



# Cannington Parish Council

Notes of the Bypass meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 in the Community Room of the Village Hall

## **Present:**

**Parish Councillors;** Colin Allen, Mike Phillips, Alan Beasley and Rob Morgan

**Sedgemoor District Council;** Cllr Ian Dyer and Sam Harper

**EDF;** Ross Edwards and Kieran Hicks

**Environment Agency;** John Southwell

**Team Van-Oord;** Matt Phillips and Jo Cullis

**Clerk;** Tina Gardener

## **Bypass**

Work is continuing with snagging activities, landscaping and fencing. They are working towards a completion date of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016 when it is hoped that SCC will issue a completion certificate.

During week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 there will be traffic lights along the bypass to allow for cats eyes to be installed as per SCC instructions (this isn't normal for roads with a 40mph speed limit).

Withiel Drive – The Planning and Legal Departments from EDF are looking into the legal definition of 'stopped off'.

It was pointed out that there is no landscaping along the bypass from the Western roundabout to Withiel Drive. The fencing is very prominent. Kieran agreed to look into this.

The last meeting for the bypass will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016. These monthly meetings will then continue with Environment Agency and their contractors for the Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Colin said these monthly meetings have proved very useful for the Parish Council. Ross Edwards responded that they have also been useful for EDF.

## **Highway signage**

Concerns were raised that the majority of the traffic is still going through the village of Cannington rather than using the new bypass. The signage needs to be more specific.

There will be variable messaging pointing all Hinkley traffic towards the bypass. It was all suggested that the yellow signs for Hinkley deliveries be amended to all Hinkley traffic.

SDC has written to all businesses along the C182 asking them if they would use the bypass instead of going through the village.

## **Rodway Playing Field Car Park**

The footpath will be completed during the first week of April.

## **Hinkley Point C**

Ross Edwards said the funding decision will be made soon (within one year!)

## **Flood Alleviation scheme**

Dan Boswell is the project manager for the scheme and Meritxell Fernandez Garcia will be responsible for the management of the structure once it has been completed.

There is one outstanding issue with a landowner which is hoped to be resolved shortly.

The contract has been awarded to Team Van-Oord.

Concerns were raised about the run-off from the Western roundabout of the new bypass into the lagoon and the rate it would exit the lagoon into the brook. It was confirmed that water will exit the lagoon at the same rate as green field run-off.

Matt thanked EDF for setting the standards so high!

Archaeology work started last week and 5 skeletons (about 2,000 years old) were uncovered at the eastern end. This could cause potential delays; the County Archaeologist was due to visit on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016. It is hoped these works will be completed by the end of March 2016.

Vegetation and tree clearance will be taking place for 3 weeks.

Trial holes will be dug over the A39 where the culverts will be placed. This will require traffic lights and will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for 3 days and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for 3 days (these dates were changed following the meeting). The traffic lights will be controlled manually during peak times.

The site depot will be set up in April in the field between Yorks Lane and the Lodge.

Earthworks will start in early May 2016 at both ends of the scheme. The subsoil will be removed from site and will be taken to Chilton Trinity for a scheme to enhance the river bank opposite Dunball. This will take place over a 12 week period and there will be a maximum of 100 lorry movements per day.

A temporary bridge will be constructed over the A39 whilst the tunnelling for the culverts takes place. This will take place over a 14 week period and it is hoped to commence in July 2016. The Environment Agency will continue to liaise with EDF in particular with any expected large loads.

There may be issues with rights of ways as some of them will have to be closed.

The scheme is expected to be completed by December 2016.