

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 11th October 2006, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Allen, Child, Dyer, Fitzpatrick, Gibson, Lindsay, Sutton, District Councillor Joslin, Mrs. Sue Butler of Age Concern and 6 members of the public.

1/10/06 Presentation by Mrs. Sue Butler of Age Concern.

Mrs Butler outlined a new project being promoted by Age Concern which aims to shift the emphasis of health care for the elderly from treatment to prevention. Funding has been obtained from the Department of Health. Pilot projects are to be evaluated by Kent University and will take account of such things as reduced hospital admissions, reduced falls. Age Concern wishes to set up 50 active living centres in Somerset, of which 10 will be in Sedgemoor. It is hoped to bring together statutory bodies such as the District and County Councils, the Primary Care Trust, Red Cross, charities and volunteers to run drop-in centres on a café basis. These centres will provide, amongst other things, social contact, signposting people to appropriate services, provide some services in situ, adult learning and leisure to give a one stop shop for services for the elderly.

2/10/06 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. Cartwright and Cllr. Edney.

Cllr Dyer reported that Cllr. Mrs. Cartwright was still far from well. It was resolved to write to her and wish her a speedy recovery.

3/10/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11 July 2006 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

4/10/06 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated and considered.

5/10/06 Police Matters.

The Chairman outlined the policing arrangements as they affected the Parish and confirmed that P.C. Tully had been re-assigned and would now cover the North Petherton beat. He was to be replaced by P. C. Hugh Foster. Inspector Hart was to be replaced as Sector Inspector by Inspector Nic Crocker. It was agreed to invite both Inspector Crocker and P. C. Foster to the next meeting of the Council. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are due to meet C.S. Snell or C.I. Dean.

A member reported that the parking situation around the College is deteriorating. At a recent seminar at Priory Barn, Church Street, Bowling Green and Mill Lane were full, as was the Health Centre car park where only 3 cars belonged to visitors to the Centre. It was agreed to seek a meeting with the Principal at the earliest opportunity.

6/11/06 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

It was noted that the following applications had been considered by three Members in accordance with minute 5/7/06(3): -

13/06/00023. *Knap Farm. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling.*
Support subject to the imposition of an agricultural tie restricting occupation to an agricultural worker.

13/06/00022. *43 Main Road. Erection of a porch to the front elevation.*
Support, proposal is subsidiary to the main structure.

13/06/00024. *Land at Blackmore Erection of a non-illuminated free Farm south of Littlestanding replacement sign. Brymore, A39.*

Support application as it increases the availability of local produce and hence promotes sustainability and also encourages tourism. (Councillor Dyer declared an interest in this item and took no part in its initial consideration or subsequent discussion).

The following applications were then considered by the full Council: -

APPLICATION 13/06/00025: Erection of a side extension on site of existing (to be demolished) and single storey front extension to include porch for Mr. and Mrs. C. Boucher at 16 Rydon Crescent.

Support, proposal is subsidiary to the existing main structure.

APPLICATION 13/06/00026: Erection of 3 pairs of semi-detached house, formation of access, turning area, provision of parking spaces and garaging on land north of Withiel Drive for Accommodate Ltd. and AJB South West Ltd. (amendment to original proposal).

Support, application falls within current policies.

APPLICATION 13/0600027: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 2 Duke Avenue for Mr. and Mrs. M. Bunney.

Support, proposal is subsidiary to existing main structure.

2. Any Other Planning Matters.

It was agreed to write to the Planning Officer to ascertain whether there was any way that a planning condition could be applied to permissions to ensure that garages attached to dwellings are used for the parking of cars rather than them being parked on the highway.

It was also agreed to send copies of letters to the Planning Department regarding unauthorised developments at Grange Lodge and Stradlings Lane to Cllr. Joslin.

7/10/06 Highways Matters.

1. Packhorse Bridge.

The Clerk reported that the scouring work to the Packhorse Bridge would be carried out in 'late autumn'. He had written to the Project Manager to obtain a more definite time table and to confirm that the defects arising from the original work last year were to be included.

2. Temporary Road Closure, A358, Norton Fitzwarren.

The Clerk reported that the A358 was to be closed at Norton Fitzwarren for 1 week for re-surfacing from 9 October 2006 and the alternative route was via the A39. It is therefore possible that increased traffic flows may be noted in Cannington during the work.

8/10/06 Jubilee Gardens.

The Chairman reported that a Member had queried the growth of trees on the west side of the gardens. The trees are flourishing and obstructing the view from Brook Street across the Brook to the Parish Church. This is one of the most picturesque views in the village but is becoming obscured by vegetation. He had consulted a tree surgeon and the lower ring of branches could be removed to lift the crown of the poplar and the other trees near to old road bridge could be thinned. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Jubilee Gardens Committee for consideration.

