

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 13th November 2007, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Laird, C. D. Allen, Child, Davey, Edwards, Gibson, Greenslade and Sutton.
District Councillors Edney, Joslin and 13 members of the public.

During the Public Session, the following topics were voiced:

Planning application to the land south of 45 Brook Street. A report by the Footpath Liaison Officer (P. Nurse). Concern over the Council's commitment to the Village Hall

1/11/07 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Dyer

2/11/07 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th October 2007 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed.

3/11/07 Matters Arising.

Village Hall decorating invoice. The Chairman having received a letter of explanation from the Treasurer and checking the December 06 Minutes had agreed the invoice be paid straight away.

4/11/07 Police Matters.

1. Police Report.

No police were present at the meeting.
Members expressed concern at golf balls being thrown by College students and reports that cars were vandalised in East Street and in the High Street during the month

2. Speed watch.

It was reported that the signs that have been put up were being removed and/or were in a poor state.

The Council agreed to send the hand-held radar for its annual calibration **(1)**

5/11/07 Planning Matters.

Cllr Child read out the Applications:

<u>Ref. Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Closure Date</u>
13/07/00056/LE	37 Brook Street, Cannington	Two storey side extension No Observations	09/11/2007
13/07/00058/JAB	The Old Vicarage, Brook Street, Cannington	Crown lift Horse Chestnut Tree (County) No Observations	09/11/2007
13/07/00057/KP	Land to the East of 60 Rodway, Cannington	Application – Cert of Lawfulness – 7 Static Mobile Homes No Observations	09/11/2007
13/07/00055/STH	3, East Street, Cannington	Change of Use to beauty Salon & two flats (This application delayed by postal strike) Supporting Application	14/11/2007
13/07/00059/CJM	OS Field 7765, On land to SE Coultings, Northover, Fiddington.	Erection of Agricultural Building No Observations	21/11/2007

The council confirmed the ratification of the Sub-Committees recommendations.

6/11/07 Highways Matters.

The Chairman read out the report from Mr. Betty from the S.C.C. Highways Department. It was noted that Mr. Betty had made no mention in his report of the request for "slow markings" on the highways into the village

Any Other Highways Matters.

Cllr. Child expressed his concern over the dangerous state of the footpaths in the Wimpey estate area. (2)

Members expressed concern over the state of the BT. Phone booths in the village re decoration and the need to re-hinge door at the Teals Acre booth (3)

Cllr. Gibson expressed his concern over fly dumping on the grass going up Rodway Hill (4)

Cllr. Allen was asked to contact Hinkley Point to see if they would be prepared to fund flushing warning spending lights on the entrance roads approaching the village. (5)

Cllr. S. Allen mentioned the state of the grass verge on the south roundabout which needs cutting (6)

7/11/07 Jubilee Gardens.

The Chairman confirmed the date of the sub-committee meeting. Wednesday 21st November 2007 at 2.00pm.

8/11/07 Playing Field.

The Chairman reported that the tender notice has been publicised with the local media and notices have been put on the Parish notice boards but no interest has been shown. The Clerk will contact three companies in due course to see if they are interested in tendering for the contract. (7) The Chairman and Clerk will draft up a specification list into a contract in due course. (8)

Cllr Gibson reported that weed-killer had been applied around the fence and pavilion.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Dyer who had cut the hedge on the roadside.

9/11/07 Cemetery.

The Chairman reported that we now have two tenders in for the work of repairs to wall, building a path and knocking a hole in the wall to allow wheel-chair access and a third tender will be coming in during the next few days. Therefore, a decision will be made at the next meeting as to awarding the contract.

10/11/07 Village Hall.

Following on from the Public Session the Parish Council expressed its commitment for the Trustees of the Village Hall and agreed to send a letter indicating our support to the Village Hall Committee. (9)

It was noted that the lease for the caretaker's house expires in 2009 and that the Parish Council would be looking into this matter in due course.

11/11/07 Cannington Village Centre.

Cllr. Laird mentioned the outcome of her meeting and that the project will continue to look at the building of a new village Centre but await land availability.

Cllr. Allen expressed his concern that because of the poor attendance (86 people attended the Open Day) that the project should be wound up. It was agreed to continue but monitor the progress of the sub-committee.

12/11/07 SALC – Code of Conduct

All Councillors confirmed that they have a copy of the Code.

13/11/07 Cannington College Liaison Meeting

The date was confirmed as 23rd January 2008 in Priory Barn Three

14/11/07 Hinkley Point Site Support Group Meeting

Cllr. Allen gave his report from the two meetings that they had during the year. Topics that have been covered included local employment of 530 people on "B" station and 200 on "A" station plus contractors and the monitoring of Low Level Waste on site.

15/11/07 Clerks Training courses

The Clerk reported from his two-day course at Eddington Village Hall.

