



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th June 2016 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Ian Dyer and Ann Bown

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 4 plus PCSO Dan Wheller

Public Session

Ms Nightingale explained that the grant from Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund (GQLD) can be spent over a period of up to 4 years and requests for funding can be made in stages. Iain Porter from GQLD has completed the application form which needs to be submitted by the parish Council by 21st June 2016. The total cost of the project is £22,677 with £17,000 coming from the fund and the remaining £5,677 would need to be paid by the Parish Council. She has obtained 80 signatures supporting the application and there were about 100 attendees to the two public sessions held. This will be discussed in more detail under agenda item 08/06/16.

Roy Pumfrey commented on the graffiti that had been made to the bus shelter in the High Street and why wasn't the shelter closed at night. Chairman Colin Allen stated that it had been agreed last year to keep the shelter open for a trial period so that workers waiting for early buses had somewhere to shelter (January 2015 minute ref 12/01/15 e.). The Council appreciated the repainting of the shelter by Fay Loveridge and 3 friends. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks. Concerns were also raised that since Webber Bus had ceased operating there were no buses west of Cannington. SDC Cllr Ann Bown reported that SCC was trying to get these services covered.

PCSO Dan Wheller attended the meeting and although he had no Police report to offer he took note of concerns raised: Speeding around the west roundabout and the High Street late at night, Car parked on the pavement by the pedestrian crossing opposite the Kings Head. Dan stated that dangerous parking on a pavement is an offence in particular on main roads where it is a hazard for pedestrians to walk in the road to avoid the car, but if the car is not causing an obstruction then it is no longer an offence.

Council Session

01/06/16 Apologies for Absence were accepted from SCC Cllr John Edney.

02/06/16 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of members' interests.

03/06/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th May 2016

After deleting the duplicate payment shown for Sedgemoor District Council the minutes held on 10th May 2016 were agreed.

04/06/16 Co-option of new Councillor

The Clerk has received three applications for the vacancy on the Parish Council. The applications were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk handed out ballot papers and Kym Carpenter had a majority on the first ballot. The Clerk will write to the three candidates informing them of the outcome.

The Chairman with agreement from the Councillors moved this agenda item and allowed public participation.

08/06/16 Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund

Concerns were raised that this is a large scheme that needs approval by the Parish Council in just one week to meet the funding deadline, and it was expressed that the scheme has been in planning for two years with no involvement of the Parish Council. It wasn't evident that residents directly affected by the scheme had been consulted by Ms Nightingale. Although parts of the scheme may be suitable, Councillors were concerned about future maintenance and financial liabilities. Cllr Alan Beasley presented a risk register for this project which identifies risk, probability and impact with possible mitigation. Cllr Jack Popham proposed to set up a working party to look at this scheme and to see if there is any area that could be considered for future improvement. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed by a majority. Cllrs Jack Popham, Dawn Horrobin and Robin Phipps agreed to be on the working party. It was also agreed to ask the new councillor Kym Carpenter to joining the working party.

05/06/16 Matters Arising

1. 06/05/16 Lengthsman - ongoing
2. 06/05/16 Playing Fields - The purchase of the playing fields has now been completed and registered with the Land Registry. Pardoe Solicitors will retain the deeds on our behalf. The Clerk will copy our invoice for Solicitors fees to Sedgemoor District Council for reimbursement.
3. 06/05/16 Traffic calming - awaiting update from Andy Coupe
4. 06/05/16 Skate Park - ongoing
5. 06/05/16 Planning committee - terms of reference -ongoing
6. 06/05/16 Bus Shelter. Concerns had been raised that the bus stop by Longstones is no longer recognised as an official bus stop. This has now been clarified and the Clerk will pursue the possibility of a bus shelter.
7. 06/05/16 Bowling Green. The order has been raised for the new fence but there is a problem with the manufacture meeting our timetable. If the fence is not in place by the end of June then we look to smartening up the old fence in the interim. A quote has been received for barrier baskets but this will be considered at a later time.
8. 06/05/16 HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday medals. Chairman Colin Allen and the Clerk went to Cannington Primary School on 13th June 2016 and presented medals to each child during their morning assembly. There are medals available for any primary school aged child living in the village that attends any other school.

9. 06/05/16 Well in Chads Hill. Work on this will start week commencing 27th June 2016.
10. 06/05/16 Vacancy for deputy clerk. Two applications have been received for this position. The Finance and Staffing Committee will meet on 28th June 2016 to arrange interviews.
11. 11/05/16 Review of Risk Assessments. These have been completed apart from the Village Hall and Playing Field Pavilion. A file should be received from SCC on 20th June 2016 to enable this to be completed.

