



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 13th October 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

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Present:

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

Three members of the public were in attendance together with Mr. Stuart Houlet from SDC (Core Strategy Option)

The Chairman announced at the start of the meeting that the Somerset Primary Care Trust had approved the licensing of a Pharmacy by John Ware Ltd. in the High Street and that the Council had heard about it only that day. He stated that the Council will be discussing it during the Planning Applications. He then introduced the speaker, Mr. Stuart Houlet who would give a talk to the Council concerning the Preferred Option Core Strategy Report for Sedgemoor.

Mr. Houlet introduced himself and the new local plan for Sedgemoor. He explained that the planning boundaries will stay the same for Cannington. Cannington had been identified as a key rural settlement of which there are only thirteen in the area of Sedgemoor. This means that key facilities, such as Post Offices, would remain. However a change in central government could reverse the Core Strategy plan.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Houlet for his presentation and his time.

During the Public session the following topic was voiced:

* Continued parking problems caused by student during the academic term time was identified as being a problem in the village. The Chairman replied that the Council are fully aware of the situation and this would be the first item on the agenda for the College/Council joint liaison meeting that was coming soon. The Clerk said that the date had been fixed for November 11th at the College for this meeting.

1/10/09 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Andison

2/10/09 Declarations of Members Interests

The Clerk read the rules concerning the Members Interest and asked if they could be declared now and/or as the need arose during the meeting. There were no declarations at the start of the meeting

3/10/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record

4/10/09 Matters Arising

The Clerk summarised appendix A

5/10/09 Police Matters

1. Police report.

There was no police presence at the meeting.

2. Incidents Reported.

Reports of parking problems in Toll House Road and Bowling Green by students. This was agreed to be an item on the Collage Liaison meeting in November

3. P.A.C.T.

Nil

4. Community Policing Awards

The Councillors were given the option to fill up a nomination slip, as provided and send it forward to the police or to give the form to the Clerk who would do similar.

5. Community Speedwatch

Cllr R. Allen reported that in his absence the speedgun had been well used by the volunteers

6/10/09 Highways Matters

The Clerk was asked to write again to Highways concerning the potholes on the approach to Dukes Avenue and that it had been reported that a person had fallen whilst crossing the road due to this fault. **Action Clerk**

7/10/09 Emergency Plan

The report was discussed and agreed that a person from outside the Emergency Plan Committee could to be co-opted onto the committee as well. Cllr. Davey asked if a priority risk assessment could be done on some of the emergency hazards mentioned in the report. Dr. Temple replied that it could but would take time. He would look into the possibility. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, gave his profuse thanks to Dr. Temple for compiling such an excellent Emergency Plan

8/10/09 Parish Footpaths

Nothing to report

9/10/09 Jubilee Gardens

1. Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported back from the sub-committees meeting, 6th October. She reported that the hanging sign proposal was still being looked into and the map for the information stand is being redrawn. The sub

committee had received the biannual report concerning the large Black Poplar tree and was pleased to report that it was in a safe state of growth. However, the other poplar, (*Italian Black Poplar Populus x euramericana 'serotina'*) has grown too large and is now a danger to drains through its prolific root growth and that there was a danger of limbs from this tree falling, as the tree matures; this type of poplar is prone to this hazard. It was the recommendation from the sub-committee that this tree is removed. A proposal from Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and seconded by Cllr. Greenslade that this tree be removed at the cost of £360. This was vote carried unanimously. It was suggested that the Clerk will find out the cost of removing the roots and providing the figure was agreeable that this work could be undertaken at the same time. **Action Clerk** It was hoped that in the future another tree could be planted in its place.

