

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007, in Cannington Village Hall.**

**1/2/07            Apologies for Absence.**

**2/2/07            Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, 19 January 2007 in Cannington Village Hall.

**3/2/07            Matters Arising.**

The monthly progress monitor will be circulated.

**4/2/07            Police Matters.**

1. **Report of P. C. Foster.**
2. **Community Speedwatch.**
3. **Incidents Reported.**

**5/2/07            Planning Matters.**

1. **New Applications.**

APPLICATION 13/07/00001: Retention of 1.8m high fence to southern boundary at 11 Rydon Crescent for Mr. I. G. Edwards.

2. **Land to the West of Putnell Cottages, Stradlings Lane.**

I have now received a response from the Planning Department regarding the unauthorised development at the above premises. The owner has been informed that planning permission is required for the development but, according to the Enforcement Officer it is the owner's intention to use the building for agricultural/storage use. The Planning Officer has been consulted and he is of the opinion that if an application is received it would be approved. Therefore in the absence of planning objections to the development both the DOE Good Practice Guide and Planning Policy Guidance Note 18 advise against formal enforcement action. However should there be any changes that materially affect the premises in the future then, subject to the time limits, enforcement action can be considered.

3. **Proposed Wind Farm at West Hinkley.**

Members will recall that I wrote to the Environment Department at County Hall to outline the concerns of the Council regarding the transport of heavy plant items to the site should the wind farm proposal receive planning permission. I have now received a reply and a copy will be circulated at the meeting.

4. **Any Other Planning Matters.**

**6/2/07            Highways Matters.**

1. **Road Gullies.**

Following the report at the last meeting that the gully emptying machine had been observed sucking out the contents of the gullies and then depositing the silt in the gutter I notified the Assistant Highway

Service Manager. He has confirmed that the matter is being investigated.

## **2. Any Other Highways Matters.**

### **7/2/07 Jubilee Gardens.**

Chairman to report.

The Jubilee Gardens Committee will meet at 9.30am on Tuesday 13 February 2007.

I can confirm that Messrs Hi-Line Contractors SW Ltd. have been instructed to crown lift the Manchester poplar in accordance with their quotation accepted at last month's meeting.

### **8/2/07 Playing Field.**

Chairman to report.

A site meeting with the fencing contractor is to be arranged to fully discuss the Council's requirements.

### **9/2/07 Cemetery.**

Chairman to report.

### **10/2/07 Village Hall.**

Cllr. Lindsay to report.

### **11/2/07 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Control of Dogs.**

I have received a letter from the Environmental Protection Manager requesting this Council's comments on proposals by Sedgemoor D.C. to control dogs. The Act allows Orders to be made which will replace existing provisions and provide scope for more extensive control. The Orders could create the following offences: -

- failing to remove dog faeces;
- not keeping a dog on a lead;
- permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded;
- taking more than a specified number of dogs onto land.

The Council employs 2 Dog Wardens, part of whose duties is to detect dog fouling offences. To improve enforcement the Police are to be approached to allow PCSOs to issue fixed penalty notices on behalf of the Council. This Council is asked if and how it would like to assist with enforcement.

It is proposed that all land in the open air to which the public has access should be covered by the requirement to remove canine faeces, with the exception of the Quantock Hills. It is a defence for an offender to prove that he/she was unaware of the Orders. Therefore, particularly in relation to the exclusion of dogs from certain areas, notices must be displayed at every entrance. Because of the logistical and budgetary difficulties of this, it has been decided, subject to consultation, to ban dogs only from certain parks, play areas, beaches and playing fields. In Cannington it is proposed to include the enclosed toddlers play area in Brook Street. I have already informed Sedgemoor that the Cannington Playing Field is shortly to be fenced and this Council wishes it to be included.

It is proposed that dogs should be kept on leads at 3 parks in Burnham on Sea, Blake Gardens, Bridgwater and all cemeteries and churchyards.

The Council's comments are requested on the following points: -

- Should the Quantock Hills be excluded from the requirement to remove canine faeces?
- Are there any places where dogs should be kept on a lead?
- Are there any places from which dogs should be banned?
- Does this Council wish to assist with the enforcement of any Orders (e.g. by providing evidence sufficient to sustain court proceedings)?
- Are there any areas where the number of dogs taken onto land by any one person should be limited?

### **12/2/07 Future Projects.**

At the last meeting it was agreed to consider specific projects for the next financial year.

### **13/2/07 April Meeting.**

The April meeting of the Council falls on Easter Tuesday. It will therefore be postponed for a week and be held on 18 April 2007.

### **14/2/07 College Liaison Meeting.**

Chairman to report on the liaison meeting held on 24 January 2007.

### **15/2/07 Brook 'Walk'.**

Chairman to report on the 'Brook' Walk which was held on 16 January 2007.

### **17/2/07 Rights of Way Network Management.**

I am pleased to report that Mr. Peter Nurse has agreed to take on the role of Parish Paths Liaison Officer and liaise with the County Council Rights of Way Team.

### **16/2/07 Application for Grant.**

An application has been received from the Cannington Flower Show Committee for a grant of £100 to assist with the costs involved with the Cannington Flower Show and Cannington Front Gardens Competition

### **18/2/07 Financial Matters.**

#### **1. Monthly Financial Monitor.**

The monthly monitor will be circulated at the meeting.

#### **2. Audit Report 2005/6.**

A copy of the External Auditors Report will be circulated at the meeting.

#### **3. Payments Due.**

The following payments are due: -

Clerk.	Salary, December2006.	£373.99
Clerk.	Expenses, December 2006.	£ 58.33
Moore Stephens.	Audit fee.	£323.12
Sedgemoor D.C.	Playing Field lease.	£ 65.00
R.M.S. Child.	Mileage (27 miles @ 40p).	£ 10.80
R.M.S. Child.	Expenses.	£ 45.95
EDF Energy.	Pavilion electricity.	£ 26.15
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Grounds maintenance.	£342.04

**19/2/07 Documents Received.**

The following documents have been received and are available for perusal:

**20/2/07 Any Other Urgent Matter Previously Agreed with the Chairman.**

*David Ayres - Clerk to the Parish Council - 7 February 2007.*