



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Cannington Village Hall**

## MINUTES DRAFT

### Present:

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

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**Sedgemoor District Council:** Ian Dyer and Ann Bown

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of the public:** 19

### Public Session

Recognition was given to Cannington in Bloom's recent Gold Award in the South West in Bloom competition along with 6 outstanding certificates for groups within the village. They should be extremely proud of their achievements. They may now be entered into the Champion of Champions' National Award. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer said they did remarkably well on such a small budget and SDC Cllr Ann Bown said she was proud to represent Cannington.

Concerns were raised about the forthcoming withdrawal of the bus service from Cannington to Minehead. The Parish Council will write to support the retention of bus services for Cannington.

It was reported that an EDF van was monitored doing 50mph on Rodway.

The Chairman congratulated Kym on her recent marriage to Ray Wardhaugh.

### Council Session

**01/10/16 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Cllr Alan Beasley

**02/10/16 Declarations of Members Interests** There were no declarations of members' interests

### **03/10/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed.

### **04/10/16 Matters Arising**

1. 04/09/16 Traffic calming. The Parish Council is awaiting a response from SCC.
2. 04/09/16 Skate Park. This is progressing, Brymore Academy has agreed in principle for their land to be used for a Skate Park.
3. 04/09/16 Planning committee – terms of reference. On-going
4. 04/09/16 Bus Shelter. We are still waiting for Homes in Sedgemoor to confirm the boundary of their property in Main Road.
5. 04/09/16 Bowling Green – The transfer of land is now being dealt with by our solicitors.
6. 04/09/16 Trees – Arboriculture Survey and Tree warden. An extension of the survey has been made until 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. We are still pursuing the appointment of a tree warden.

### **05/10/16 Planning matters**

#### New planning applications

With permission from the Parish Councillors the Chairman opened the meeting for public discussion

1. **13/16/00035/DD** – Significant amendment to application. Change of use of barn to dwelling at Rices Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington for Mr & Mrs A Vickery. A neighbour stated that he defended his right of privacy, he has an interest in part of the land, and he also had concerns on the foul waste and access unto Blackmore Lane. The Council then considered the application and Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to offer no observations, this was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/16/00042/SPH** – Creation of a temporary access on land to the east of Main Road, Cannington for Coln Residential. Concerns were raised that the existing access and route wasn't suitable for construction traffic and traffic had to mount the pavements. The new access would only inconvenience 2 properties. Requests were made that he operating times should be restricted and the use during the start and end of school should be considered. The Council then considered the application and Cllr Rob Morgan proposed that the Council should support the application with the following considerations; The Parish Council acknowledge that the proposed location at Main Road is not suitable for a Permanent vehicular access, due to the close proximity of two existing road junctions and the insufficient width. However, it is prepared to SUPPORT a temporary, construction access, if the following safeguards are applied:-
  1. That the construction access is for a temporary period only and a maximum period of use is stated in the permission and enforced accordingly.
  2. That any consent lists all the necessary works required to remove the construction access, to restore the land and the period for compliance.
  3. That the proposed access shall be the sole access to the site during the construction period.
  4. That the permission applies to all vehicles connected to the scheme and that these are listed in the application
  5. Given the close proximity of residential properties that the hours of operation are unreasonable and must be reduced.
  6. That additional arrangements be included during the day to ensure the safety of children travelling past the site to the local school.
  7. That all these measures are included within a legal agreement.

The Parish Council requests that the Case Officer continues to consult with the Parish Council as to how this will be achieved.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed by a majority. Cllrs David Greenslade and Robin Phipps abstained from voting.

3. **13/16/00043/JAB** – Removal of approximately 848m of hedgerow on the northern and eastern side of the A39 between Cannington Roundabout and Sandford Hill Roundabout for cycleway for Somerset County Council. After discussion Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to support this application, this was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed unanimously.
4. **13/16/00044/ SP** – Formation of decking and steps to the south elevation to form a fire escape on land to the west of The Winches, Crabtrees Caravan Park, East Street, Cannington for Mr J Crabtree. This application was received after the agenda was sent and the Clerk would seek to get an extension on the response date for the application.