It was agreed to contact a web designer in the village to update the site to include "Walks" and to put the Minutes into a PDF format up to a price of £100. (10)

The Council agreed to the purchase of a fireproof cabinet to house the valuable documents that the Clerk holds. It was agreed to spend £620 plus VAT and delivery. (11) Cllr. Child offered to take the old Minutes to the County Archives Office in Taunton. (12)

16/11/07 Village Brook

The Chairman read out the report that the Council had received from Mr. Yarham from the Environment Agency

Cllrs. Edney and Joslin left the meeting

17/11/07 Somerset Arts Week

It was agreed to donate £30 towards the promotion of art during Somerset's Art Week for next year. (13)

18/11/07 Consultation on Waste Management in Somerset

The Clerk read out the letter he had received from S.C.C. offering venues for meetings for Councillors. It was agreed if any interested Councillors should contact the Clerk who would pass on to them further information.

19/11/07 Remembrance Sunday

It was felt that there was a good turn out from the village and that the P.C.S.O's had done an excellent job in controlling the traffic and that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to the Inspector at Bridgwater Police station. (14)

It was agreed to make donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion. (15)

20/11/07 Cannington Tourism

Cllr. Laird reported that the walk leaflets were going very well and that the Clerk would make the leaflets known on the village web site (16)

21/11/07 Parish Council Expenses Forms

The Chairman explained the new Expenses Forms and the need for the Chairman to sign them.

22/11/07 Cannington Christmas

The Council agreed for a request for a grant of £400 to assist with the cost of festive lighting.

23/11/07 Olympic Games

After discussion, the Council decided not to give £500 per year for four years to S.C.C. in order to train and prepare our youth in readiness for the 2012 games in London

24/11/07 Affordable Housing

Report from Cllr. Child. - Money for project was applied for to the Government (£600,000). Meeting with S.D.C. and Falcon housing to be held on Nov 15th. As of yet one possible site is not available but negotiations are continuing. Cllr. Child will give a further update at the next meeting.

25/11/07 Financial Matters.

1. Monthly Financial Monitor.

Was circulated

2. Payments Due.

The Council agreed the new recommendations from S.A.L.C. to sign the cheques at an appropriate time during the meeting and to initial the stubs and the Invoices so that appropriate time can be given to check the correctness of the work.

Cllr. Edwards queried the discrepancy on the two payments to Bridgwater College. The Clerk reported that it should have read eleven weeks of grass cutting on the second item and not thirteen as shown and that Bridgwater College had charged us VAT for the first invoice but not for the second one.

The Additional Payments have been made during October:-		
Cannington Village Hall	Painting/decorating	£3680.00
BT Payment service Ltd.	Telephone line for Cannington Parish Council	£ 172.13
The following payments are due:-		

Clerk (D. Ayres)	Salary, October 2007	£ 186.99
Clerk (D. Hatherley)	Salary, October 2007	£ 373.99
Clerk	Allowances, October 2007	£ 58.33
Clerk	Cash Box & Sundries	£ 24.11
BT Telephone 652557	02/10/07 - 17/10/07	£ 11.67
D. J. Hatherley	(Newsquest Media) – Bridgwater Mercury	£ 57.10
R. Child	Travelling expenses – SALC AGM at Barrington Village Hall	£ 30.70
D. J. Hatherley	Travelling expenses – Clerks training days at Eddington Village Hall	£ 13.20
E. Rhodes	Repointing/rebuilding wall in Jubilee Gardens	£1645.00
Bridgwater College	Thirteen weeks of grass cutting @ £36 per week from 26/04/07 to 26/07/07	£ 549.90
Moore & Stephens (Chartered Accountants)	Audit of Parish Council Returns	£ 334.87
Bridgwater College	Eleven weeks of grass cutting @ £36 per week from 02/08/07 to 11/10/07	£ 396.00
Sedgemoor D. C.	Supply and fit one wall mounted bin in Rodway	£ 137.17
Royal British Legion	Gift	£ 50.00

3. Internal Audit from “Moore & Stephens”

The Vice Chairman reported that the annual internal audit for the year 2006/7 had been returned to us and that there was nothing untoward in the report but he expressed a need that they should not be late again in going to the Audit.

Cllr. Sutton pointed out the Accounts for 2006/7 could now be open for public inspection and the Clerk would display the fact on the village notice boards.

4. Precept

The Chairman stated that the precept would be set next month and asked therefore if members could give the matter some thought and to liaise with their respected sub-committees in order to determine a precept at the next meeting. (17)

26/11/07 Documents Received.

As stated on the Agenda

27/11/07 Items for next meeting

Three items were asked to be included in next months meeting

- (a) Signs at the approaches to the village advertising the Kings Head Inn
- (b) Tree height in Lonsdale Road as they are coursing a hazard to TV reception
- (c) Concerns over the present method of dealing with Planning Applications.

David Hatherley - Clerk to the Parish Council – 10th October 2007

Actions to be completed before the next meeting & Actions completed							
(1)	Clerk	(6)	Clerk	(11)	Clerk	(16)	Clerk
(2)	Clerk	(7)	Clerk	(12)	Cllr. Child	(17)	All Members
(3)	Clerk	(8)	Clerk & Chairman	(13)	Clerk		
(4)	Clerk	(9)	Clerk	(14)	Clerk		
(5)	Cllr. Allen	(10)	Clerk	(15)	Clerk		

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