



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 7th February 2017 in Cannington United Reformed Church

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Jack Popham, David Greenslade and Robin Phipps

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Ann Bown and Ian Dyer. Stuart Martin (SDC Local Plan)

Somerset County Council: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Aly Prowse

Members of the public: 2

Public Session

1. Stuart Martin gave a presentation on the SDC Local Plan. The consultation runs from 30th January to 17th March 2017. This is a 5 year review of the current Core Strategy. There will be a Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation on 23rd February 2017 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm at Cannington Village Hall.
2. There are parking issues in Brook Street/Denmans Lane and farm vehicles aren't always able to access the farm. The Clerk will provide polite parking notices to put on the vehicles.
3. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer reported that he attended a national briefing with Cannington in Bloom. Cannington is one of only 7 villages entered into the large village category, not only did they have to win gold last year but there were also other criteria they had to reach. So they have done exceptionally well.

Council Session

01/02/17 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Dawn Horrobin, Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and Cllr Andrew Vickery

02/02/17 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of members' interests.

03/02/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 were agreed.

04/02/17 Matters Arising

1. 04/01/17 Traffic calming. A meeting has been arranged with Andy Coupe (SCC) on 8th February 2017.
2. 04/01/17 Skate Park. We are still waiting for a response from Brymore Academy. It was questioned whether skate parks are still popular. It was agreed to canvas the school, youth club and scouts.
3. 04/01/17 Planning committee – terms of reference. These had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Rob Morgan proposed for the Council to adopt them. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
4. 04/01/17 Bus Shelter. The Clerk will chase Homes in Sedgemoor for progress on getting the hedge cut back.
5. 10/01/17 Dog Bin on Brymore Way. The Clerk has requested Clean Surrounds to move the bin from the junction of Park Lane with Chads Hill and place it on Brymore Way. A member of the public has questioned if this is needed. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer and SCC Cllr John Edney both said a dog bin was required on Brymore Way.
6. 11/01/17 h. Kerbing – Jubilee Gardens. A specification for this work will be drawn up and tenders requested.
7. 11/01/17 h. Black Poplar. Requests for tenders have been sent out; the closing date for responses is 10th February 2017.

05/02/17 Planning matters

New planning applications for information only

1. **13/17/00001** – Notice of proposed agricultural development. Formation of extension to existing dirty water lagoon on land at Rodway Farm, Cannington for Bridgwater and Taunton College.
2. **13/17/00002** – Screening opinion. EIA screening request for flood defence realignment works at Stallington Clyce, Cannington for Haskoning DHV UK Ltd.
3. **13/17/00003** – Temporary removal of 1 no 40m section of hedgerow and 9 no 5m section of hedgerow by Wessex Water on land between Combwich (Quay Road) sewage treatment works and Cannington sewage treatment works, Gurney Street, Cannington.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/16/00048** – Land to the north of the Downs, variation of condition 7 for planning permission 13/11/00025 to extend the operational hours on Saturdays from 07.30 – 13.00 to 07.30 – 17.00 for Bridgwater College.
Permission granted.
2. **13/16/00055** – Installation of car park barrier system at Cannington Court. **Withdrawn.**
3. **13/16/00057** – Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation and two storey extension to side elevation at 11 Duke Avenue. **Referred to Development Committee to be held on 7th February 2017.**
4. **13/16/00058** – Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 13/15/00051 to amend Schedule A list of plans at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**

Planning Issues

1. Unauthorised development on land to the north of Manor Farm, Gurney Street. The response from Sedgemoor District council is; the access on to Gurney Street doesn't need planning permission, the vehicles are to be removed, a certificate of lawfulness is being sought for the caravan, retrospective planning permission may be required for the stables and the construction of the access road may need planning permission depending on its construction.

Tree Preservation Orders

Cllr Rob Morgan will complete a survey on the trees within the parish and report back.

Planning Legislation

At a meeting with Sedgemoor District, the Development Manager Stuart Houlet, informed the parish councils present, that the government was considering fundamental changes to the planning system. There was a view within the government that the planning system is being abused by organised groups, causing repeated and prolonged delays to important projects and planning applications. Their solution to this would be to scrap the need to obtain Outline permission and introduce an entirely different system.

Developers could then obtain Planning in Principle (PIP) consent. This would be a fast track procedure where the matters considered would be restricted only to the principle of the development and all matters of detail excluded. Once Planning Permission in Principle had been granted, a second application would be submitted setting out all the detailed aspects, however the principle of developing the land would already have been established and could not be challenged.

Stuart warned that at the PIP stage a planning application could involve just a red line around a piece of land. Without the ability of the District Council to request details of the proposed development, parish councils or resident would have to say yes or no to a development without any of the planning considerations such as - the scale of development, numbers heights access, parking, flooding, services, protection of trees or listed buildings, protection of the countryside, local residential amenity, etc. This represented the biggest change ever proposed to the planning system since its introduction.

It is also being proposed that PIP's could be automatically given if the land concerned was already allocated in development plan (or even in a proposed development plan that had not yet been formally adopted). This could apply even to neighbourhood plans or any other plans produced by Parish Councils. SDC advised Parish Councils to take this into account before formal publication.