2. Cllr. Greenslade declared an interest on the quotations for the hedge but the Clerk said as only one quotation had been received it was unlikely that the Council would award the contract at this meeting. It was noted that the original letter for quotations was not specific enough and that is why the Committee felt another letter inviting fresh quotations to go out was agreed. Cllr. Mrs. Laird apologised for the estimate/quotation being asked for three times to Greenslades Grounds Maintenance

Cllr. Edney left the meeting

10/10/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen reported that a shower was not working correctly but besides this all was fine and the pitch was looking in a good state of maintenance

11/10/09 Cemetery

The Clerk reported that the signs the Council had bought would be erected tomorrow morning at 8.30am. He reported that he had been in contact with the builder that has been given the building job of putting a wheelchair access into the cemetery and that this work will start by the end of next week.

12/10/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

1. Cllr. Greenslade reported that the recently held quiz night had been a success to raise funds and that the Committee were looking into the possibility of replacing the wooden tables.

2. The Chairman explained his thoughts about the possibility of the village having a Parish Office because of the growth within the village, the implications the forthcoming build will have at Hinkley Point, a base for the Clerk and a central point for members of the public to seek information. He said that the room could also be used for small meetings; the PCSO's could use it monthly as well as a monthly Parish Surgery. The cost, having liaised with the Village Hall Committee, would be £50 per week including heating and electric (£2,600.00 per year). There would also be an initial set cost to furnish the room, perhaps in the sum of £4,000.00 after the Village Hall committee had agreed to rewire and decorate the room. After discussion had taken place, during which it was realised that because of the Village Hall rules, the room could not be called a Parish Office therefore it was suggested to be called a Parish Community room granted under licence. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird and seconded by Cllr. Child to accept this idea and to take it to the Village Hall Committee as a final proposal and to add the cost to next year's proposed budget. This was carried unanimously.

Cllr. Joslin left the room

13/10/09 Village Brook

Cllr. Davey reported that the brook's flow of water was intermittent at times and that weeds were accumulating between the two bridges. It was agreed to mention these points to the Environment Agency at the forthcoming brook walk; Wednesday 18th November at 3.00pm

14/10/09 Allotments

1. The Clerk reported that a shed had been erected without Council's permission on plot 34. It was agreed to show the Tenancy Agreement to all Tenant holders at the next months rent collection in order to remind them of their agreement. He reported that he had let out another plot due to one holders ill health and that another plot would be reallocated after the months notice had been worked from plot holder No. 12.

2. To review the Tenancy Agreement for new tenants
It was agreed to add two more rules to the agreement for all new holders concerning the raising of livestock and the growing of commercial plants

15/10/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. S. Allen reported that the new leaflets were going well

16/10/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported from the meeting held in the College Main Hall on 22nd September and the forum meeting held 30th September at Stogursey Village Hall. He firstly reported that the public had concerns about the proposed routes for the by-pass and that a Dunball option would have been a preferred choice. He voiced the public's concerns that the plans for the routes were not on display at the public meeting in the Collage Main Hall. Cllr. C. Allen explained that the forum meeting at Stogursey had been taken from a wide cross section of bodies and organisations throughout the region. He reported that the next meeting would be 12th November at Cannington Centre. Clifford Hall and asked if someone else could attend the next time in order for all Councillors to have to opportunity to experience the forum.

Cllr. Dyer left the meeting

17/10/09 Target

The Chairman summarised the letter the Clerk had written for the Target. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mr. Parle, the editor, if the pharmacy decision could be put in the magazine. **Action Clerk**

18/10/09 To possible purchase for the future an LCD projector and screen

Cllr. Sutton made a case for the Council to spend up to £600 to purchase a LCD projector and screen in order to show plans, letters and other items that need a wide visual viewing at meetings. It was proposed by Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. Davey that Cllr. Sutton and the Clerk will purchase the equipment up to £600. This was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

19/10/09 "Somerset Schools need Governors"

This item was noted

20/10/09 North Devon and Somerset Shoreline Management Plan – Consultation Event

This item was noted and that the Clerk had already emailed each Member with the information

21/10/09 Front Gardens Competition

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Hudson, after many years of running the Village Front Gardens Competition, has decided to retire and that Mr. John Addison will be undertaking the running as from next year. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Hudson

