

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 10th January 2006, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs. Cartwright, Child, Dyer, Edney, Fitzpatrick, Gibson, Lindsay, Sutton, P. C. Tully and 19 members of the public.

1/1/06 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Allen and District Councillor Joslin. Members noted with regret that Cllr. Allen was in hospital. It was agreed to write to him to wish him a speedy recover

2/1/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 December 2005 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3/1/06 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

4/1/06 Police Matters.

P. C. Tully reported that a distraction burglary had taken place recently at a dwelling in Clifford Park. The culprits were 2 young girls with North Wales accents. Two similar burglaries had taken place in Bridgwater. He advised the Council to keep the Community Speedwatch Scheme going as speed guns were being recalled and not replaced. He also reported that a PCSO from Burnham on Sea had been carrying out parking enforcement in Bridgwater and the cost was being met by Sedgemoor D.C. The District Council was asking for contributions from Parish Councils in order to extend this arrangement in the new financial year. However a re-organisation of the police beats was likely to come into effect on 1 April 2006 which would involve the combination of the Cannington and North Petherton beats which would be staffed by a PC and 3 PCSOs. This new team would be charged with greater community involvement. Consequently he advised against contributing to the Sedgemoor scheme at the present time

5/1/06 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/05/00032: Residential development with community centre, formation of access on land east of Main Road for Fear and Hawkins Ltd.

Agreed to support subject to the incorporation of any necessary flood prevention works in the scheme.

Cllr. Mrs. Cartwright took no part in the discussion other than to clarify 2 matters of planning principle.

APPLICATION 13/05/00033: Change of use and conversion of barn to holiday accommodation at Barn A, The Bartons, Heathfield, Fiddington.

Agreed to support.

APPLICATION 13/05/00034: Change of use and conversion of barn to holiday accommodation at Barn B, The Bartons, Heathfield, Fiddington.

Agreed to support.

APPLICATION 13/05/00036: Change of use and conversion and extension of barn to 2 holiday lettings at Manor Farm, Gurney Street.

Agreed to support.

APPLICATION 13/05/00037: Conversion of loft to living accommodation and installation of rear dormer at 11 Lonsdale Road for Mr. and Mrs. Quick.

No objection.

APPLICATION 13/05/00038: Formation of causeway across fishing lake at Combwich Ponds for Bridgwater Angling Association.

Agreed to support.

2. Applications Approved.

It was noted that the following applications had received approval: -

13/05/00029 14 Park Lane. Erection of a detached garage.

13/05/00030 8 Park Lane. Single storey extension to form garage and utility room.

13/05/00031 Brooklands, Brook La. Reduce crown height of yew tree by 30-40%.

1/1/3/05/020 Cannington Park Quarry. New conditions to supersede those given in permissions dated 3.7.78 and 9.3.84. (County matter).

3. Any Other Planning Matters.

A Member drew attention to report in the Bridgwater Mercury that stated that the British Nuclear Group were to build a new storage building in Cannington. Councillors realised that the newspaper had got its facts completely wrong and the report referred to the proposed intermediate and low level waste storage building to be built at Hinkley Point, as described last month in the public session by Tim Jones and Ken Allen, and was currently subject to possible delay because of difficulties with the lease. It was agreed to write to the Bridgwater Mercury and point out their error and how it could cause concern for some residents.

6/1/06 Highways Matters.

1. 20mph Speed Limits Outside Schools.

The Clerk reported on a letter from the Traffic Engineer regarding the implementation of a speed limit outside Cannington Primary School. Cannington was ranked at number 42. All future schemes will have to be judged against national objectives set by the Government and school speed limits will need to be considered with regard to securing any necessary funding through the Local Transport Plan.

2. Highway Lighting – Park Lane.

The Highway Lighting Manager considers that the standard of lighting in the area of Park Lane near to the

entrance to Park Farm to be inadequate. If this Council is willing to pay for the installation of a new pole mounted lighting unit at a cost of about £300 the County Council will re-locate one of the existing lights and replace another existing pole mounted unit at a higher level. It was agreed to proceed with this proposal.