#### **Planning applications decided**

1. **13/16/00032/SH** – Installation of replacement windows, nine to front (SE) elevation, three to side (SW) elevation and five to rear at 30 High Street, Cannington for Punch Taverns. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/16/00037/JAB** – Copper beech crown reduction (height and spread) by 20%. Fell 1 no false Acacia at Mulberry Cottage, 8 Church Street, Cannington TA5 2HA for Mrs S Wand. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/16/00038/CW** – Application to remove condition 11 and vary condition 3 of planning permission 13/15/00037 to remove the words 'complete demolition of the conservatory' at Beere Manor, Cannington, TA5 2PW for Mr R Coggins. **Permission granted.**
4. **28/16/00002/DT** – Erection of agricultural building and track at Heathfield Farm, Bonson Hill, Fiddington, TA5 1JD for Mr D Buller. This application is within Fiddington Parish but borders with Cannington Parish. **Permission granted.**

#### **06/10/16 Financial Matters**

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

<b>Name of Payee</b>	<b>Description of cheque</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Additional payments made since the last meeting: -</b>			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00)	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary	003105	<b>£600.34</b>
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary	003106	<b>£287.45</b>
SDC	Emptying of dog bins	BGC	<b>£668.93</b>
<b>The following payments are due;</b>			
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for September 2016	003107	<b>£935.96</b>
Cannington Village Hall	Rent for village hall for youth club	003108	<b>£600.00</b>
Sedgemoor District Council	Reimbursement of cost of public notices for the 'disposal of land' at Bowling Green	003109	<b>£347.33</b>
BT	Phone costs for Oct to Dec 2016	DD	<b>£132.31</b>

2. **To agree accounts** for September 2016 were previously circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record. The current balance is £87,004.54
3. **Budget Statement** for September 2016 was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
4. **Bank Signatories** – Alan Davey has been removed as a bank signatory and Cllr Rob Morgan has been added.
5. **Audit 2015/16** – The audit has been completed by the external auditors and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be posted on the notice boards and the website. The auditors' comments included; it should be clearly demonstrated that the Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed before the Accounting statements. The Council should have answered yes to assertion 6 on the Annual Governance Statement as the Council has maintained and adequate and effective system of internal control.

#### **07/10/16 Correspondence**

1. SALC – Capping Consultation. The 2017/18 Local Government Financial Settlement consultation is that referendum principles are introduced for town and parish councils whose Band D precept is higher than that of the lowest charging district council for 2016/17 (£75.46), and which have a total precept for 2016/17 of at least £500,000, while taking account of transfers of responsibilities, and that consideration is given to the extension of referendums to all local precepting authorities. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the capping of its precept and the Clerk will respond to this consultation.
2. SCC has issued new reporting systems for Highways and Public Footpath issues. A new online interactive map has been launched by SCC to allow residents to report potholes and other issues on Somerset Highways 'Report it' is now available at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/>. SCC has also launched a new online mapping system to help people find their way around Somerset's right of way network. Explore Somerset is now available at [www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway). It can also be used to report any issues you find on a right of way.
3. Lynda Laird – Indian Restaurant. Concerns have been raised about the use of the restaurant as a takeaway and the ducting and extraction chimney which is causing annoyance for the residents of the Almshouses. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to SDC in support of the Almshouses.

#### **08/10/16 Bus Service**

As stated in the Public Session the Parish Council will write to support the retention of the bus services in Cannington.

#### **09/10/16 Remembrance Day**

The Remembrance Day service will take place at the War Memorial on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016. PCSO Georgina Long and Cllr Mike Phillips have offered to help with traffic, two other volunteers are required. The Clerk will contact the bugler and the wreath will be ordered.

