

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 14th November 2006, in Cannington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr. Locke (Chairman), Cllrs. Allen, Child, Edney, Fitzpatrick, Lindsay and Sutton.
District Councillor Joslin and 2 members of the public.

1/11/06 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Cartwright, Dyer and Gibson

2/11/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 October 2006 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed to be a correct record of the proceedings.

3/11/06 Matters Arising.

The monthly progress monitor was circulated.

4/11/06 Police Matters.

1. Report of P.C. Foster.

P.C. Foster the new Beat manager for Cannington attended the meeting for the first time and introduced himself. The Chairman welcomed him and expressed the wish for a fruitful working relationship. The Clerk was asked to write to Inspector Crocker to thank him for the Police presence at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial.

2. Meeting with Chief Inspector Dean.

The Chairman reported on his meeting with Chief Inspector Dean at Taunton Police Station on 13 October. C. I. Dean confirmed the changes to the Policing arrangements in the Bridgwater Sector. He apologised for the lack of assistance during the PTA Duck Race and promised a presence if the event is held next summer. He asked for the PTA to notify the Police of the date and time at the earliest opportunity should it be repeated.

3. Anti Social Behaviour Hotline.

Members noted that posters advertising the hotline telephone number had now been received.

4. Community Speedwatch

The Clerk reported that new Genesis radar speed detector had now been received.

5/11/06 Planning Matters.

1. New Applications.

APPLICATION 13/06/0008: Change of use and conversion of barns to form 2 new dwellings , ancillary accommodation and formation of access at Beere manor Farm for Mr. E. J. Venner.

No objection subject to the installation and commissioning of a sewage treatment plant meeting the

requirements of the Environment Agency prior to occupation of the proposed dwellings.

APPLICATION 13/06/00029: Retention of conservatory to north elevation and detached garage at Grange Lodge for Mr. S. Morris and Ms. H. Gaylard.

No objection.

2. Re-submission of Application for the West Hinkley Wind Farm.

The Clerk reported that Your Energy Ltd. intends submit a new planning application for a wind farm at West Hinkley. The new application is designed to meet some of the objections to the first application. The new proposal is for a reduced output and involves 9 turbines instead of the original 12 generating 2.0MW instead of 2.75MW

The Council was still concerned about the impact of construction traffic on residents of Cannington and the problems of moving large items of plant, such as turbine blades, along the existing road network through the centre of the village. It was agreed to write to West Somerset D.C. to request information on the progress of the application. Cllr. Child agreed to make contact with the Chairman of their Planning Committee.

3. Any Other Planning Matters.

Members reported that a new unauthorised sign had been erected on Main Road opposite Blackmore Lane and that large numbers of caravans appeared to be stored at Andorra, Withiel Drive. The Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Enforcement Officer.

(District Councillor Joslin declared an interest in all planning matters and left the room during their discussion).

6/11/06 Highways Matters.

1. Bollards, Brook Street.

It was noted that the bollards had now been installed but the carriageway markings had not yet been laid down.

2. School Sign, Brook Street.

The Clerk reported that according to the Traffic Engineer this sign should be replaced before the end of the month.

3. Speedvisor.

Somerset Highways have included Cannington on a programme for the rotational erection of Speedvisor signs. Two potential sites were identified, at the top of Rodway near to the brow of the hill and secondly in Brook Street near to the access to the College glasshouses and walled garden. The Clerk, following consultation with the Chairman had suggested that the latter site was too close to the bend at the junction of Fore Street and Brook Street and traffic would already be slowing to negotiate the bend. He had suggested locating it further south in Brook Street alongside the Jubilee Gardens at the approach to the pedestrian crossing. This was accepted by Highways who asked for permission to erect a suitable pole at the edge of the Gardens to mount the equipment. This was agreed. It was also resolved to seek a third location for a Speedvisor installation in High Street when the equipment was next set up in Cannington.

4. Footpath, Brook Street and Fore Street.

It was noted that this footpath had now been re-surfaced.

5. Village Approach, Main Road.

The area at the junction of Main Road and the By-pass had now been planted and landscaped by Greenslades Grounds Maintenance at no cost to the Council. They have also agreed to maintain it in the future. Members expressed their pleasure at its appearance and how it enhanced the access to the village from the east. It was resolved to write to Mr. Greenslade and thank him for his generosity.

