

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 13th June 2006, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Allen, Child, Edney, Fitzpatrick, Gibson, Lindsay Sutton, P.C. Tully and 8 members of the public.

1/6/06 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Cartwright and Dyer and District Councillor Joslin.

2/6/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9 May 2006 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3/6/06 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

4/6/06 Police Matters.

1. Report of P.C. Tully.

P.C. Tully told the Council that illegal parking was to be targeted in the coming weeks. A resident produced photographs of illegal parking in High Street and these were passed to P.C. Tully. P.C. Tully was also able to confirm that he had received details of at least some of the complaints of anti-social behaviour from the hotline.

The new beat boundaries had come into operation on 1 June 2006 and P. C. Tully's beat now covered 10 parishes. He was hoping that at least one PCSO would be deployed before April 2008. Councillors felt that a meeting between the Police and representatives of the parishes of his beat would be helpful.

2. Incidents Reported.

The Vice Chairman reported that 9 incidents of anti-social behaviour and vandalism at St. Mary's Church over the past weeks had resulted in the closure of the Church during school holidays.

3. Speedwatch.

P.C. Tully thanked Cllr. Gibson for his efforts in relation to Speedwatch. The current 'gun' was no longer approved. A new approved 'gun' was to be purchased for Cannington to share with Stogursey out of a total of four guns for the Sedgemoor area. He invited this Council to contribute to the cost. The Council decided that it would be preferable to have our own 'gun' which would be available at any time and agreed to fund the purchase of a unit for sole use in Cannington using funds from the County Councillor grant. P.C. Tully agreed to provide details of purchase and maintenance costs.

5/6/06 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/06/00014: Erection of a detached dwelling to the west of 28 High Street for Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd.

Support, subject to conditions which prevent firstly, the construction of a second storey over the living/dining area, to prevent overlooking of adjoining dwellings, and secondly the installation of high level lights in the living/dining area to prevent lights shining into adjoining dwellings.

APPLICATION 13/06/00016: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 14 Duke Avenue for Mr. and Mrs. Massey. Support. (The Chairman declared a personal interest in this item and took no part in the discussion).

APPLICATION 13/06/00021: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 2 Duke Avenue for Mr. and Mrs. M. Bunney. Support.

2. Applications Approved.

It was noted that the following applications had received planning permission from the Development Control Committee: -

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| 13/06/00011. | Mendip View, Main Road. | Erection of side attached garage. |
| 13/06/00012. | 56 High Street. | Erection of single storey rear extension. |
| 13/06/00015. | 10a-12 High Street.
floor | Retention of 3 replacement first floor front windows and 1 ground
front window with a security shutter & box. |

3. 10a-12 High Street.

The Clerk reported upon correspondence with the Planning Department regarding the unauthorised extension of the shop at these premises and the conversion of a bedsit flat to a commercial kitchen. The Planning Department would not be taking enforcement action because the use of the kitchen is ancillary to the use of the shop and it is not being used as a hot food takeaway. Planning permission for this change of use from a bed sitter would have been required but because, in planning terms, this would have been acceptable, permission was likely to have been granted. It would not therefore be appropriate to require a retrospective planning application. Members were most unhappy with this response and decided that the Ward Members should be formally asked to take up the matter with the Planning Officers on behalf of the parish Council.

4. Horn Hill Farm.

The Clerk reported that the owners of these premises had appealed against the refusal of planning permission for the change of use from agriculture to a paintballing business. As the Council had supported the original application it was not seen necessary to comment direct to the Planning Inspectorate.

5. Castle Hill Quarry and Cannington Park Quarry.

The Clerk reported that Castle Hill Quarry Co. Ltd. have appealed against the imposition of conditions attached to permissions given by Somerset C.C. The conditions relate to the depth of quarrying, groundwater abstraction and noise from pumping operations. It was resolved to support the conditions as private water supplies nearby could be affected by increasing the depth of quarrying and the consequent lowering of the water table and nearby residents should not have to suffer any increase in the background noise level caused by pumping.

6/6/06 Highways Matters.

