed by Cllr. Child, seconded by Cllr. Davey and carried unanimously.

Cllr. Davey reported that he had received a complaint that some tenant holders had been encroaching the service path and asked if the Clerk could look into this. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Greenslade returned

15/11/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that the leaflets especially at Blackmore farm had been used very well

16/11/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported that one reactor was closed at the moment for repair. It was felt by many Members that the by-pass route together with sites for the hostel and the Park and Ride had already been chosen and that the consultation day this month was just an exercise. However, it was felt that a separate flyer should go out from the Council to encourage the people from the village to attend and to make their voice heard. This flyer should be headed with the words "Cannington Parish Council" and be hand delivered to each household in the village. **Action Clerk** to get the flyers printed.

17/11/09 Quantock Parish Cluster Group meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 December 2009 in Over Stowey Village Hall at 8.00pm.

18/11/09 Sedgemoor District Council's Budget process - diary date - 19th November

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk would attend this meeting and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

19/11/09 Somerset Municipal Waste Management Strategy Workshop

These dates were noted

20/11/09 The Church Clock

Cllr. Locke left the meeting and Cllr C. Allen took the Chair

The Clerk read the letter he had received from Father Peter Martin and after discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird, seconded by Cllr. Sutton to make a grant of £500 to Cannington P.C.C. to help to repair the church clock as stipulated in the Parish Council Act 1957 chapter 42/5 & 6

Cllr. Locke returned and retook the Chair

21/11/09 The proposed Pharmacy/Village Shop

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the NHS stating that the Parish Council have no right of appeal in this case. Cllr. Child asked if the Clerk would email the letter to him. The Clerk agreed. **Action Clerk** The Clerk was asked to write a letter of objection at the lack of input the villagers had on the appeal decision to the Constituency MP, County Councillor and District Councillors. **Action Clerk** Cllr. Andison reported that he had heard that the shop was now sold but he didn't know to whom.

22/11/09 The Rules for the Sub Committees

The Clerk gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the rules as stated in Local Government Act 1972, Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Parish and Community Councils Regulations 1990. Discussion then took place after which the Chairman decided that he, the Clerk and the Vice Chairman should meet to decide the way forward. Cllr Child had written a letter of

resignation from the post of Planning Co-ordinator for the Council due to ill health. He was thanked by the Chair for his excellent hard work over many years. The Clerk will now be undertaking this task.

23/11/09 Planning Matters.

Cllr. Davey left the room

The Clerk displayed the plans for the planning application, 13/09/00027, for Brymore School to erect a single storey extension to be used as a food technology/teaching area for students. After discussion it was decided to have "No Observation". There was also another application from Brymore School to modernise the dormitories in the Main School building. This too was decided to have "No Observation"

Cllr. Davey returned

24/11/09 Financial Matters

- 1. Payments Due.** – The Cheques were signed, cheque stubs and invoices were initialled by Cllr's. Davey and C. Allen.

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 (October)	2109	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (October)	2110	£ 62.33
D. J. Hatherley	Imp bins – Litter bin for Cemetery	2111	£ 121.90
R. Child	Expenses for SALC AGM; Affordable Housing Meeting; telephone calls and mileage	2112	£ 32.47
VOID	VOID	2113	VOID
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field work for October (£293.00 excluding VAT)	2114	£ 336.95
Mrs. P. Sutton	LCD projector, screen and monitor cable	2115	£ 352.96
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for October (£222.10 excluding VAT)	2116	£ 338.63
	Jubilee Gardens work for October (£72.36 excluding VAT)		
C. Allen	Keys cut for Playing Field	2117	£ 21.70
Cannington Village Hall	Rent for the last quarter year	2118	£ 110.00

- 2. Monthly Financial Monitor**
The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting.
- 3. S.A.L.C.'s recommendation re Clerks annual pay awards**

The Clerk left the room

Cllr. Sutton reported that S.A.L.C. had recommended a 1% pay award this year and it was agreed to award the Clerk this recommendation and back date it to April 6th 2009. This was proposed by Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. C. Allen and carried unanimously

The Clerk returned

25/11/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal

These documents were noted by the Members

26/11/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Nil

The meeting concluded at 22.00

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Chairman's signature:

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Date: