

**MINUTES of a meeting of Cannington Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 17th April 2007, in Cannington Village Hall.**

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

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, due to illness, the Parish Council moved that Cllr. Child take minutes of the meeting.

1/4/07 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs Cartwright

2/4/07 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2007 in Cannington Village Hall were agreed and signed.

3/4/07 Matters Arising.

Cllr Fitzpatrick, under item 6/3/07 sub. 2 and referring to January item 6/1/07, stated that it had been agreed that Somerset County Council should be re-contacted regarding the signage outside the Primary School. This had not appeared on the minutes. There had also been a request for copies of all correspondence to be forwarded to Cllr Edney in his role as County Cllr. This was agreed.

4/4/07 Police Matters

1. Report of PC Foster

PC Foster was not present and no report had been submitted.

2. Community Speedwatch

Cllr Allen stated that the initial tests had been carried out and were successful.

The signs regarding speed watch operating were made by a company named Tri-signs specifically for the police. The police were to be contacted re this.

The police speed operatives had been active on Rodway and a number of fixed penalty notices had been issued.

A request was also made for more volunteers to assist with the speed watch scheme.

3. Incidents Reported.

Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that a number of incidents of vandalism had occurred in the St Mary's Churchyard. One statue had been damaged but the offence had not been witnessed. 2 youths had been seen trying to damage other statues and names had been forwarded to PC Foster.

He further reported an attempted arson and vandalism at the Primary school and a separate incident when 3-4 youths were found on school property. Names have been passed to PC Foster.

5/4/07 Planning Matters

1. New Applications

APPLICATION 13/07/00004 Erection of a dwelling on land south of Brooklands, Church Path for Mr Palmer. Letters of objection received by Parish Council - 4

Recommendation-

- i). 'In view of number of objections received, the Parish Council requests that a site meeting be held.
- ii). There are no other dormer bungalows in the area, therefore out of keeping.
- iii) The description of use does not appear to warrant the number of bedrooms.
- iv). Implications re the height of the proposed building in relation to surrounding dwellings.

APPLICATION 13/07/00005&6. Erection of a garage at Brooklands, Church Path for Mr Palmer

Objection as the proposed development is out of keeping with the character of the existing building which is listed Grade II

APPLICATION 13/07/00010. Erection of 2 buildings to provide 6 light industrial business units use class B1) and formation of access at Tincknells Fuels, Main Road for R. Tincknell & Son Ltd.

(Cllr Dyer declared a personal interest) Application supported

- i) This is in accordance with the village plan.
- ii) Applicant to ensure insulation sufficient to make any noise levels acceptable to adjacent dwelling.

APPLICATION 13/07/00019. Erection of part 2 storey, part single storey extension to east elevation on site of conservatory (to be demolished) and single storey extension to north elevation on site of existing (to be demolished) at 46 Rodway for Mt A.T. Thorne.

Resolved to support application.

APPLICATION 13/07/00020. Erection of a first floor extension and two storey side extension at 11 Rydon Crescent for Mr I.G. Edwards

(Cllrs Edney and Locke declared interest and left room)

Resolved - Object to application

- i) Not in keeping with local area
- ii) Would set precedent as nearby properties are bungalows
- iii) The proposed extension is a conversion from a 2 bed bungalow to a four bed house.

APPLICATION 13/07/00023. Reduce one lower limb of one oak tree (T7) overhanging rear garden of 22 Oak Tree Way back to main stem and reduce by 2-3m branches of one oak tree (T8) overhanging garden of 22 Oak Tree Way and remove one lower limb back to main stem for Sedgemoor District Council

Resolved - No objection, but surprise expressed that up to date location map not supplied to Parish Council

Late Additions

APPLICATION 13/07/00021/STH Demolition of single storey extension to south elevation and erection of part two storey part first floor extension to north elevation at 4 Main Road for Mrs Brett

Resolved - No objection to application

APPLICATION 13/07/00022/STH Demolition of existing flat roof extension and erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage and access hereto at 4 Main Road for Mrs Brett.

Resolved - Object to application

- i) Over-development of site
- ii) Main high power electricity cable to Oak Tree Estate runs directly under proposed development.
- iii) The open drainage ditch, which it is proposed to cover, silts and floods onto Main Road during rainy season.

2. Applications Approved

Members noted that the following applications had been approved by Somerset County Council

1/13/06/036	Variation of planning permission 1/13/98/020 to allow continued use of	Spaxton Road
	land for storage, crushing & recycling of hardcore	
1/13/07/011	New teaching block	Brymore School
1/13/07/012	New boarding accommodation house	Brymore School

3. Any Other Planning Matters

Cllr Dyer informed the Parish Council that a major planning application was about to be submitted by the owners of Swang Farm, concerning electricity generation. He then declared an interest and took no further part in the deliberations.

Resolved: The Clerk to make enquiries regarding this matter and that a delay be applied for or a sub-committee be formed to consider the Council's response, if the reply date is before the next meeting.

6/4/07 Highway Matters

1 Footway, Brook Street

Members noted that repairs will be carried out by Highways on the section by the new road bridge this year.

2 Packhorse Bridge

The missing section of steel railing was noted by members. The County Bridges Section had been notified.

3 Any Other Highway Matters

Cllr Fitzpatrick requested that the matter of the school entrance signage and markings be retained for follow-up by the incoming Parish Council.

Cllr Sutton reported a defective road surface at the southern roundabout making it dangerous for some vehicles. Highways to be informed.

7/4/07 Jubilee Gardens

The Chairman stated that an estimate from Western Power Distribution to underground the overhead power cables across Jubilee Gardens was £100,000 to £120,000 plus any BT costs for telephone lines.

Resolved: No further action on this matter at this time.

The report from Harraway Tree Services concerning the examination of the black poplar was received and agreed.

8/4/07 Playing Field

Cllr Gibson reported that the fencing of the playing field had now been completed. He had the temporary signs regarding prohibition of dogs on the field and these would be erected.

Cllr Gibson further reported that a hasp was required on the small gate and a chain on the large gate. Motor cycles had been using the track to the right of the field. It was agreed that this should be prohibited and signs erected regarding this.

Cllr Allen reported that 12 home matches, 2 cup matches and one other match had been played by Cannington Football Club during the season. He asked that a check be carried out to ensure that payments had been made. He also reported one instance when the keys had not been returned promptly.

9/4/07 Cemetery

The Chairman reported that there was a badger problem at the top right hand corner of the cemetery.

10/4/07 Village Hall

Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that the question of staff contracts had been deal with by the committee. He also pointed out that the lease with SHAL Housing expired in 2009. The insurance for the hall had been renewed using a new scheme through Ecclesiastical Insurance which had resulted in a large saving. He further asked that the trustees remain active in future in support of the hall.

11/4/07 Cannington Village Centre.

Cllr Allen informed the Council that he had been appointed by the Centre committee to act as liaison with the Parish Council. A meeting had taken place on the 3rd April when Mrs L. Laird had been appointed Chairman and a committee had been formed. This committee was specifically formed to investigate the question of a new village centre hall being built. The next meeting would be held on the 23rd April at the Village Hall.

12/4/07 Sedgemoor Charter.

The Chairman reported that the final draft of a new Sedgemoor Charter had been published and copies had been forwarded to each councillor. Members were asked to read and pass any comments to the Parish Clerk.

13/4/07 Cannington Pre-School.

The Chairman gave a report on the proposed move by the Pre-School group from the Village Hall to the Primary School. Cllr Sutton proposed that the question of a grant towards the Pre-School group be adjourned to the first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council. Cllr Edney asked that the question of monies saved by the move be considered when considering a grant.

14/4/07 Recycling Centre.

The move of the recycling centre to a position opposite the current position was noted.

15/4/07 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th May 2007 commencing at 7.30pm The Clerk was asked to write to each organisation in the village informing them of this.

16/4/07 SALC Meeting

The Chairman presented a report on the SALC meeting he had attended on the 15th March 2007 at Woolavington Village Hall. The next meeting would be on the 14th June 2007, the venue to be advised.

17/4/07 Bus Shelter, High Street.

The Chairman reported on damage which had been caused by vandalism to the bus shelter. This had been promptly repaired by Mr A.T. Thorne at a cost of £38.00.

18/4/07 Financial Matters

1. Monthly Financial Monitor

The monthly financial monitor was circulated to members.

2. Payments Due.

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Clerk	Salary, March 2007	£ 373.99
Clerk	Expenses, March 2007	£ 58.33
M.J. Locke	Chairman's allowance 2006/7	£ 200.00
Sedgemoor D.C.	Playing Field lease	£ 65.00
Sedgemoor D.C.	Rates for Cemetery	£ 267.82
Sedgemoor D.C.	Rates for Playing Field	£ 444.00
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance renewal	£ 1158.92
Clifford Estate Co. Ltd	Allotment rent	£ 40.00
Harroway Tree Services	Tomogram survey of black poplar	£ 440.63
Greenslades Grounds Maint.	Ground maintenance, pitch marking	£ 422.37
Community Council	Subscription	£ 25.00
Cannington PCC	Photocopying	£ 51.52
Cannington Village Hall	Grant re Insurance	£ 1020.90

19/4/07 Documents Received

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20/4/07 Any Other Urgent Matter Previously Agreed with the Chairman

There were no matters under this item.

The Chairman then thanked the Council members for their attendance and assistance over the past four years and wished success to all those who were standing in the forthcoming elections. He then thanked those who were standing down at this election for their past service to the community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

R.M.S. Child - Parish Councillor - 17th April 2007