

MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on

Tuesday 13th March 2007, in Cannington Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs. Cartwright, Allen, Child, Dyer, Edney, Fitzpatrick, Gibson, Lindsay, Sutton.

7 members of the public

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, due to illness, the Parish Council moved that Cllr Child should take minutes of the meeting.

1/3/07 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2/3/07 Housing Needs Survey

In the absence of Mr. Felix Marsh and Mr. Duncan Harvey, a presentation was made by Mr. Karl Hines of the Community Council for Somerset.

3/3/07 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th February 2007 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3a/3/07 Matters Arising

1. The Parish Clerk has now signed a copy of his new contract and a photocopy is in the possession of the Clerk.
2. At the previous meeting thanks had been made to Cllr Child for his efforts regarding paperwork concerning human resources.
3. Under item 6/2/07 - Mr. Temple would appreciate a litter bin being affixed to the bus stop in Rodway outside his property, due to the large amount of rubbish deposited. It was agreed that a bin would be provided - Cllr Cartwright suggested that an application be made to Sedgemoor DC to finance this out of their budget for the new financial year.

4/3/07 Police Matters

1. Police Report

PC Foster was unable to attend the meeting but a report on his behalf was presented by the Chairman. PCSO Bray was willing to hold a 'surgery' in the village. The parish council was requested to meet any financial costs for this venture. All were in agreement. The question of location and frequency were left in abeyance pending the forthcoming council elections.

2. Community Speedwatch

Two sites have now been authorised for use. A) Main Road, near the junction with Teals Acre and B) High Street, the paved area opposite the cemetery. Rodway was judged, at this time, to be too dangerous and the police are arranging other means of speed reduction.

3. Incidents Reported.

There were no reported incidents.

5/3/07 Progress Monitor

In the absence of the Clerk, no progress monitor was available.

6/3/07 Planning Applications

1. New Applications

APPLICATION 13/07/00002 Formation of access and parking at 17 Brook Street for Miss R. Burge

Application supported due to fact that the Parish Council encourages off street parking.

APPLICATION 13/07/00013 Retention of a non-illuminated sign at the junction of Main Road and Blackmore Lane for Dyer & Co.

No Objection

(It was noted that the original temporary sign had been removed.)

(Cllr K. Dyer declared an interest and left the room during the discussion of this item)

APPLICATION 13/07/00014 Formation of access and parking area to the front of 6 East Street for Mr. T. Buller

Application supported due to fact that Cannington encourages off street parking

APPLICATION 13/07/00015 Formation of covered external seating area at the Friendly Spirit Inn. Brook Street for Mr. K. Webb.

No objection

APPLICATION 13/07/00016 Display of one externally lit fascia sign at the Friendly Spirit Inn for Mr. K. Webb.

Object on the grounds that the proposed up lighting would appear to be inappropriate to the ambience of this part of the village.

APPLICATION 13/07/00017 Installation of replacement windows in East and West elevations, replacement of door with window in West elevation and replacement of roof to single storey section at 8 Church Street for Mr. and Mrs. D. Gammon.

Application supported by Parish Council

APPLICATION 1/13/07/011 Erection of a new teaching block at Brymore School (County Matter).

Application supported by Parish Council.

(Cllr K. Dyer declared an interest in this item and took no part in this discussion)

APPLICATION 1/13/07/012 Erection of new boarding accommodation at Brymore School (County Matter).

Application supported by Parish Council.

(Cllr K. Dyer declared an interest in this item and took no part in this discussion).

2 Applications Approved

Members noted that the following application had been approved by the County Council:

1/13/06/033 Coy Farm, Castle Hill Quarry. Stockpile, lorry loading area with associated weighbridge access road & office.

(Cllr Mrs. Cartwright stated that she was present at the planning meeting but took no part in the proceedings)

3 Any Other Planning Matters

There were no other planning matters

6/3/07 Highway Matters

1. Road Closure

Members noted that the B3339 Sandford Hill, Wembdon will be closed between Skimmerton Lane and the road to Perry Green for 4 weeks commencing on 19 March.

2. Meeting with Traffic Engineer

The Chairman reported on his meeting on the 13 March with Mr. Betty, Somerset Highways Department. The parking situation in the lay-by at Rodway Cottages was discussed. Parking is due to be decriminalized. District Councils will be taking over responsibility for parking, and will be able to introduce parking schemes. The County Council has no objection to vehicle parking areas in appropriate front gardens. PC Foster has issued fixed penalty tickets for parking offences in the village. As a result of a walk around the village Mr. Betty is recommending that appropriate signs and markings are installed on Rodway north of Park Lane indicating the presence of the junction at the crest of the hill. The Chairman will make contact with the College authorities regarding parking in Church Street. Mr. Betty stated he was content with the existing school signage, both in Brook Street and East Street. Cllr Edney requested copies of correspondence concerning the school signage and also the signs on the road in Brook Street outside Mr. Blackmore's premises.