1. High Street.

It was noted that the Traffic Engineer was unable to erect bollards in the area around the shops without obstructing legitimate access points.

2. Packhorse Bridge.

The Bridges Section at County Hall had indicated that work to repair the eroding new pointing would be carried out at the same time as the scouring repairs due later in the summer.

3. Any Other Highways Matters.

Members were concerned about the renewed proliferation of signs and obstructions in High Street and signs at the both roundabouts on the by-pass advertising the Spar shop. It was resolved to report the matter to the Assistant Highway Service Manager.

A Member reported that the gullies in Rodway were again blocked and require clearing. The Clerk is to pass on the complaint.

The hedge outside Cannington House was overgrown and was obstructing the footway. It was agreed to ask Brymore School to arrange for it to be cut back.

A Member reported that he had observed a motorcyclist 'tramlined' by the re-instated trench at the lower end of Rodway which has subsided. It was decided to notify Somerset Highways as a safety matter even though it was programmed for repair in this financial year.

7/6/06 Jubilee Gardens.

It was noted that a branch had been broken off a tree near to the telephone box.

8/6/06 Playing Field.

The Chairman told the Council that he would shortly call a meeting of the Playing Field Committee. The mole treatment appeared to have been successful in eradicating the infestation.

9/6/06 Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that the mole treatment had not been completely successful. Further treatment is to be carried out.

10/6/06 Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman told the Council that contracts have been let for the re-decoration of the kitchens. The work is to be carried out in August. Applications for grants to assist with the decoration of the other areas were to be made. He reported that there had been some concerns about cleanliness after certain lettings. Consequently all users were to be reminded of their responsibilities.

11/6/06 LEADER+ Grant.

The Clerk reported that the application for a LEADER+ grant to assist the Tourism Group with the preparation of leaflets had been successful. The sum of £150 had been awarded.

12/6/06 Partnerships for Older People Project (POPP).

Details of this new scheme were circulated and it was resolved to invite Mrs. Sue Butler, the POPP Officer for Sedgemoor to give a short presentation at a future meeting of the Council.

13/6/06 Somerset County Council Liaison Meeting.

The Chairman reported upon this meeting which he attended. He was disappointed that no Sedgemoor Members were present. He attended workshops on community safety and policing and highways matters.

14/6/06 Funding Fair.

The Clerk gave details of a Funding Fair to be held at the Exchange, Bristol Road, Bridgwater by Somerset Community Council. Cllr. Child said he had been invited as a representative of the Parish Plan Group and would be happy to represent the Parish Council as well.

15/6/06 Cannington Area Holiday Play Scheme.

The Council was disappointed to learn that the Scheme would not be held this summer as the burdens on the organisers were constantly increasing whereas numbers were falling due to competition from other full time schemes. Members fully understood the reasons for the decisions and expressed their thanks to the organisers and instructors for the efforts over many years. It was noted that the Committee had resolved to donate any remaining funds to the Children’s Hospice, provided there were no objections. Councillors thought that this was a most appropriate cause.

16/6/06 Brook Street- Road Closure.

It was noted that the Cannington School PTA had been given permission to close Brook Street between 5.30pm and 9.00pm on 23 June 2006 for the Duck Race.

17/6/06 Financial Matters.

1. Monthly Financial Monitor.

The monthly financial monitor was circulated.

2. Payments Due.

It was resolved to make the following payments: -

Clerk.	Salary, May 2006.	£373.99
Clerk.	Expenses, May 2006.	£ 58.33
Mrs. P. Locke.	Annual meeting expenses.	£ 49.65
Wessex Water.	Pavilion water rate.	£ 18.40
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance.	Grounds maintenance, April 2006.	£407.09
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M.J. Locke.	Chairman’s allowance, 2003/4.	£100.00

18/6/06 Documents Received.

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

Making a Difference.	Somerset C.C.
Public Transport Timetable for Sedgemoor	Somerset C.C.
Thatch.	Community Council.
Draft Regional Spatial Strategy.	South West Regional Assembly.
What's On? June 2006.	Sedgemoor D.C.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 25 June 2006