

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 8th November 2005, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs. Cartwright, Allen, Child, Dyer, Edney, Fitzpatrick, Lindsay and Sutton. District Councillor Joslin, and 4 members of the public.

1/11/05 Apologies for Absence.

An apology of absence was received from Cllr. Gibson.

2/11/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

With the addition of Cllr. Edney's apologies, the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 October 2005 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3/11/05 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

4/11/05 Police Matters.

1. Report of P. C. Tully.

P. C. Tully was not present but would be attending the Parish Plan meeting on 15 November 2005.

2. Community Speedwatch.

No report.

3. Incidents Reported.

None reported.

4. Meeting with Inspector Hart.

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman were to meet Inspector Hart on 15 November 2005.

5/11/05 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/05/00027: Erection of a single storey side extension at 2 Toll House Road for Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Quant.

Application supported.

APPLICATION 13/05/00028: Refurbishment of Jeanes Hall, Cannington Centre for Land Based Studies for Bridgwater College.

Application supported.

2. Applications Approved.

It was noted that the following applications had been approved by the Sedgemoor Development Control Committee:-

13/05/00021	Cannington Centre for LB Studies.	New animal centre.
13/05/00023	Cannington Health Centre.	Additional accom. and new 1.8m fence.
13/05/00025	9 East Street.	Erection of 2 storey rear extension.

3. Tree Preservation Order, Cannington Health Centre.

Members noted that a tree preservation order had been made in respect of a lime tree near to the southern boundary of Cannington Health Centre.

4. 12 High Street.

The Clerk reported that no planning application had been submitted in respect of the change of use of part of the premises from living accommodation to a commercial kitchen but an application under the Building Regulations had been made. The matter is to be investigated as soon as possible but, due to the volume of cases, there is a delay.

6/11/05 Highways Matters.

1. Highway Lighting.

The Clerk reported that an inspection of the highway lighting near to the entrance to Park Farm, Park Lane is to be investigated and the outcome notified to this Council.

2. Packhorse Bridge.

The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mr. John Burrige of Somerset County Council, Bridges Section during which defects in the repairs were discussed.

3. A39 Williton to Bridgwater, 30, 40, and 50mph Speed Limits.

Members noted the new Order which imposes revised speed limits on this stretch of road and that Cannington was affected by the installation of new signage at the A39 junctions with Cuckolds Lane, Ashford Lane/Oatley Lane, Blackmore Lane, Limestone Hill and Wembdon Hill.

4. Any Other Highways Matters.

The Clerk reported that the Assistant Highway Service Manager was to investigate the subsidence of highway repairs in Rodway and was to try to ascertain the undertaker responsible.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to determine the current position with regard to the imposition of a 20mph speed limit in Brook Street near to Cannington School.

7/11/05 Jubilee Gardens.

The Chairman reported that Ian Greenslade was to remove the plant growth from the retaining wall on the north side of the Brook near to Putnams Cottage. Cllr. Sutton told Members that the Environment Agency had cleared the Brook downstream of the main road bridge

8/11/05 Playing Field.

The Chairman reported that the new kitchen in the pavilion is now complete and in use. Keys had been given to both Wembdon FC and Cossington FC.

9/11/05 Cemetery.

No report.

10/11/05 Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee were to pay £315.62 in respect of the lift maintenance agreement. The lift is currently regularly inspected by the insurance company, but next year a further inspection at a cost of about £1000 may be required. The Committee had now received the Hallmark I award and were working towards Hallmark II. As of 2006, the Fire Service will no longer carry out fire inspections. This duty will have to be undertaken by a trained volunteer. The anti-slip stair treads have now been fitted. An Arts and Craft Fayre and Christmas Bingo events are planned in the period before Christmas.

11/11/05 Parish Plan.

The Chairman, Cllr. Child, Mrs. Laird and Dr. Temple attended a seminar at Fivehead Village Hall on the subject of Parish Plans. However, it was felt that it was of little relevance to Cannington, but it did give a useful opportunity for networking.

12/11/05 Cannington Brook.

It was resolved to invite Mr. Peter Struck to attend the January meeting of the Council to give short presentation on Critical Ordinary Watercourses.

13/11/05 Contributions from Developers Towards Open Space Provision.

The Clerk reported on a letter received from the Parks Technical Officer that the sum of £8619 from developers was available for play provision in Cannington. It was anticipated that sum of this sum would be available to this Council but at the moment were being paid into a specific fund for the improvement of the children's facilities at Brook Street. Councillors had no objection to the use of part of this the purpose suggested, but wanted more information on how much would be available to this Council, what it could be used for and how did the Council go about obtaining the finance. The two Ward Members were of the opinion that Sedgemoor had a much larger sum that had accrued over a long period of time from developers. It was resolved to seek further clarification and inform her that a request for a basketball post and net had been made some time ago by young residents of the Parish.

14/11/05 Play Area, Brook Street.

The Clerk reported that the broken timber edging to the chipped area around the play equipment had been replaced and new support posts fitted as necessary. The litter bin was to be replaced in the near future. The new railings alongside Brook Street had now been re-painted black.

15/11/05 Financial Matters.

1. Financial Monitor.

The monthly financial monitor was circulated.

2. Payments Due.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts: -

Clerk.	Salary, October 2005.	£341.00
Clerk.	Expenses, October 2005.	£ 58.33
Clerk.	Reimbursement, pavilion keys.	£ 47.80
Village Hall Committee.	Grant for anti slip stair treads.	£100.00
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Grounds maint. August 05.	£698.49
SWEB	Pavilion electricity.	£ 26.84
Rodway Fencing.	New bollards adj. Brook.	£458.25
Royal British Legion.	Poppy wreath.	£ 50.00
Somerset Comm. Council.	Seminar delegate fees.	£ 20.00

16/11/05 Cannington Christmas.

The Council heard that the cost of this year's Cannington Christmas was estimated to be £750, however the organising committee had £250 in hand from last year. It was therefore resolved to make a grant of £500.

17/11/05 Documents Received.

The documents received since the last meeting were noted.

18/11/05 Any Other Urgent Business.

It was agreed to use the £1000 County Councillor's grant to assist with the cost of purchasing a new aluminium Christmas star for erection on the tower of St. Mary's Church and a village display board. It was agreed to approach David Hatherley, Grandfields and Brymore School to see if they were interested in making such a board.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 23 November 2005