



Cannington Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th September 2009, in Cannington Village Hall**

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Present:

Cllr's. C. Allen (Chairman), Child, Davey, Greenslade, Mrs. L. Laird, & Sutton
District Cllr. Dyer

Seven members of the public were in attendance.

During the Public session the following topic was voiced:

* A member of the public asked what the situation is concerning the proposed new hedge for Jubilee Gardens. Cllr. Mrs. Laird reported that the cost would be in the region of around £1000 and that the Council had asked for quotations for a fixed price from two companies but that the Council had not committed themselves to the undertaking of the project until the exact price was known. It was stated that the Council had a responsibility to maintain the bank and that a hedge was one way of achieving that objective.

* *Cllr. Child thanked the Council for their support and best wishes during his recent illness.*

1/09/09 Apologies for Absence

R. Allen, Mrs. S. Allen and Locke

2/09/09 Declarations of Members Interests

Nil from the Council but Cllr. Dyer wished to express his interest if the planning application 13/09/00018/REM were to be raised. This request was noted.

3/09/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as being a true record after the word "Agenda" was deleted and the word "Minute" put in its place on point 2 of the Public Session and Cllr. Mrs. Laird asked if the wording on item 2/08/09 could add "as from July". This was agreed.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2009 in Cannington Village Hall were signed as a true record.

4/09/09 Matters Arising

The Clerk summarised the items on Appendix (A) of the Agenda

The Chairman read an invitation he had received from the College inviting Members to attend the College Student Award on September 17th. Cllr. Mrs. Laird and Greenslade said they would check their availability for that date and get back to the Chairman.

The Chairman read an invitation to the official opening of the Cannington Health Centre extension on September 16th; three Members expressed an interest in attending. The Clerk agreed to reply to the invitation the following morning.

5/09/09 Police Matters

There was no police presence at the meeting but Cllr. Mrs. Laird mention the noise from youths in Jubilee Gardens on the previous Friday night however the police were not informed.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Police to ask for P.C.S.O's assistance during the EDF Energy evening in Cannington College Main Hall on the evening of 22nd September.

6/09/09 Highways Matters

Nil

7/09/09 Emergency Plan

Dr. D. Temple presented the Council with the draft version of the Plan for their perusal and in turn was thanked by the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would send all Councillors a copy of the Emergency Plan over the email but if any Members wished a hard copy it would be provided. Cllr. Sutton asked for a hard copy.

8/09/09 Parish Footpaths

Nil

9/09/09 Jubilee Gardens

Cllr. Mrs. L. Laird reported that she awaits the return of two estimates from companies who wish to tender to plant a new hedge on the Main Road side of the gardens. She asked Councillor Greenslade if the hedge on the east side of the gardens could be cut lower. He agreed to look into this matter.

10/09/09 Playing Field

Cllr. C. Allen reported that all outstanding money from last year had now been collected and that the Council now had five teams using the facilities. He reported that the potholes near the entrance to the Playing Field had been filled.

11/09/09 Cemetery

The Clerk reported that there had been two burials the previous day

12/09/09 Village Hall/Cannington Village Centre

Cllr. Greenslade reported that the secondary glazing in the new house needs attention and that the Committee were looking into the problem but the electricians had now been completed. He mentioned about the possibility of the snooker room being turned into a "Parish Office" but it was agreed to leave this as an item for the next meeting after Councillors had given it their due consideration.

13/09/09 Village Brook

Cllr. Davey reported that the Environment Agency had written to the Council with a letter that he had just received that stated their willingness to remove the spoil from the recent dredging on the north bank by the County Bridge if the Council so wished. It was agreed that the Council would ask them to remove the spoil and point out that other properties had flooded recently at Denman's Farm and the Main Road and not just Northbrook as the letter indicated. The Clerk was asked to fix a date with the Environment Agency, after their report concerning the Cannington Brook Flood Defence Scheme, for the November brook walk. **Action Clerk**

14/09/09 Allotments

The Clerk reported that he had sent four letters out to tenants whose plots were in an unsatisfactory state thus causing seeds from the weeds to infect other surrounding plots

15/09/09 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. Laird reported that the leaflets for the walks were still being used very well

16/09/09 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. C. Allen reported that both reactors were now running. A meeting had been arranged, at Stogursey by EDF Energy, was to take place on 30th September. The Clerk said he would attend.