06/02/17 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques were approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00)	S/O	£250.00
Vicki-Lyn Windsor	Youth worker's salary for January	003145	£159.64
Jo Nurton	Youth worker's salary for January	003146	£88.58
The following payments are due;			
Tina Gardener	Clerk's Salary	003147	£626.13
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's Salary	003148	£287.45
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance Contract for January	003149	£935.96
Diane Malley	Payroll administration for additional employees	003150	£7.00
Community Council	2017/18 subscription	003151	£40.00
Paul Allen	IT maintenance for October – December 2017	003152	£150.00
Tina Gardener	Expenses; postage, stationery, refreshments 2no Food hygiene courses for youth workers	003153	£81.21
BT	Phone services Jan – Mar 2017	DD	£82.42
Cancelled		003154	
B Jarvis	Works on Yew trees in Cemetery	003155	£2,160.00
Wollens	Keys cut for Youth Club	003156	£12.00
Reflex First Aid Training Ltd	EFAW training for Vicki-Lyn Windsor	003157	£83.00

2. **The accounts** for January 2017 were previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record. The Current balance is £35,810.40.
3. **The Budget Statement** for January 2017 was circulated to all Councillors.
4. **Budget for village maintenance and enhancement in place of lengthsman scheme.** It was agreed to transfer £2,850 from the contingency budget for 2017/18 (leaving a balance in contingency of £3,000) into the village maintenance budget. This would give a total budget for maintenance of £6,350 (which includes £1,150 for the emptying of dog bins). It was agreed to write to local businesses and ask for hourly rates for carrying out ad hoc work.

07/02/17 Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

There were still queries on the plan and once received back from Councillors the Clerk will circulate to all Councillors for approval at the next Parish Council meeting on 14th March 2017.

08/02/17 Correspondence

1. Ms C Nightingale – Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk had responded to the request for an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. The Bristol, Gloucester, Somerset and Wiltshire Community Rehabilitation Company – Community Payback.
3. SDC – Spring Clean
4. SALC – Parish Representative for Sedgemoor Standards Committee
5. SDC – Heart of South West Productivity Plan – Consultation
6. Mendip Community Transport – A thank you letter has been received for the £100 donation.

09/02/17 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Clerk. Four allotments have now been given up and three applications have been received. Golf balls are coming over from the driving range and landing in the allotments.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh has circulated a report to all Councillors. They met with Richard Taylor their mentor for the National competition who gave them advice on this year's competition. The biggest commitment is the twice weekly watering and they are working with Ian Dyer to come up with a solution.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley reported that the work on the Yew trees has been completed. There is a problem with moles and with the stability of some of the old headstones.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen met with Jason Cunningham on 6th February 2017 and reported that plans were being made to use the Court House as a tea room, shop and offices. On 19th March 2017 they will be holding their lambing Sunday and Councillors agreed for the Rodway car park to be used. Mike Robbins the principal of Bridgwater and Taunton College is retiring. The College is looking for university status which will be launched on 5th March 2017; this process could take between 5 and 7 years.
- f. Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that 14 people are now working on the project 2 days a week.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding. The flood committee will be arranging a meeting to discuss the future of the flood store once the flood alleviation scheme is operational on 31st March 2017.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that he will be obtaining quotes for the refurbishment of the shower and toilet facilities in the pavilion.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks - Clerk
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring and Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Clerk. In January there were 9 speed watch outings. Out of 1,320 vehicle movements there were 34 speeders. The top speed recorded was 53mph. On one occasion there were no speeders recorded.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade reported that the downstairs lights and the garden door were being replaced. CCTV has been installed in both entrances of the hall. The Clerks are happy to carry out the weekly testing of the fire alarms.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham reported that youth club numbers were between 12 and 15. There are a number of small repairs that need to be made to some of the equipment,

Other Reports

1. Flood Alleviation Scheme. The notes of the meeting held on 1st February 2017 were circulated to all Councillors. Work is progressing well on the hydro brakes, the stream culverts near Yeo Valley, the headwalls on the A39 structure and the crossing in Tim Popham's field.
2. Highways and Parking Issues;
 - a. A resident of Brook Street has requested a residents parking permit scheme.
 - b. The highway drainage scheme for Marsh Lane is due to be completed in April 2017.
 - c. There will be a temporary road closure in Park Lane for three days from 27th February 2017.
 - d. There will be no road widening of the A39 whilst the cycle path is constructed.
 - e. Concerns have been raised with damage to the footpath on Main Road, kerbs and manhole covers in Southbrook due to the construction traffic for the new housing development.
3. Cannington Court. The Clerk will chase EDF for the promised £500 towards the cost of the village Christmas trees.
4. The Transport Forum meeting was held on 26th January 2017 and was attended by Cllrs Alan Beasley and Rob Morgan. The draft minutes have been circulated to all Councillors.
5. The Community Forum meeting was held on 2nd February 2017 and was attended by Cllrs Alan Beasley and Robin Phipps. There are currently 1,300 people working on Hinkley Point C and this is set to double by the end of this year. Work on the Bath Road Campus is due to start in July 2017. The tenders have been put out for the Cannington Park and Ride; the number of parking spaces has increased from 250 to 300 on the same footprint; work is expected to commence in April 2017 and be completed by July 2018. EDF are providing a free bus service which commenced yesterday from Bridgwater to Minehead, this will run 3 times per day each way from Monday to Friday.

Matters of Report

4. Joint Parish/Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 7.00pm at SDC.
5. Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation on 23rd February 2017 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm at Cannington Village Hall.
6. Hinkley Point SSG to be held on 24th February 2017
7. Code of Conduct Training to be held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 6.30pm.
8. SALC Regional Conference to be held on 16th March 2017
9. The church clock will be out of action for 4-6 weeks for maintenance and the clock hands will be set at 12.00.

10/02/17 Items for the next meeting

1. Local Plan Consultation

11/02/17 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed Date