

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

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Allen, Child, Dyer, Edney, Gibson, Lindsay and Sutton and 11 members of the public.

1/12/05 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Cartwright, Cllr. Fitzpatrick, and District Councillor Joslin.

2/12/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 November 2005 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3/12/05 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

4/12/05 Police Matters.

1. Report of P. C. Tully.

P. C. Tully was not present.

2. Incidents Reported.

No incidents were reported to Members since the last meeting.

3. Community Speedwatch.

No report.

4. Meeting with Inspector Hart.

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman had met Inspector Hart and

P. C. Tully on 15 November 2005. The meeting had been amicable and he considered that it had 'cleared the air'. The Chairman stressed the need for all incidents of crime and disorder to be reported to the police so that they are included in any statistics.

5/12/05 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/05/00031: Reduce crown height of one yew tree, subject to a Tree Preservation Order, by 30-40% at Brooklands, Brook Lane, for Mr. M. Hill.

Application supported.

It was noted that the following application had been considered by the Chairman and Vice Chairman in order to meet the Development Control Committee timetable.

APPLICATION 13/05/00029: Erection of a single storey side extension to form garage and utility room at 8 Park Lane for Mr. and Mrs. D. Lomax.

Application supported.

The following application was considered by the Chairman in order to meet the Development Control Committee timetable.

APPLICATION 13/05/00030: Erection of a detached garage at 14 Park Lane for Mr. B. Treloar and Mrs. C. Wheeler.

Application supported.

2. Applications Approved.

It was noted that the following applications for planning permission had been approved: -

13/05/00026 31 Crabtree Park Erection of extension to mobile home.

13/05/00027 2 Toll House Road Erection of a single storey side extension.

13/05/00017 Clayhill Farm Change of use & conversion to dwelling and 2 holiday lets at barns north west of Clayhill Farm.

13/05/00028 Jeanes Hall Refurbishment and conversion of offices to Cannington Centre student accom. etc.

3. Appeal - 4, Belvedere Close.

It was noted that the appeal against refusal of planning permission for the construction of a 2 storey front extension had been dismissed. The owners had already withdrawn their objection to refusal of permission for a 6 feet high wall around the front garden.

4. Appeal – Manor Farm, Gurney Street.

It was noted that the appeal against refusal of planning permission for the conversion of a barn to holiday accommodation at Manor Farm had also been dismissed.

5. Tree Preservation Orders.

The Clerk reported that all trees protected by tree preservation orders were to be surveyed and the orders reviewed by Sedgemoor D.C. Parish Councils would be informed of any changes made. He also added that he had asked for a list of tree preservation orders in the Parish.

6. Proposed Wind farm at West Hinkley.

It was noted that that West Hinkley Wind Farm had appealed against the refusal of planning permission by West Somerset District Council. It was resolved to re-state this Council's objections to the Planning Inspectorate.

6/12/05 Highways Matters.

1. Possible Bollards, Brook Street.

The Clerk reported that Somerset Highways had agreed to assess the footway between the newsagents and the entrance to Cannington School to determine its suitability for the erection of bollards to prevent parking on the pavement

2. Traffic Calming.

The Clerk reported that according to the Traffic Engineer the current County Council policy is not to carry out any traffic calming except as part of major Local Transport Plan Schemes. At the time funding for such Schemes was withdrawn there were over 300 Schemes pending with about 5 being completed each year. There was therefore no realistic prospect of any traffic calming within the foreseeable future.

3. Rodway.

The Clerk told the Council that Somerset Highways were unable to get Wessex Water to accept responsibility for the subsidence of the trench at the bottom of Rodway as the snagging period had expired. The necessary work has therefore been included in the programme for the next financial year.

4. Packhorse Bridge.

The Clerk was able to update Councillors on the position regarding the repairs to the Packhorse Bridge. It was the intention of the Bridges section to remedy the outstanding defects when the scouring repairs were completed during the summer when water levels should be at their lowest.

5. Any Other Highways Matters.

A Member reported that the hedge at 10 Main Road was overgrowing the pavement and needed cutting back. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupier to request that this be done.

The shrubs around the edge of Bowling Green adjacent to the Highway were growing over the highway. The chain link fence also needed repair. The Clerk was asked to report these problems to the Housing Department.