06/06/16 Planning matters

New Planning applications

1. **13/16/00017/DD** - Change of use and conversions to dwelling, carport and garden store at Rices Farm, Blackmoor Lane, Cannington for Mr and Mrs A Vickery. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed by a majority.
2. **13/16/00020/JAB** - 3 No. Ash (T1 & T4) crown reduce by 30%. 1 No. Prunus (T2) remove to ground level. 2 No. Cypress (T3) remove to ground level. 1 No Ash and 1 No Sycamore (T5) clear 7 branches (located approximately 4m from ground level) from BT cable by reducing by 0.5m. 1 No Beech (T6) reduce 5 lower branches growing over pub roof at The Friendly Spirit, Brook Street, Cannington for Mr M Docherty. After discussions Cllr Dawn Horrobin proposed to support this application on the grounds that it is essential landscaping and safety works and protection of BT services. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed by a majority.
3. **13/16/00022/RM** - Change of use and conversion of classrooms to storage of maintenance equipment and facilities at Rodway, Cannington for Bridgwater College. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to support this application on the grounds that it is part of a college restructuring programme and there is no significant visual impact. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed by a majority.

The following application was omitted from the agenda in error.

4. **13/16/00021/CW** - Replacement of single glazed timber French door sashes with Slimlite double glazed door sashes to the side elevation of 28 High Street, Cannington. Although the Council supports this application no response can be made to SDC Planning until it has been advertised on the notice boards.

The following two applications arrived too late to be put on the agenda. Councillors made the following proposals but no response will be made to SDC Planning until they have been advertised on the notice boards.

5. **13/16/00023/DRT** - Erection of dwelling on land to the North of Quantock Lodge, Quantock Road, Bridgwater. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to oppose the application as it was outside the Development Boundary and in open countryside. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps. Cllr Jack Popham had a counter proposal that we should offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin. This counter proposal was only supported by two Councillors. The first proposal was agreed by a majority.
6. **13/16/00026/CW** - Installation of 3 hanging signs on existing wall brackets on part of wall at Cannington Court, Fore Street, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support the application on the grounds that the signage shall not offer any hazard to road traffic or pedestrians. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed by a majority. Cllr Rob Morgan requested that his opposition to this application be recorded.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/16/00010/RM** - Installation of two ramps to existing inclines, balustrade and centre handrail to main entrance steps and guarding to fire exit at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington, TA5 2HA for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/16/00015/RM** - Creation of welcome suite, including relocation of 2 floor boxes, installation of desk, door and lift access controls, new lighting and CCTV internally. Externally, CCTV to match existing, 1 additional downlight and 2 door lights together with a door latch for the garden gate between car park and thoroughfare at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington, TA5 2HA for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/16/00016/RM** - Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990. Creation of welcome suite, including relocation of 2 floor boxes, installation of desk, door and lift access controls, new lighting and CCTV internally. Externally, CCTV to match existing, 1 additional downlight and 2 door lights together with a door latch for the garden gate between car park and thoroughfare at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington, TA5 2HA for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/16/00019/IL** - Formation of steps to the south elevation to form fire escape on land to the west of the Winches, Crabtree caravan Park, East Street, Cannington. **Permission granted.**

07/06/16 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
EDF Energy	Electricity for Pavilion - Feb to May 2016	003069	£87.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for May 2016	003070	£600.34
The following payments are due;			
Paul Allen	Computer maintenance contract Feb - May 2016	003071	£200.00
Richard Salvage	Reset posts in Jubilee Gardens	003072	£40.00
Wessex Water	Pavilion Nov 2015 to May 2016	003073	£18.28
Somerset Playing Fields	Subscription for 2016/17	003074	£15.0
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for May 2016	003075	£935.96

2. **Annual Audit Return for 2015/16** The notice of date of commencement of period for the exercise of public rights was posted on the noticeboards on 4th June 2016.

3. **The accounts for April 2016** were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and were agreed. The bank balances for April were; Business account £45,167.42, Business Instant account £68.19 and Business Instant (Flood Fund) account £40,031.18
4. **The accounts** for May 2016 were not produced as a bank statement had not been received.
5. **A Grant application** from Cannington Pantomime Society has been received for £300 towards the rent for next year's performances. This was approved in Minute 08/03/16 of the March 2016 Parish Council meeting.

08/06/16 Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund

This item was moved up the agenda.

