

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 8th January 2008, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs. Laird, Mrs. S. Allen, C. D. Allen, Child, Davey, Greenslade.

District Councillors Edney, Joslin and 3 members of the public.

During the Public Session, the following topics were voiced:

- * Concern again over the decoration of the bus shelters particularly the one in the High Street.
- * Proposal for the Council to look at the setting up of area committees throughout the village similar to the Jubilee Gardens Committee

1/01/08 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's. Sutton and Gibson and District Councillor Dyer

2/02/08 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th December 2007 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed and duly signed as being a true record.

3/01/08 Matters Arising.

1. The Clerk read out correspondences from S.D.C. Licensing (Tony Baker), re: the Friendly Spirit. S.D.C. Environment

(Mr. Haggert), re: the trees in Lonsdale Road and S.C.C. Highways about the resurfacing on the "Wimpey" estate pavements.

2. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to S.D.C. (Jeanette Burton) to ask for a survey to be done on the Black Poplar tree in Jubilee Gardens. **(Action - Clerk)**
3. The Chairman has spoken to Cllr. Gibson re the use of the Speed gun.
4. Cllr. Child explained the new procedure about the method the Council deals with the Planning Applications.

4/01/08 Police Matters.

P.C.S.O. Karen Evans reported that there had been few reported incidences during the Christmas period but she and other P. C.S.O's had continued the liaison work with elderly residents to warn them about burglars who enter properties by distracting them whilst on their doorstep.

During January the police will be making a leaflet drop around the village to warn motorists of illegal parking and telling them of a "zero tolerance" policy that they will be bringing into force concerning this matter.

Speed indicator

Cllr. Allen spoke about the research he had undertaken on the possible need for a speed warning indicator(s) in the village. If they are left in the same place for twelve months they lose their effectiveness. Discussion took place over the possible purchase of these for the village but it was decided to leave this matter until we have more information from the Traffic Team Manager at County Hall regarding sighting and price. The Clerk and Cllr. Allen will write to the Traffic Team Manager regarding this matter. **(Action - Clerk & Cllr. Allen)**

5/01/08 Planning Matters.

The Chairman proposed that this item be left until nearer the end of the meeting. This was agreed.

6/01/08 Highways Matters.

Concern was voiced about the state of the pavement in Fore Street, its state and its narrowness. The Clerk to write to L. Hackling. **(Action - Clerk)**

7/01/08 Jubilee Gardens.

The Clerk mentioned he had been in touch with Mrs. L. Crosier from the Environment Directorate at County Hall into the possibility of obtaining a grant to do some of the work in Jubilee Gardens. He awaits a grant form. **(Action - Clerk)**

8/01/08 Playing Field.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met and the specifications for the grass cutting and other annual work on the Playing Field has now been agreed and that it was ready to go out after the College liaison meeting to three contractors. **(Action - Clerk)**

Clls. Greenslade agreed to monitor the standing surface water by the pavilion and report back for the next meeting. **(Action - Cllr. Greenslade)**

9/01/08 Cemetery.

The Chairman reported that there are still continuing problems with moles and badger. Also that litter was being left by the seat, cans etc. This was brought to the attention of the police at the meeting and they promised to monitor the situation.

10/01/08 Village Hall.

Nothing to report.

11/01/08 Cannington Village Centre.

Nothing to report.

12/01/08 Cannington College Liaison Meeting

The date was confirmed as 23rd January 2008 in Priory Barn Three

13/01/08 Affordable Housing

It was reported that negotiations were still taking place.

14/01/08 Village Brook

The Clerk reported back from various ongoing phone calls with James Yarham from the Environment Agency concerning the ownership of the weir and the state of the culvert under the A39. The Clerk was asked to write to James Yarham to ask when the device to monitor the height of the brook by the Friendly Spirit Inn was to be completed. **(Action – Clerk)**

15/01/08 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Mrs. Allen reported much interest in the Village Walks brochure which appears to have been very popular.

16/01/08 Car Parking in the village

It was agreed to leave this item for the next meeting after the police have had time to enforce and monitor the present parking laws in the village.

17/01/08 European Working Party

Nothing to report and to be taken out of the Agenda for the next meeting.

18/01/08 Report on Hinkley Point

Cllr. Allen reported back from a breakfast meeting he had attended with about fifty others at St. Audries. Decommissioning of the "A" station was going well with all the high level waste now removed.

19/01/08 Sedgemoor Charter

The date was noted for Councillors to attend (February 21st at the Town Hall at 7.00pm)

20/01/08 Cannington Target

It was reported that the Clerk had completed a letter to the village magazine in a different format than in the past.

District Councillors Edney and Joslin left the meeting

5/01/08 Planning Matters

Cllr. Child read out the applications and the recommendations from the sub committee. They were accepted but discussion took place over application 13/07/00065 and 66 and 68 and 69. Application 13/07/00066 went to the vote with the Chairman's casting vote supporting the application.

13/07/00069 Cllr's Greenslade and Davey declared an interest in this topic and left the room taking no part in the discussion.

23/01/08 Financial Matters.

1. Payments Due.

| The following payments were made cheques signed and invoices initialled. | | |
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| Clerk | Salary, December 2007 and two backdated months | £ 401.68 |
| Clerk | Allowances, December 2007 | £ 58.33 |
| D. Ayers | Backdated salary | £ 60.39 |
| Sedgemoor District Council | Lease of land at Sharks Lane per quarter | £ 65.00 |
| Rodway Fencing | Repairs to a post in Jubilee Gardens | £ 64.62 |
| R. Child | Expenses: Meetings in Kingston-St.-Mary, Burnham-On-Sea & telephone calls | £ 24.32 |
| Greenslade Grounds M. | Normal work & over marking the football pitches on 7 th , 14 th , 19 th & 31 st Dec. | £ 326.77 |

2. Monthly Financial Monitor.

Was circulated

3. Internal Audit

It was agreed that A. J. Bullen, the internal auditor, would again undertake the audit for the next financial year.

24/01/08 Documents Received.

As stated on the Agenda.

25/01/08 Items for next meeting

Nil

David Hatherley - Clerk to the Parish Council - 9th January 2008

Actions to be completed before the next meeting

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| 3/01/08 | Survey letter – Black Poplar tree | Clerk | 8/01/08 | To send three letters | Clerk |
| 4/01/08 | Letter re speed indicators | Clerk & Cllr. Allen | 8/01/08 | Observation and to report | Cllr. Greenslade |
| 6/01/08 | Letter to L. Hackling (Spoken to Chairman about this item) | Clerk | 14/01/08 | Contact J. Yarham, brook | Clerk |
| 7/01/08 | Awaiting grant application form | Clerk | | | |