Members also commented on the frequent illegal parking around the shops in High Street. Vehicles and motor cycles often parked on the pavement and on occasions access to the pedestrian crossing was obstructed.

The 'slow' sign marked on the carriageway at the approach to the bend in Gurney Street still had not been replaced.

7/12/05 Jubilee Gardens.

It was noted that the growth in the retaining wall near Putnams Cottage had now been removed. The completion of the dredging was still awaited.

8/12/05 Playing Field.

The Chairman reported that the 3 football teams were now using the pitch. New cleaning equipment had been purchased and all showers were now working satisfactorily.

9/12/05 Cemetery.

The Chairman reported that all was in good order

10/12/5 Village Hall.

Cllr. Lindsay reported that the Village Hall Committee was to intending to apply for Hallmark 2 status. A new electric floor cleaner had been purchased. The AGM was attended by only one member of the public. Cllr. Fitzpatrick was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. It was resolved to make a grant of £315.62 to cover the cost of the insurance for the lift.

11/12/05 Parish Plan.

The Chairman reported on the public meeting held on 15 November 2005. He also told the Council that he and the Vice Chairman had met the owner of land between Cannington Brook and Lonsdale Road, together with his agent, to discuss the possible development of this site for housing purposes. Part of the site was to be earmarked for a new community centre. An application for planning permission was to be submitted shortly.

12/12/05 Deployable CCTV.

The Council's second bid for the location of a deployable CCTV unit in High Street near to the bus shelter has again been refused.

13/12/05 Licencing Act 2003.

1. Cannington Village.

The Council had no objection to the variation of the licence in respect of the Village Hall to add the showing of films and performance of plays between 0900 and 0000 Monday to Saturdays and 0900 to 2300 on Sundays.

2. Cannington Centre, Bridgwater College.

The Council had no objection to the grant of a licence to permit the performance of plays, showing of films, provision of live and recorded music, performance of dance, provision of facilities for making music, provision of facilities for dancing, and the provision of anything similar between 0900 and 0000 every day, the provision of late night refreshment indoors from 2300 to 0000 every day, and the sale of alcohol on the premises from 1900 to 0000 every day. However Members did consider that the licence should restrict the playing of live and recorded amplified music to college buildings and exclude the use of any temporary structure such as a marquee.

14/12/05 Environment Agency Presentation.

The Clerk was able to confirm that Mr. Peter Struck of the Environment Agency had agreed to give a presentation on critical ordinary watercourses to the January meeting of the Council.

15/12/06 War Memorial.

Cllr. Child reported that the War Memorial was erected in 1921. Engravings in the stone work have become eroded and are now illegible. The Parish Council has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep and can incur expenditure. Grants are available of up to 50% of the cost to a maximum of £10,000 but applications must be for work in excess of £500. It was agreed that Cllr. Child should proceed with obtaining estimates for re-cutting the eroded inscriptions, cleaning the Memorial and subsequently applying for a grant.

16/12/06 Financial Matters.

1. Precept 2006/7.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the precept would have to be set at the next meeting and asked them to consider any future projects for inclusion in the estimates.

2. Financial Monitor.

The monthly financial monitor was circulated.

3. Payments Due.

It was resolve to make the following payments: -

Clerk	Salary November 2005	£341.00
Clerk	Expenses November 2005	£ 58.33
Greenslades Grds. Maint.	Grounds maintenance July 2005	£345.99
Frocester Engineering Ltd.	Manufacture of star for Christmas lights	£152.75
Wessex Water	Pavilion water rate	£ 12.94
I, D. Greenslade	Removing growth on yew trees, Brook	£120.00 retaining wall.
Cllr. R. M. S Child	Mileage claim, 38 miles@40p	£ 15.20
M.J. Locke	Reimbursement for light bulbs	£171.00
Cannington Christmas Cttee	Grant (£500- £171)	£329.00
Cannington P. C. C.	Photocopying (Parish Plan)	£103.33.

17/12/05 Documents Received.

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

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| The Playing Field Newsletter | Somerset PFA. |
| Your Guide to Local Health Services. | Somerset Coast NHS PCT |

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 27 December 2005