### **10/10/16 Future of Youth Club**

SRYP will be withdrawing their youth club services in their current format by the end of December 2016. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr Jack Popham to try and deliver the youth club service ourselves and look to employ the youth workers directly, this was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact Kirstie Brown from Somerset Youth and Community Service for advice and guidance.

### **11/10/16 Reports**

#### **Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments - Clerk
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade. The Clerk will arrange the annual brook walk with the Environment Agency
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh reported that students from Crockers are maintaining the church yard as part of their voluntary work under the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Wallflowers have been planted at the Cemetery and Portland Close. Concerns were raised that people are tipping their garden waste outside the scout hut. The Berberis in Jubilee Gardens needs trimming.  
A grant application has been received for £962.75 for native bulbs. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to award a grant for £962.75, this was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed by a majority. Cllr Robin Phipps opposed this.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley. The Deputy Clerk has updated the cemetery records and is working on the procedures.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. The next meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016
- f. Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that the Community Orchard had received an outstanding certificate in the recent Cannington in Bloom awards.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding. Cllr Mike Phillips has agreed to get the pump serviced.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that the Jubilee Gardens Committee met on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The minutes will be circulated to all Councillors and the recommendations discussed at the November meeting.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that two quotes have been received for the replacement fence bordering the car park. RLT2 funds are unable to be used for this purpose and other grants will be sourced. The goal posts have been re-aligned. Discussions took place on the possibility of using the playing field as a cricket pitch.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks – The Deputy Clerk attended the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> September and a report was circulated to all Councillors. Guest speakers were Cllr Mel Usher from Frome Town Council (NALC's Council of the Year), Tozers Solicitors discussing employment law and Somerset Waste Partnership. SALC items discussed included Workplace pensions and the Precept Capping consultation.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – In September there were 8 speed watch outings. Out of 1,319 vehicle movements there were 43 speeders. The top speed recorded was 58mph.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade. The Chairman requested that the Village Hall put dead locks on the downstairs toilets. Cllr Mike Phillips had been approached by a neighbour of the village hall regarding the downstairs hall window overlooking their property which is inadequately covered. Requested Cllr David Greenslade to raise with Village Hall Committee.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham reported that attendance has been improving and the PCSO makes regular visits.

#### **Other Reports**

1. Neighbourhood Plan. A finalised version of the plan is currently being worked on and should be issued to the Parish Council in the next couple of weeks.
2. Flood Alleviation Scheme. The latest meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The temporary bridge is scheduled to be removed on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Works are progressing well, the upstream earthworks are complete, water problems are still on-going and they may need to install a 1200m long land drain to the A39 culverts. The culverts are through on all four headings and the head walls for the culverts will commence shortly. Work has commenced on the off-take structure. Telemetry and cameras are going to be installed for EA monitoring.
3. Highways and Parking Issues. It has been reported that the footpath on the northern side of Rodway has become overgrown. This will be investigated.
4. Cannington Court has kindly agreed to donate £500 for the village Christmas trees again this year.
5. SDC all parish meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016. The report on the meeting has been circulated to all Councillors. Among items discussed were rural policing, budget consultation, cluster meeting consultation and unauthorised encampments on town/parish land. It was recommended that Council's put procedures in place to deal with such matters. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to delegate authority to the Clerks in conjunction with the Chairman to start eviction procedures. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.

#### **Matters of Report**

Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The preferred two options were for the barrier to be placed by the Express Park. Concerns were raised about the implications for flooding downstream of the barrier.

SDC Planning training to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Community Forum to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Transport Forum meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Hinkley Point SSG to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

A consultation has been received from SDC regarding the phone box in Brook Street which BT would like to remove. Parish Councillors agreed to try and retain the phone.

#### **12/10/16 Items for the next meeting**

#### **13/10/16 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed ..... Date .....