A resident of the village had offered to fund the erection of a map of Cannington on the railings of the Almshouses or in the Jubilee Gardens. It was recalled that an interpretation board, including a map, was one of the matters under consideration for the enhancement of the Jubilee Gardens. There was some concern that such a board at this location would be a target for vandalism. It was agreed that the Committee should also consider this matter in due course.

Considerable amounts of litter were being dropped but Sedgemoor was collecting it.

9/10/06 Playing Field.

The Clerk reported that no decision had yet been made by SDC on the Council's application for a grant to assist with the cost of providing a fence to separate the car park from the playing area so as to exclude dogs.

The Chairman reported that he had received an estimate from Blake Signs of £120 for an aluminium sign measuring 8' x 2' to be fixed to the Pavilion. It was agreed to proceed with this.

The football pitch is regularly used by 3 teams. Two showers had been found to not working, one had tripped and the other repaired. The Chairman said that he had received a tentative enquiry for the marking out of a rugby pitch. This would mean moving the football pitch. Mr. D. Greenslade was to check if there was enough space. The door to the meter box had now been repaired.

10/10/06 Cemetery.

The Vice Chairman reported that the Cemetery was in a clean and tidy condition. Groups of young people had been found in the Cemetery and asked to move on. The same group were seen trespassing in the grounds of the old Brownie Hut. It was believed that some of the group were residents of Knap Farmhouse.

11/10/06 Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman reported that both kitchens had been re-decorated. £60 had been raised at the Arts and Crafts Fayre. The Pantomime was going well and the rent for the Pantomime Society had been pegged at last year's level. The lift insurance premium for the next year was £315.

12/10/06 Allotment Conditions.

Following a petition from tenants that dogs were allowed to wander unchecked across allotment plots and an incident where a visitor to the allotments was bitten by a dog, it was resolved to include the requirement to keep all dogs on leads whilst on the allotments in the conditions of tenancy.

13/10/06 Housing Needs Survey.

The Housing Survey forms were to be delivered to the Council by the end of the month. Distribution was to be either with Target or with the local free newspapers.

It was hoped that the report would be available just before Christmas. Mr. Felix Marsh, the Rural Housing Enabler, wished to attend a meeting of the Council early in the New Year to discuss the results.

14/10/06 Rural Post Offices.

Following consideration of a briefing note concerning the possible reduction, or even complete removal, of the subsidy to rural post offices it was resolved to write to

Ian Liddell-Grainger M.P. outlining the Council's concerns that this posed a very real threat to the financial viability of the rural post office network.

15/10/06 Target.

It was agreed to include details of the Housing Survey and to encourage residents to use the 'hotline' to report anti-social behaviour in the forthcoming issue of Target.

16/10/06 Remembrance Sunday.

Members were reminded that the annual Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at 11.00am at the War Memorial on Sunday, 12 November 2006. The Police have been asked if they will control traffic during the Ceremony

17/10/06 Bus Shelter, Brook Street.

Members were informed that Mr. Richard Lane of Lonsdale Road had re-decorated the interior of the bus shelter at his own expense following a graffiti attack. It was resolved to write to Mr. Lane to extend the Council's thanks for this public spirited action.

18/10/06 Financial Matters.

1. Monthly Financial Monitor.

The monthly financial monitor was circulated and considered.

2. Payments.

It was noted that the following payments had been made since the last meeting of the Council: -

Clerk.	Salary, July 2006.	£373.99
Clerk.	Expenses, July 2006.	£ 58.33
Mike Morgan Electrical Services.	Pavilion electrical report & repairs.	£193.18
Somerset PFA	Subscription, June 2006.	£ 10.00
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Grounds maint. June 2006.	£345.99
EDF Energy.	Pavilion electricity.	£ 5.39
D. J. Hatherley.	Renewal of notice board glazing.	£148.73
I. D. J. Greenslade.	Path clearance.	£140.00
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Grounds maint. July 2006.	£345.99

Bridgwater College.	Playing Field mowing (11 cuts).	£465.30
D. J. Hatherley.	Re-imbusement for website name.	£ 29.38

It was agreed to make the following payments: -

Clerk.	Salary August 2006.	£373.99
Clerk.	Salary September 2006.	£373.99
Clerk.	Expenses, August 2006.	£ 58.33
Clerk.	Expenses, September 2006.	£ 58.3
T. J. A Smith	Mole treatment.	£ 60.00Sedgemoor
D.C.	Playing Field lease.	£ 65.00
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Grounds maint. August 2006.	£391.82
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Re-siting football pitch & re-turfing.	£820.15

19/10/06 Documents Received.

It was noted that the following documents had been received and were available for perusal: -

Annual report	Somerset Playing Fields Association.
Quantock Hills Annual Report.	Quantock Hills A.O.N.B.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 23 October 2006.