3. On Street Parking Enforcement.

Sedgemoor D. C. has been concerned about the lack of parking enforcement since the Traffic Warden Service was disbanded. Its long term aim is to adopt de-criminalised parking enforcement, but this is likely to be 2 years away. In the meantime it has made an arrangement with the Police whereby a PCSO carries out enforcement and the Council has contributed £6,000 in return. This arrangement expires on 31 March 2006. Sedgemoor would like to continue that arrangement but has limited funds and invites Parish Councils to contribute for the next financial year. In the light of P.C. Tully's comments regarding the introduction of new beats and improved community liaison it was resolved not to take up this invitation at present.

4. Any Other Highways Matters.

A Member reported that the pavement in Fore Street between Church Street and the junction with Brook Street was breaking up. The Clerk agreed to report it to the Assistant Highway Service Manager.

Cllr. Edney reported that the potholes in Clifford Park are to be inspected and any necessary remedial work carried out.

7/1/06 Jubilee Gardens.

The Chairman reported that Cannington Christmas was well supported and the Christmas lights were much appreciated by residents and visitors. The new cross erected on the tower of St. Mary's Church would stay in place until Candlemas. It was agreed to write to Mr. Anthony Locke to thank him for his work in the fabrication of the cross.

8/1/06 Playing Field.

The Chairman reported that during the recent spell of very cold weather a joint in the cold water system had burst. Following the refurbishment of the kitchen the pipes had been run through the roof space. However in spite of being insulated it had frozen. The water supply is normally turned on by the football teams when they arrive. This happened and when the players returned to the pavilion water was seen pouring through the ceiling. The water was immediately turned off but not before some damage was done to the ceiling and loft insulation. The pipe has now been re-routed inside the building. An insurance claim is pending.

A resident living near to the Playing Field had complained of motor cyclists riding around the playing area and there were signs of car tracks on the field as well. This problem should be solved if the suggested fence is erected.

9/1/06 Cemetery.

It was noted that the Cemetery was neat and tidy but there was some evidence of mole activity. Cllr. Child agreed to find details of a mole catcher.

10/1/06 Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman told the Council that the central heating pump had broken down and had been replaced.

11/1/06 Parish Plan.

It was noted with pleasure that because of an underspend on the Parish Plan Steering Group's budget, SWAN, the organisation which took over administration of parish plan funding after the Countryside Agency was disbanded, has allocated the Council £500 to spend in support of the Parish Plan. The Council agreed with the Steering Group's suggestion of new seat in an appropriate location.

12/1/06 Licencing Act 2000.

It was resolved to object to the application by the Kings Head to amend the terms the terms of the licence to extend the opening hours for an extra 2 hours until 2.00am Monday to Saturday, an additional 30 minutes every Sunday until midnight, continue until 2.00am on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day and commence at 11.00am on Christmas Day. It was also agreed to object to the request to amend the condition requiring the doors and windows to be kept closed during regulated entertainment to require them to be kept closed after 23.00 when regulated entertainment takes place.

13/1/06 Workshop on Youth Projects.

It was agreed that Mrs. Laird and Cllr. Child should attend this workshop on 23 February 2006 at East Huntspill Village Hall.

14/1/06 Target.

It was noted that the next issue of Target was imminent. Members were asked to let the Clerk know of any particular items that they wished to be mentioned.

15/1/06 College Liaison Meeting.

It was noted that a liaison meeting was to be held at 3.30pm on Thursday, 12 January 2006 at the Cannington Centre.

16/1/06 Financial Monitor.

1. Financial Monitor.

The monthly financial monitor was circulated.

2. Precept for 2006/7

It was resolved to set the precept at £17,000 for the forthcoming financial year.

3. Payments Due.

It was agreed to make the following payments: -

Clerk.	Salary, December 2005.	£341.00
Clerk.	Expenses, December 2005.	£ 58.33
Clerk.	Re-imburement for printer cartridge.	£ 22.00
Sedgemoor D.C.	Playing Field lease.	£ 65.00
Ian B. Greenway.	Plans for new Jubilee Gardens entrance.	£250.10
D. Hatherley.	Re-imburement for cost of web site hosting Service.	£ 29.38
Viking Direct	Stationery and printer cartridges.	£117.36
Village Hall Cttee.	Grant for lift insurance.	£315.62

17/1/06 Documents Received.

It was noted that the following documents were available for perusal: -

Somerset Local Transport Plan 2006-2011.

Somerset C. C.

Standards of Conduct in Local Government: The Future.

ODPM

Somerset Access-Rights of Way Newsletter.

Somerset C. C.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 25 January 2006.