

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 13th September 2005, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Child, Dyer, Fitzpatrick, Lindsay and Sutton, P.C. Tully and 9 members of the public.

1/9/05 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Allen, Mrs. Cartwright, Edney, Gibson and District Councillor Joslin.

2/9/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 July 2005 and 17 August 2005 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3/9/05 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

4/9/05 Police Matters.

1. Police Report.

P.C. Tully updated the Council on the current crime situation. He had recently been able to spend more time patrolling Cannington. On 23 September 2005 he would be accompanied on his patrol by the Assistant Chief Constable. He anticipated that a new 'neighbourhood policing' scheme would be introduced at some time in the future, and this may result in the combination of the Cannington and North Petherton beats.

2. Community Speedwatch.

Nothing to report.

3. Incidents Reported.

No incidents were reported.

5/9/05 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/05/00023: Erection of a single storey extension to the south elevation to form additional accommodation for the health centre and to erect a 1.8m high fence to replace the existing. The Council accepted the need for additional accommodation and therefore supported the application.

2. Applications Approved.

It was noted that the Development Control Committee had approved the following applications: -

13/05/00012.	14 Folly Close.	Side attached garage & rear conservatory.
13/05/00013.	Cannington Court.	Erection of glasshouses.
13/05/00014.	Land. Opp. Hollands	New access & closure of two existing access Cottages. points.
13/05/00015	Rothay.	Erection of conservatory to NE elevation.

13/05/00016 10 Toll House Road. Erection of single storey extension.

3. Applications Refused.

It was noted that the following application for planning permission has been refused: -

13/05/00018 11 Lonsdale Road. Conversion of loft to living accommodation, including dormer windows in rear elevation.

4. Application 13/05/00010: 4 Belvedere Close.

The Clerk reported that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a 2 storey front elevation and a 1.83m high wall to then SW boundary. It was resolved to re-state the Council's objections direct to the Planning Inspectorate.

5. Tree Preservation Order.

The Clerk reported that Sedgemoor D.C. had made a tree preservation order in respect of a yew tree at Brooklands, Brook Lane. It was noted that the Landscape Officer was not averse to an application to reduce the crown of the tree.

6/9/05 Highways Matters.

1. Surface Dressing.

Members expressed disappointment at some of the recent surface dressing carried out in the village. Mill Lane had only been treated along half its length. Poor surfaces and defects in the surface had not been repaired prior to treatment. Further sweeping and renewal of white lines etc. was still awaited.

2. Packhorse Bridge.

Members expressed disappointment at some aspects of the recently completed repairs to the Packhorse Bridge. They were pleased with the metalwork but the repairs to the masonry and tarmac did not match the existing. It was agreed that a site meeting with Somerset County Council be sought.

3. Street Lighting, Park lane.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from a resident of Park Lane complaining of inadequate street lighting in the area around the entrance to Park Farm. It was agreed to write to Somerset C. C. asking them to investigate whether the cutting back of trees would improve the situation or whether a new lighting unit was necessary.

4. Overgrown Hedge – 35 Clifford Park.

It was resolved to write to the owner of 35 Clifford Park to ask him to cut back the overgrown hedge outside his premises.

7/9/05 Jubilee Gardens.

Members considered the report of Mr. Keith Yates, the arborist, regarding the condition of the black poplar in the Jubilee Gardens and were concerned to learn that there was at least one cavity in the trunk of the tree. It was agreed to commission a further inspection with suitable diagnostic equipment to determine whether the tree is sound or requires surgery.

The Chairman reported that the leaning tree on the north side of the Gardens had been broken off, either by the wind, or

by vandals. The remains of the trunk had been cut off at ground level by an unknown person and the logs stacked under the black poplar. These had been removed by Greenslades Grounds Maintenance.

8/9/05 Playing Field.

Cllr. Dyer reported that he had arranged for the boundary hedges to be cut, but the contractor had omitted part of hedge along the northern edge.

The Chairman told the Council that Greenslades Grounds maintenance had been asked to move the pitch 5m north so that a new goalmouth was available and the old one had been re-turfed. MJ Services had been asked to install the kitchen equipment and re-decorate the pavilion. A plumbing check had revealed that the showers were potentially dangerous. Consequently they had been replaced as an emergency.

9/9/05 Cemetery.

The Chairman reported that the Cemetery was in good order. The new trees along the boundary of the extension appeared to have taken well. However there was an abundance of bramble and ivy overgrowth around the yew trees. It was agreed to ask Ian Greenslade to remove it and clear away the waste.

10/9/05 Village Hall.

Nothing to report.

11/9/05 Parish Plan.

A briefing note prepared by Cllr. Child was circulated. He believed that the Council did not look at the recommendations of the Parish Plan from a fresh viewpoint. Their views were pre-conceived. He suggested that a new group be set up to investigate the problems highlighted in the Plan and to research possible solutions and report back to the Council. This group would be entirely independent of the Council with its members appointed by residents and raising its own finances. It was agreed to proceed with this suggestion and to call a public meeting which would be publicised by a flyer distributed to residents. The new group would consider matters that would require external funding and detailed research. It was thought best that the Parish Council should continue to liaise with the police, and on speeding and legal matters.

12/9/05 County Councillor Grant.

It was noted that each County Councillor had an allocation of £5000 to distribute in each division as he/she saw fit. Cllr. Edney proposed to repeat last year's arrangements whereby the £5000 was shared between the Parishes on the basis of population. Cannington's share would be £1000. He asked that Parish Councils agree details with him by the end of the year. Members considered that a notice and information board in the Jubilee Gardens could be a worthwhile project. Accordingly the Clerk was asked to investigate likely costs.

13/9/05 Quantock Cluster Group.

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Cluster Group was due to be held at Chilton Trinity Village Hall on Thursday 15 September 2005. However no one was available to attend on this occasion.

14/9/05 Alcohol Designation Orders.

The Clerk confirmed that the Orders had been advertised in two groups. The first included land owned by Sedgemoor. The second raft, including the Jubilee Gardens and the Play Area, was advertised in August.

15/9/05 CCTV.

The Clerk reported that the Council has been invited to submit an application for the deployment of a demountable CCTV camera in St. Mary's Churchyard following various acts of vandalism. It was agreed that the Clerk and Vice Chairman should complete the necessary documentation.

16/9/05 Financial Matters.

1. Monitor.

The Clerk circulated the monthly financial monitor.

2. Payments.

It was resolved to pay the following outstanding accounts: -

Clerk	Salary, August 2005.	£ 341.00
Clerk	Expenses, August, 2005.	£ 58.33
SWEB	Pavilion electricity.	£ 11.91
M. J. Locke.	Emergency repair of pavilion window.	£ 50.00
I. D. J. Greenslade.	Cutting back brambles at Rodway etc.	£ 105.00
Keith Yates	Climbing inspection of black poplar.	£ 100.00
Martin Wheeler	Emergency replacement of shower units.	£ 718.00
Derek Fear	Wiring to new shower units.	£ 82.25
D. Temple	Reimbursement of Parish Plan printing costs.	£1984.50
J. Temple	Parish Plan expenses.	£ 131.44

17/9/05 Documents Received.

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

Annual Report	Quantock Hills AONB
Annual Report	SALC
Annual Report	Somerset Community Council
Crime & Disorder Reduction in Sedgemoor	Sedgemoor D.C.
What's On? – September 2005	Sedgemoor D.C.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 28 September 2005.