

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 11^h April 2006, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present Cllr Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs. Cartwright, Allen, Child, Dyer, Fitzpatrick, Lindsay, Sutton and 13 members of the public.

1/4/06 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Gibson and Edney and District Councillor Joslin.

2/4/06 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 14 March 2006 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings.

3/4/06 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

It was agreed to write to the owner of 44 Brook Street to thank them for their prompt action in cutting back the overgrowth affecting the causeway to the Packhorse Bridge. The Clerk was asked to 'chase' the Alcohol Designation Orders. A revised planting scheme prepared by Mr. David Greenslade to enhance the eastern approach to the village was considered and it was agreed to submit it to Somerset Highways for approval.

4/4/06 Police Matters.

1. Report of P.C. Tully.

P. C. Tully was not present.

2. Community Speedwatch.

No report.

3. Incidents Reported.

The Vice Chairman reported that there had been 2 incidents of minor vandalism and one of arson at St. Mary's Parish Church.

4. Incidents at Licensed Premises.

It was noted that although a Parish Council is able to complain to the Licencing Authority about incidents at licensed premises there was no mechanism to notify Councils of incidents known to either the authority or the Police. The only avenue available to Parishes to gain information was by means of local knowledge.

5/4/06 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/06/00009: Erection of a side attached store, single storey rear conservatory and extension at 9 Main Road for Mr. L. Brooks.

Application supported.

2. Applications Approved.

Members noted that the following application had received planning approval: -

13/06/00007. 24 Conway Road. Erection of side attached garage.

13/06/00003. Barns, The Bartons, Heathfield, Change of use and conversion to 2 holiday units. Fiddington.

3. Applications Refused.

Members noted that the following application had been refused planning approval: -

13/06/000. Hornhill Farm, Hornhill. Change of use from agriculture to paintballing business.

4. Grange Lodge.

The Clerk reported that building work was in progress at these premises without the benefit of planning permission and consequently he had notified the Planning Officer.

6/4/06 Highways Matters.

1. Meeting with the Traffic Engineer.

The Chairman reported on a meeting that he had held with Mr. R. Newby, Traffic Engineer regarding parking problems in High street and traffic calming. It was clear that no funds were available for any form of traffic calming but Mr. Newby did undertake to investigate the possibility of installing bollards at locations around the shops in High Street to deter the parking of cars on the pavement. Bollards are to be erected in Brook Street to deter shop customers from on the pavement there.

2. Telephone Box, Brook Street.

It was noted that this had been damaged and the Clerk was asked to notify BT.

3. Bus Shelter, Brook Street.

The Chairman reported that he had hoped that the URC Youth Group would have re-decorated the interior. However he agreed to look into the possibility of rendering the shelter to deter graffiti.

4. War Memorial.

Councillor Child reported upon estimates that he had received for work to renovate the War Memorial. It was agreed to accept the quotation of £647 from Stooks Memorials of Taunton to clean and repair the base and re-cut the lettering. The cost of the work is to be met from reserves.

7/4/06 Jubilee Gardens.

The Chairman informed Members that the Jubilee Gardens Committee was to meet later this month.

8/4/06 Playing Field,

The Chairman reported that the pavilion had been left in a very poor state after a recent match by Cannington F. C. The Clerk had written to the club to remind them of their obligations.

9/4/05 Cemetery.

The Chairman told Councillors that the Cemetery was in a clean and tidy condition.

10/4/06 Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman reported that the Committee was seeking estimates for the re-decoration of the hall, kitchen and stairs. The boiler was now operating correctly and letting income was up. A risk assessment for fire was to be carried out shortly.

It was resolved to make a grant of £1798.58, a sum equivalent to the cost of the annual insurance premium.

11/4/06 Parish Plan.

No report.

12/4/06 Affordable Housing.

The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mr. Duncan Harvey, the Policy Officer of Sedgemoor D. C. It was agreed that the Council should proceed with a housing needs survey of the Parish and Mr. Harvey should be informed accordingly. The survey itself would be prepared and the results collated by Somerset Community Council. Cllr. Child agreed to attend a seminar on the subject at Woolavington Village Hall on 18 May 2006.

13/4/06 Highway Lighting, Park Lane,

It was agreed to proceed with the installation of a new lighting unit in Park Lane at an estimated cost of £479.48 plus VAT.

14/4/06 Somerset Association of Local Councils.

It was resolved to renew the Council's membership of this organisation for the year 2006/7. The subscription is £413.71 and includes membership of the National Association.

15/4/06 Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting on 9 May 2006 would be the formal annual meeting of the

Council and it would be followed on 16 May by the Annual Village Meeting. It was agreed that the latter would follow the format developed over recent years whereby representatives of local organisations could give a resume of their activities over the past year. In addition it was intended to raise the possibility of the formation of a Community Association to take forward some of the ideas raised by the Parish Plan.

16/4/06 Financial Matters.

1. Financial Monitor.

The monthly financial monitor was circulated at the meeting.

2. Accounts Due for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts: -

Clerk.	Salary, June 2005.	£ 363.31
Clerk.	Expenses, June 2005.	£ 58.33
Clifford Estate	Rent for allotments.	£ 40.00
R. M. S. Child.	Travelling expenses, 62 miles @40p.	£ 24.80
Village Hall Cttee.	Grant.	£1798.58

19/7/05 Documents Received.

The Clerk reported that the following documents were available for perusal: -

Statement of Community Involvement.	Somerset C. C.
Thatch.	Community Council.
Community Update.	Community Council.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 24 April 2006.