09/06/16 Consider change of office opening hours

Councillors agreed to the Clerk's request that the Parish Council opening hours in the Community Room be changed to Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00pm. This can be reviewed when the position of Deputy Clerk has been filled.

10/06/16 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – The Clerk reported that an inspection of the allotments is overdue and will be carried out shortly.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery. A request for Parish Council support in the preparations for the judging on 7th July 2016 has been circulated to all Councillors. The following was agreed; Ian Dyer and Greenslades would cut the verges, Greenslades will cut the grass and Berberis hedge, weed the new border, trim the hedge and control the Japanese Knotweed in the Jubilee Gardens. The Council will contact Clean Surrounds to ask for the roads to be swept. It is unlikely that the phone box in the High Street will be painted in the near future; as it doesn't generate much income it is low on the list of BT's priorities. A Community Action Day has been arranged for Saturday 18th June 2016 and any help would be appreciated.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley reported that a drain pipe has been replaced.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. The next meeting will be arranged for September 2016.
- f. Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that he will be meeting with Kris Scotting on Tuesday 21st June 2016.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks - Clerk
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – In May there were 11 speed watches. Out of 1969 vehicle movements there were 43 speeders and the top speed recorded was 53mph. A speedwatch carried out by Jubilee Gardens recorded 284 vehicles and no speeders.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade reported there will be an open day on 10th July 2016 to showcase the revamped Village Hall.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham

Other Reports

1. Neighbourhood Plan – A draft plan will be available to Councillors before the Parish Council meeting on 12th July 2016.
2. Flood Alleviation Scheme – Concerns were raised that Landowners affected by the scheme have not received any payments from Environment Agency; the Clerk will follow this up. The Clerk will write to all residents who pledged financial support for the Flood Alleviation Scheme to ask if they would still like to make a contribution.
3. Cannington Bypass – Remedial work, landscaping and fencing are continuing.
4. Highways and Parking Issues –
 - a. Hinkley Point C (HPC) are patrolling the village and are placing leaflets on all HPC employees cars advising them they shouldn't be parking in Cannington.
 - b. Roadworks on the C182 are continuing and there is a temporary 30mph speed restriction from Combwich to the Rodway Roundabout. There will be a temporary closure of Combwich Road, the order comes into effect on 27th June 2016 and will remain in force for 18 months. The works are expected to last for 19 nights excluding weekends from 19.00 to 06.00hrs.
5. Cannington Court – a meeting was held on 13th June 2016. Rodway Car Park - It was noted that the floodlights although on a timer to operate between 18.00 and 22.00hrs they will be over-ridden by a light sensor. There has been positive feedback from users of the car park. It was agreed that we would trim the area around the car park. Cannington Court would look at housing the CCTV equipment in the pavilion securely and would provide a plan of the CCTV cabling. Youths have been reported climbing Cannington Court wall in Bowling Green. EDF is supporting the Para-Olympics and will be carry out some fundraising events involving villagers for this.
6. The Community Forum meeting was held on 12th May 2016 and attended by Cllr Robin Phipps and Cllr Alan Beasley. The minutes had been circulated to all Councillors and are available in the Community Room for viewing.
7. The Quantock Cluster meeting was held on 31st May 2016 and attended by Cllr Alan Beasley. The meeting was well attended as the Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens was present. She gave a presentation including; PCSO's will attend Parish Council meetings when duty permits and monthly crime reports will be provided. SDC are conducting a review of Parish Clusters. They would like to merge the Quantock Cluster with Bridgwater and North Petherton and reduce the number of meetings from 4 to 2 per year. Councillors were unanimous in not wanting these changes and the Clerk will respond to SDC>

Matters of Report

1. The Somerset Road Safety Team from SCC is offering to provide a Route 60+ presentation. Councillors thought this would be a good idea and the Clerk will make enquiries.
2. Graffiti on the bus shelter in the High Street. This was discussed in the public session.
3. The Annual Parish meeting was held on 24th May 2016 and attended by 35 people. The Chairman gave his annual report. There were eleven reports given by village groups. The Environment Agency gave an update on the Flood

Alleviation Scheme. The Child of Cannington Award was presented to Geoff Parle, editor of the Target. Ian and Ann Dyer were thanked for providing the refreshments.

4. An informal request had been received to place a bench by the War Memorial. Councillors were not supportive of this idea because of concerns on road safety.

11/06/16 Items for the next meeting

The next Hinkley Point SSG meeting will take place on 24th June 2016

12/06/16 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th July 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed Date