6. Any Other Highways Matters.

A Member reported that a sign outside the Rose and Crown in High Street had been observed obstructing the pavement. It was agreed to pass the information to Somerset Highways.

7/11/06 Jubilee Gardens.

A meeting of the Jubilee Gardens Committee was to be arranged in the near future.

A provisional date for the Brook Walk had been arranged for 28 November 2006 but the Chairman and Vice Chairman were both away on that date. It was therefore agreed to seek an alternative date. The Clerk was asked to notify the mole catcher that an infestation of moles was evident in the Gardens.

8/11/06 Playing Field.

The Clerk reported that the application for a grant towards the cost of erecting a fence across the Playing Field to separate the playing area from the car park to exclude dogs was held up because of the need to confirm that there was no restrictive covenant in the lease that prevented such work. The Clerk was to check the lease which was held in a safe deposit box.

The Chairman reported that the bank and the field were being regularly cut and all showers were now in working order. The Pavilion was being maintained in a reasonable condition.

9/11/06 Cemetery.

The Chairman reported Greenslades were to cut back the growth of ivy on the west side of the building. The Clerk was asked to inform the mole catcher that moles had returned.

10/11/06 Village Hall.

The Vice Chairman reported that the front entrance door had been treated for woodworm and the Committee was now looking for a carpenter to carry out repairs. Three quotations had been received for the redecoration of the stairs and both halls. It was agreed to consider these at the next meeting. The tenant of the house wished to construct a large shed by combining the coal bunker, existing shed and external WC compartment. The tenant had contacted SHAL but had been told that, under the terms of the lease, this was a matter for the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to examine the lease to ascertain the position. Members were concerned that any work must be carried out properly to a good standard and meet the requirements of the Building Regulations and any other legislation.

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee was due to take place on 24 November 2006.

Some Members were concerned that the future of the Village Hall was being discussed by other forums in the village when no committee had yet been set up by the Parish Council to even consider the matter.

12/11/06 Additional Street Lighting, Park Lane.

The Clerk reported that the invoice for the installation of the additional street light in Park Lane had been received. When it was settled the County Council would proceed with the work.

13/11/06 Play Area, Brook Street.

The Clerk reported that Sedgemoor planned to use development contributions from within the Parish to replace some of the play equipment in the toddlers area. Furthermore it was intended to replace the bark surface under play equipment with a material called 'Safagrass' which is impact absorbing. The edging boards were rotted and would also be replaced.

14/11/06 Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk told Councillors that he had been asked to remind them that any changes to their financial position should be notified to him and to the Monitoring Officer. This includes moving house, purchase or sale of land and changed employment.

15/11/06 Rural Housing Survey.

It was noted that the survey forms had been distributed and the results would, hopefully, be available just before Christmas.

16/11/06 Rural Post Offices.

The Clerk circulated the response of Ian Liddell-Grainger MP regarding the Council's letter expressing its concerns regarding the future of rural post offices. The Clerk reported that the Countryside Alliance was suggesting that these concerns should be put to Jim Fitzpatrick MP who is the Minister with responsibility for post offices. This was agreed.

17/11/06 Financial Matters.

1. Monthly Finance Monitor.

The monitor was circulated.

2. Payments Due.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts: -

Clerk.	Salary, October 2006.	£373.99
Clerk.	Expenses, October 2006.	£ 58.33
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day wreath.	£ 50.00
Somerset. C.C.	Additional light Park Lane.	£563.39
EDF Energy.	Pavilion electricity.	£ 15.06
Viking Direct.	Stationery supplies.	£117.97
Greenslades G. M.	Grounds maint., October 2006.	£345.99
Greenslades G. M.	Clear debris from football pitch & re-seed.	£172.73
Mrs. A. Cowling.	Delivery of housing survey forms.	£ 15.00
Erwin Rhodes.	Dredging brook.	£940.00
M. J. Locke.	Mileage and parking fee re-imburement.	£ 12.90

Martin Wheeler.

Shower repairs.

£ 35.00

18/11/06 Documents Received.

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

What's On?
The Playing Field.

Sedgemoor D.C.
Somerset Playing Fields Assoc.

David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 23 November 2006