17/09/09 EDF Energy/Public Meeting

The Clerk explained the arrangements for the forthcoming meeting and a brief discussion took place about the proposed by-pass. It was generally felt that perhaps the road should start at Sandford Corner

18/09/09 Local Development Framework

A presentation by Amanda Goddard, Planning Policy Officer, Strategy and Business Services for Sedgemoor District was noted for next months meeting

19/09/09 Quantock Cluster Group meeting

The Clerk reported back from the meeting held at Wembdon Village Hall on Tuesday 1st September 2009

20/09/09 Community Council for Somerset

The AGM and Community Project Showcase on Tuesday 15th September at 4.00pm at Burtle Village Hall was noted.

21/09/09 Bridgwater Arts Centre

It was agreed not to support this cause this year

22/09/09 Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau

A proposal by Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. Child to award a grant of £100 this year was agreed.

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

Cllr. Child agreed to attend the A.G.M. of S.A.L.C. at Woolavington Village Hall at 10.30am on Saturday 26th September 2009.

Cllr. Dyer left the meeting

24/09/09 Planning Matters.

Cllr. Child gave a résumé of the Planning Appendix (B)

Application 13/09/00020/LE the Council had "No Objections"

Application 13/09/00021 (Retention of use of land from agricultural land to laser/infra-red games, Horn Hill Farm). After discussion it was decided to "Recommend refusal" but a proposed by Cllr. Sutton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Laird was not to put any conditions on the application, to S.D.C., if the Council's recommendation was not carried. However, an amendment, proposed by Cllr. Greenslade and seconded by Cllr. Davey, to alter the conditional hours to 17.00hrs on a Saturday and 13.00hrs on a Sunday was carried by three votes to two thus overturning the previous proposal but again only if the S.D.C agreed the planning application.

Cllr. Child brought to the Council's attention the illegal advertising light on the outside of the Kings Head Inn. This he reported had been drawn to the Planning Authorities attention and that the Council should have notification from them as to the outcome.

25/09/09 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due.** – The cheques were signed by Cllr's. Child and Mrs. L. Laird and the cheque stubs and invoices were initialled. *(Please see below)*
2. **Monthly Financial Monitor** The monthly statement was circulated at the meeting as well as the Addendum. Cllr. Sutton reported that the date the Financial Monitor was circulated was wrong and that it should have been at the end of the previous month not during the present month as shown on the Monitor. After discussion it was decided to leave it as it was in order to show the up to date figures but to clearly indicate at the top of the statement the date. It was also agreed that the signing of cheques should be made first before other financial business took place.

Cllr. Sutton asked that the notes be made at the bottom of the Capital Costs Detail form in order to show where the money is hoped to be spent. He once again asked that Capital Cost projections need to be added as they arise.

3. External Audit report
Still awaiting

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 (August)	2082	£ 610.48
D. J. Hatherley	Clerk Allowances (August)	2083	£ 62.33
R. Allen	Travelling Expenses for radar gun delivery to Taunton	2084	£ 10.00
D. J. Hatherley	Computer software for website	2085	£ 19.71
Sedgemoor District Council	To supply and fit one dog waste bin at Main Road roundabout	2086	£ 148.02
EDF Energy	Playing fields pavilion	2087	£ 23.99
C. Allen	Playing fields keys	2088	£ 30.95
Unipar Services	Repair of Radar Gun (£345.00 ex VAT)	2089	£ 396.75
EM Print	Signs for Cemetery and Playing Field (£80.00 ex VAT)	2090	£ 92.00
Cannington P.C.C.	Fliers to advertise the meeting with EDF - 22 nd September	2091	£ 23.50
Greenslade Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery work for August (£222.10 excluding VAT)	2092	£ 338.63
Greenslade Grounds Maintenance	Jubilee Gardens work for August (56.00 excluding VAT)		
Greenslade Grounds Maintenance	Playing field work for August (£392.00 excluding VAT)	2093	£ 450.00

26/09/09 Documents Received for Councillors' perusal

✘ Nil

27/09/09 Any items for next months Agenda

Proposed Parish Room
LCD projector and screen

The meeting concluded at 21.15

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Chairman's signature

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Date