22/10/09 Advertising Boards in the village

Cllr. Child reported that after complaints had been made to him he reported the illuminated sign on the side of the Kings Head Inn to the Planning Department at Sedgemoor District Council and that they in turn gave a fourteen day notice to the owners to take the sign down. Cllr. Child asked if a letter could be sent to all retailers in the village warning them of such actions in the future and asking for their co-operation with advertising boards. After discussion had taken place it was decided not to write to the retailers but to verbally ask for co-operation as it arises. It was agreed that Cllr. C. Allen would contact the Friendly Spirit Inn about the length of time their advertising board has been on the field from the approach from Bridgwater on the A39.

23/10/09 S.A.L.C.

Cllr. Child reported that during the AGM that he recently attended it was stated that there was to be 15 – 25% cuts from Central Government funding for the future and that this in turn would have a knock on effect on Parish Councils.

24/10/09 Planning Matters. (Please see Appendix (B))

Cllr. Child reported that the chicken composter at Claylands Corner had been granted after it had gone to appeal but they could only compost feathers and waste products from the chickens.

Discussion then took place concerning the proposed pharmacy in the village and it was noted that many of the facts given in the report were incorrect. It was agreed that Cllr. Child contacts the Health Centre Manager at the earliest opportunity in order to formulate a letter from the Council stating their reasons to appeal. The Clerk was asked to put a letter in the target to encourage others in the village to do likewise. However, if in the case the Target had gone to press it was decided to send a loose A5 sheet with the Target as it was delivered to each household.

25/10/09 Financial Matters**1. Payments Due.**

Cllr. Sutton explained that a firm the Clerk had used to order ink cartridges from had been made insolvent. The Clerk had paid for the ink with a debit card and therefore there was no chance of recouping the money. It was agreed that the Council should write this off as a bad debt.

It was agreed to order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday to the cost of £50.00

The cheques were approved and signed by Cllr's. Mrs. S. Allen and Mrs. L. Laird together with the cheque stubs and invoices initialled.

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant. (Min. 22/09/09) Cheque signed by Cllr's C. Allen and Child	2094	£ 100.00
The following payments were signed: -			
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Salary (September)	2095	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (September)	2096	£ 62.33
Moore Stephens	External Audit	2097	£ 356.50
D. J. Hatherley	Easyspace: Yearly invoice for domain name www.cannington.org.uk	2098	£ 38.50
High Climb	Inspection and removal of dead limbs on the two oldest poplar trees in Jubilee Gardens. Report with Cllr. L. Laird	2099	£ 140.00
BT Payment Services Ltd.	Parish Phone (cost of calls £19.81)	2100	£ 83.08
Sedgemoor District Council	Lease of land at Sharks Lane per quarter	2101	£ 65.00
A. F. Perham	Exterior plywood boards for signs for the Cemetery and the Playing Field	2012	£ 16.10
D. J. Hatherley	www.inkinablink.com – 34 printer ink cartridges 16 black 18 colours	2103	£ 66.41
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for September (£222.10 excluding VAT) Jubilee Gardens work for September (£72.36 excluding VAT)	2104	£ 338.63
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Playing Field work for September (£265.00 excluding VAT)	2105	£ 304.75
Mr. I. Greenslade	Clearing of weeds through village paths and walls. Clearing of	2106	£ 350.00

	rubbish from brook. Tying in trees at the cemetery and removing brambles and disposing of rubbish		
D. J. Hatherley	www.inkworldwide – 15 Printer ink cartridges	2017	£ 47.45
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Wreath	2018	£ 50.00

2. Monthly Financial Monitor

The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting.

3. External Audit report

It was noted the External Auditors had signed off last year's accounts. It was agreed to circulate to each Councillor a copy for their records

26/10/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal

✘ Nil

27/10/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Cllr Sutton asked if the rules for the Sub-committees could be discussed at the next meeting. This was agreed

The meeting concluded at 22.03

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Chairman's signature

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Date