3. Any Other Highways Matters

Cllr Gibson stated that water was still running down Rodway on the western side. This appears to be from a pipe just below the entrance to the equestrian shop. There was also serious concern regarding water running from the car park by the new small animal centre and which had flooded the garage at number 24 Rodway and the garden at number 26.

7/3/07 Jubilee Gardens

Members were presented with a report on the meeting of the Jubilee Gardens Committee held on 13 February 2007. Concerning item 5 of that report, paperwork had been prepared requesting quotes for the work to be carried out on the boundary wall. Under item 8 of the report Cllr Fitzpatrick recommended that an application be made to Sedgemoor DC as they had been responsible for the removal of the old ford. This was approved.

Cllr Cartwright stated that she wished to be associated with the thanks previously sent to David Greenslade for the excellent work he had done on the southern approach to the village.

8/3/07 Playing Field

The Chairman reported that the new dog fencing should be in place before the next meeting. Just recently a four wheel drive vehicle had been driven over the football pitch requiring Greenslades Grounds Maintenance to arrange for the

pitch to be rolled. Cllr Gibson requested that the contractor be asked to block the entrance from the car park whilst the fencing work was being undertaken. This was agreed.

Cllr Allen requested that next year's fixture list be considered due to the late return of keys by certain teams. It was agreed to hold this item until the new council was in place.

The Chairman stated that he had had to replace an external smashed bulkhead light fixture.

9/3/07 Cemetery

There was nothing to report.

10/3/07 Village Hall

Cllr Fitzpatrick stated that the main halls and the stairway were to be redecorated during the summer holiday. The kitchen door had now been repaired. Due to some problems staff contracts were to be examined. The pre-school were in ongoing discussions to move to new premises.

11/3/07 Future Projects

The Chairman stated that the Jubilee Gardens wall repairs would require funding. Cllr Cartwright enquired about the previously discussed setting up of a Cannington Quarry interpretation board. The Chairman said that this had been overtaken by planning decisions and events.

Cllr Lindsay requested that information boards be erected in the centre of the village showing places of interest.

Cllr Dyer recommended that any expenditure should be adjourned until the newly elected Council met.

12/3/07 Formal Policy for Portable Advertising Signs

The Chairman said that County Council policy was not to upset local shop keepers. Provided that signs left enough room on pavements for pedestrians, prams and, especially invalid carriages, they were unwilling to take action. Cllr Lindsay pointed out that the Yucca plants on the narrow pavement outside the Kings Head public house were sharp enough to injure young children passing by. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the landlord pointing this out. Cllr Edney said that local council policy could not overrule the law of the land regarding obstruction and that this council should apply that. It was agreed that a policy document should be prepared.

13/3/07 April Meeting

Members noted the change of meeting date to the 17 April 2007 due to Easter week.

14/3/07 Cluster Meeting

Cllr Child presented a report on the Quantock Parish Cluster Group meeting held on 1 March 2007 at Nether Stowey. Following discussion of a raised item, Planning Enforcement Issues, Cllr Dyer suggested that this Council wrote to Sedgemoor DC regarding the non attendance of any member of the Planning Department knowing that this matter was to be raised. All were in favour.

The Chairman stated that he would be attending the SALC meeting 15 March 2007

Members were informed of a meeting of the proposed Cannington Community Group at the Village Hall at 7.30pm Wednesday 21 March 2007

15/3/07 Parish Council Elections

The Chairman stated that he was in possession of a limited number of nomination forms for the election to Parish Council on 3 May 2007.

16/3/07 Financial Matters

1 Financial Monitor

The financial monitor was circulated

Cllr Sutton queried the fact that the current account showed a balance of £577.65 when payments due exceeded this amount. The Chairman stated that the Clerk was required to ensure that sufficient funds were available to meet outgoing payments. Cllr Sutton was requested to make enquiries to ensure that an automatic system was in place to ensure that accounts were in credit at all times.

2 Payments Due

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Clerk	Salary, February 2007	£373.99
Clerk	Expenses, February 2007	£ 58.33
Greenslades Ground Maint.	Grounds maintenance, January 2007	£326.77
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SALC	Affiliation fee for 2007/8	£436.44
SALC	Copy of draft standing orders	£ 12.75
TJA Smith	Mole treatment at Jubilee Gardens and cemetery	£ 50.00
Flower Show Cttee	Grant	£100.00
M.J. Locke	Replacement lamp unit for pavilion	£ 40.00

17/3/07 Documents Received

In the absence of the clerk no documents were available.

18/3/07 Any Other Urgent Matters Previously Agreed With the Chairman

Cllr Cartwright stated that she would not be able to attend the next meeting which would be the last of the present council and said that she would not be standing at the forthcoming elections. She thanked all past and present members for their efforts.

Cllr Edney asked that best wishes be sent to the Clerk for a speedy recovery.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm

R. M. S Child - Parish Councillor - 13 March 2007