



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 10th January 2017 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Dawn Horrobin, Kym Wardhaugh, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Jack Popham, David Greenslade, Robin Phipps and Andrew Vickery

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

Somerset County Council: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Aly Prowse

Members of the public: 3

Public Session

Chairman Colin Allen expressed his condolences on the death of Jim Laird husband of ex-councillor Lynda Laird.

Planning 13/6/00059 - Concerns were raised regarding a takeaway service at the Indian Restaurant; the application was for opening hours between 11.00am and 11.30pm; there are already parking issues with the shop and the pub.

Neighbourhood Plan - Concerns were raised that there had been no recent activity with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council shared these concerns and it would be discussed later in the meeting.

Traffic Calming - A meeting is being arranged for later this month with SCC.

Oak Trees - These will have to be removed along Cannington Straight to make way for improved drainage and cycleway and road widening.

Council Session

05/01/17 with agreement from the Council this item was moved up the agenda.

New planning applications

1. **13/16/00058/CW** - 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. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support the application as it complies with national, regional and local planning policy and guidance. It is minor works without significant impact on the historic fabric of the building. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/16/00059/LE** - Retrospective planning application for the change of use of restaurant (Use Class A3) to restaurant and takeaway (Use Classes A3 and A5) and retention of mechanical extract plant at Memsaab, 10 High Street, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support the application on the grounds it is supporting a prosperous rural economy. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed by a majority. Cllrs Kym Wardhaugh and Robin Phipps wished it to be noted that they oppose the application. Councillors were concerned about the safety of the roof level screening at the rear of the property; these concerns would be passed on to the planning officer.

01/01/17 Apologies for Absence there were no apologies for absence

02/01/17 Declarations of Members Interests Cllr Andrew Vickery declared an interest in minute 05/01/17 for planning

03/01/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 13th December 2016

04/01/17 Matters Arising

1. 04/12/16 Traffic calming. A meeting date will be fixed shortly.
2. 04/12/16 Skate Park.
3. 04/12/16 Planning committee - terms of reference
4. 04/12/16 Bus Shelter - We are still waiting for the hedge to be cut before we can progress.
5. 04/12/16 Bowling Green - The purchase of the land from SDC has now been completed and so the responsibility for maintenance has passed to the Parish Council.

05/01/17 Planning matters

Planning applications decided

1. **13/16/00034** - Single storey extension to front elevation of The Friendly Spirit. **Permission granted,**
2. **13/16/00052** - Scoping opinion. Revision of EIA Scoping Opinion (13/15/00010) on Land to the East of Cannington Bypass Roundabout East and Land to the South of A39 Cannington. **SDC responded.**
3. **13/16/00053** - Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of agriculture building to dwelling at Heathfield Farm, Fiddington. **Prior Approval Approved.**
4. **13/16/00054** - Erection of dwelling at 15 Main Road, Cannington. **Permission granted.**

5. **13/16/00056** - Screening opinion. EIA Screening request for flood defence realignment works at Stallington Clyce, Cannington. **SDC responded.**

Planning Issues

1. Southbrook housing development – position of plot 16. Discussions are ongoing.
2. Unauthorised development on land to the north of Manor Farm, Gurney Street. SDC Planning has issued a Planning Contravention Notice giving 21 days for the landowners to respond.
3. Planning 13/16/00043 regarding the removal of oak trees along Cannington Straight. Correspondence has been received from SCC and no further action will be taken by the Parish Council.

06/01/17 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques to be 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
Cancelled		003136	
Pardoes	Balance of legal fees for Bowling Green	003137	£628.00
Andrew Vickery	Plaque for Father Peter	003138	£22.70
Richard Salvage	Replace post in Jubilee Gardens	003139	£42.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's Salary	003140	£626.13
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary	003141	£287.25
BT	Internet costs for October 2016 to February 2017	DD	£156.00
The following payments are due:			
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for December 2016 plus additional work in Jubilee Gardens	003142	£1,387.16
Mike Phillips	Padlock for Playing Fields and a storage box for Xmas lights	003143	£40.97
Mendip Community Transport	Donation (agreed after minute 07/01/17)	003144	£100.00

2. **The accounts** for December 2016 were previously circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record. The current balance is £38,276.44
3. **The Budget Statement** for December 2016 will be circulated to all Councillors
4. **The Precept for 2017/18** has been submitted to SDC. Although the total income of £40,000 is the same as previous years due to the reduction of Government grant a small increase will be shown on Council Tax bills.

07/01/17 Correspondence

1. Mendip Community Transport – A donation request has been received for a contribution towards the provision of a slinky service; community transport between Cannington and Bridgwater and a hospital car service. There are 32 Cannington residents registered for this service. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed that we make a donation of £100; this was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.
2. Target submission due on 13th January 2017.
3. St Marys PCC – A letter has been received thanking the Parish Council for the £1,000 donation towards the costs of upgrading the church clock.
4. Mary Mambridge (student from Bridgwater College) – requesting any archive information the Council may have on the Walled Gardens. The Council didn't have any information but it was suggested that Jane Alcock may be able to assist.
5. BT Payphone Consultation – SDC has endorsed the comments made by the Council for the retention of the phone box in Brook Street.
6. SALC – Correspondence has been forwarded from Bleadon Parish Council regarding the lack of Police attendance at Parish Council meetings.

08/01/17 Cannington Youth Club

Chairman Colin Allen thanked Cllr Mike Phillips and the Clerk for putting together all the paperwork for the Youth Club. There was a promising start to the Youth Club when 16 children attended last night.

09/01/17 Office opening hours

It was agreed that from 1st April 2017 the Parish Council would open the Community Room on Mondays and Thursdays (previously Mondays and Wednesdays) from 10.00am to 12.00pm

10/01/17 Dog bins along Brymore Way

A request has been made for a dog bin to be placed on Brymore Way (the new bypass). Councillors were mindful that the annual cost of emptying the 8 bins already in the village was over £1,100. After discussions it was agreed to reposition the dog bin at the junction of Park Lane and Chads Hill to where the footpath from Sandy Lane meets Brymore way.

11/01/17 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – The Clerk reported there were currently two allotment plots available to rent and six allotment holders were still to pay their rent. It was agreed to place an advert in the next Target for allotments for rent.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade. Wessex Water has replaced the cover of the water pipe along the outside of the Turnpike Bridge and would be repointing the brick supports shortly.

- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh reported that the December quiz raised over £200 and the Spar shop donated £150 from the proceeds of a raffle. Local Estate Agents will be contacted to see if they would like to make a donation every time they made a house sale or agreed a rental in Cannington. The RHS mentor would be meeting them on 20th January 2017 at 11.00am in the Walled Gardens and it would be helpful if a member of the Parish Council would attend. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer agreed to chase up SCC Highways regarding the signs for Cannington in Bloom. Concerns were raised that lorries are parking on the grass verge in front of the Cadet hut and were churning up the grass.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley reported that High Climb was awarded the contract for works on the trees and work will start week commencing 23rd January 2017.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen reported that the next meeting will be on 9th February 2017 when Court House and parking would be discussed.
- f. Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that he had recently presented certificates to students. A request had been made from Kris Scotting for Cllr Robin Phipps to become a board member on a Community Interest Company he was hoping to set up. Councillors required more information before this could be agreed.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding. Cllr Mike Phillips has the emergency flood phone.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that information has been received from SCC Highways regarding the proposed kerbing and specifications will need to be agreed before going out for quotes. The bench still needs a new seat and Cllr Mike Phillips said he will attend to it. Local carpenters will be contacted for quotes to put a roof on the Black Poplar.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that a new padlock had to be purchased for the barrier to the car park.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks – There is a lack of attendance at SALC meetings and Councillors stated this was because they are mostly held in Somerton.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring and Speed Indicator Device (SID)- Clerk . In December there were 9 speed watch outings. Out of 1,091 vehicle movements there were 36 speeders. The top speed recorded was 50mph. In 2016 there were 3.2% of speeders in 17,081 vehicle movements this compares with 2.4% of speeders in 26,259 vehicle movements for 2015.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade. The Clerk reported that the side door was sticking and could be difficult to open.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham

Other Reports

- 1. Neighbourhood Plan. An email has been received from Alex Bullock apologising for the lack of progress on the NHP due to work commitments on his part and that he would like to step down as Chair. A meeting will be arranged shortly. Chairman Colin Allen said he would attend the meeting.
- 2. Flood Alleviation Scheme. It was reported that the A39 was close to flooding over the Christmas period. It is still scheduled to be complete by the end of March 2017.
- 3. Highways and Parking Issues. The EDF Park and Ride in Cannington is due to be completed in the second quarter of 2018.
- 4. Cannington Court. The donation of £500 for the village Christmas Trees has still not been received, the clerk will chase this.

Matters of Report

- 1. Transport Forum meeting to be held on 26th January 2017 at YMCA, Bridgwater
- 2. Community Forum meeting to be held on 2nd February 2017 at Cannington Centre, Bridgwater and Taunton College.
- 3. Comwich Wharf – Work will commence in the third quarter of 2017.
- 4. War Memorial – Chairman Colin Allen reported that the War Memorial and plaque required cleaning. Councillors agreed for Rob Childs to be approached to obtain estimates for this work.
- 5. SDC Draft Local Plan – a further consultation will take place shortly.
- 6. Brymore students recently conducted a litter pick along Brymore. The clerk will write to thank them.

12/01/17 Items for the next meeting

- 1. Planning legislation
- 2. A review of the Tree Preservation Orders for Cannington.

13/01/17 Date and Time of next meeting

Subsequent to this meeting the next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.00pm at Cannington URC.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed Date