



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 11th February 2014 in Cannington Village Hall

Minutes DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Mrs Sheila Allen, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, Lawrence Greenslade, David Greenslade and Mrs Sarah Jansons

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillor: Mrs Ann Bown

County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 13

Public Session

Alyn Jones, SCC was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Rodway Layby, High Street lighting and War Memorial lighting and signs.

There was a large discussion from members of the public on planning application 13/14/00003/LE for a fish and chip takeaway in Main Road. Concerns raised included; not enough parking bays for the number of staff, inadequate parking for customers who end up parking on the road and block the view of cars coming out from Southbrook, encourage traffic off the bypass, the close proximity to residential properties, noise emissions and cooking smell emissions and problems with litter. Concerns were also raised that the fuel tanks had not been removed.

Nick Tait from SDC addressed the meeting regarding the Core Strategy and how the Neighbourhood Plan would fit in with this. Cannington is identified as a Key Rural Settlement (KRS) there are about 12 KRS's in Sedgemoor and collectively they would be expected to take 15% of the growth in housing. There is a specific policy P4 for KRS's. A Strategic Land housing availability survey took place in 2009/10 which the council has a copy of. There is a new survey currently being carried out and the council have asked if they can be informed of the results of the survey.

Members of the public raised concerns about road work signs on the pavement along Main Road even though no works were currently being carried out. Parking on the pavement in the High Street opposite the Kings Head is also causing problems with one resident being almost run over. It was suggested that perhaps bollards could be installed to stop vehicles; the clerk will look into the matter.

Council Session

With permission from the chairman the following agenda item was moved for the benefit of members of the public.

05/02/14 Planning matters
New planning applications

13/14/00003/LE – Change of use, conversion and extension of car sales building and forecourt to Fish and Chips takeaway (use Class A5) at 31 Main Road, Cannington, TA5 2JN for Mr T Caglar. An amended application was received for this application on Friday 7th February 2014. It was agreed that there hadn't been enough time for the members of the parish to consider these amendments. The clerk will place notices on the notice boards asking for any comments before the council responds to SDC planning. Subject to any responses received the council recommended to oppose the application on the grounds of; Neighbour Impact, Highways safety and emissions from the cooking. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen, seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed by a majority.

01/02/14 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird, Cllr Brian Stother, SDC Cllr Ian Dyer and PCSO Georgina Long.

02/02/14 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of members interests.

03/02/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2014 were approved.

04/02/14 Matters Arising

1. 04/01/14 Playing Field – To consider the purchase of the land from SDC for the sum of £100,000. Councillors agreed to pursue the possibility of purchasing the playing field.
2. 04/01/14 Refurbishment of the Bus Shelter – Painting of the walls is still outstanding
3. 04/01/14 Defibrillator – The official unveiling of the defibrillator took place on Wednesday 5th February at 3.00pm Chairman Colin Allen, Cllr Alan Beasley, SCC Cllr John Edney, Mr David Eccles and Mr Mike Morgan. The deputy clerk produced a press release. The awareness training is still to be arranged.
4. 04/01/14 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998.
5. 04/01/14 Parish notice boards. The application for listed building consent has not been received by SDC; the clerk will resubmit the application.
6. 04/01/14 War Memorial – Works to be carried out on the Oak Tree – The planning application has not been received by SDC. The clerk will resubmit the application.
7. 04/01/14 Layby at Rodway – An update on the layby has been received from Alyn Jones SCC. The Council were not happy with the response. Alyn Jones will be invited to the next meeting.

8. 04/01/14 Website update – Progress has been made on the website but is not finished. The clerk will ask for the work to be carried out by 31st March 2014.
9. 04/01/14 Terms of reference for committees – this is still ongoing
10. 04/01/14 Brook renewal of sluice gate. Quotations have been requested for this work.
11. 04/01/14 Jubilee Gardens – Planning application 13/13/00045 has now been approved for works to be carried out on the Black Poplar. The clerk will chase up when the work will be completed.
12. 04/01/14 Playing fields Car Park. The number of vehicles using the car park has increased to over 60. The clerk will contact Kier Construction regarding the way the vehicles are being parked as it is restricting access to the garage and will restrict the grounds maintenance which will need to be carried out shortly. Also we need to renegotiate the rent as the original agreement was for 40 vehicles.
13. 04/01/14 Salt Bins – The five salt bins have been purchased, filled and placed around the village.

05/02/14 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/14/00001/SJH** – Erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension at 41 Brook Street, Cannington, TA5 2JJ for Mr and Mrs L Tolchard. The council supports this application as it is appropriate of design, detailing and materials and there is no visual dominance. This was proposed by Cllr Alan Beasley, seconded by Cllr Lawrence Greenslade and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/14/00002/NM** – Formation of external training areas comprising flat concrete slabs and trenches. Formation of access track and 2 no covered storage racks for Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre for Land Based Studies. The council supports this application as there is no visual prominence. This was proposed by Cllr Alan Davey, seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/14/00003/LE** – Change of use, conversion and extension of car sales building and forecourt to Fish and Chips takeaway (use Class A5) at 31 Main Road, Cannington, TA5 2JN for Mr T Caglar. Considered above.
4. **13/14/00004/JAB** – Copper Beach Fagus Sylvatica Purpurea Crown lift to 6m over the road and footpath to reduce the overall height and spread by 1-2m by removing branches of 1.5 – 2.5m in length and making pruning cuts of no larger than 4cm in diameter to improve balance and form. Remove the small amount of deadwood from the crown at Conway House, 19 Fore Street, Cannington for Mrs Tomaney. The council supports this application as it is for essential works. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/13/00041/LE** – Change of use of school buildings and grounds for occasional use as a wedding venue, Brymore Secondary Technical School, Cannington, TA5 2NB, for Brymore School – **Permission granted**
2. **13/13/00042/SH** – Installation of 30 Solar PV panels to the rear extension of 6 Brook Street, Cannington for EWJ Hill & Son – **Permission granted.**
3. **13/13/00045/JAB** Reduce height and remove limbs from one English Black Poplar in Jubilee Gardens, Brook Street, Cannington - **Permission granted.**
4. **13/13/00046/SJH** Formation of dropped kerb, driveway and parking area at 56 High Street, Cannington, TA5 2HF for Mr Hatch – **Application withdrawn.**

06/02/14 Flooding

Wessex Water met with members of the Parish Council and residents of Northbrook on Friday 24th January 2014. We are waiting for the report by Wessex Water.

On the 18th January 2014 the A39 was again flooded near the roundabout at the south end of the bypass. Brook Street was also flooded. Residents of Northbrook were issued with sandbags to protect their properties.

The brook wall at 41 Brook Street has partially collapsed leaving a 10ft gap. SDC have temporarily plugged the gap with sand bags and the owner will carry out the repairs.

Dan Boswell from the Environment Agency has reported that tenders for the design and build contract will be issued on 17th February 2014 and it is likely that planning will be sought in Dec 2014.

07/02/14 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
Mike Phillips	Twin wheeled wheelbarrow for emergency flood store	002763	£71.99
Cannington in Bloom	For grant application	002764	£70.00
Tina Gardener	January Salary	002765	£532.80
Patricia Villis	January Salary	002766	£303.48
The following payments are due: -			
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance contract for December 2013 (Inv 5754) & work carried out at the allotments (Inv 5755)	002767	£989.00
Bridgwater Mowers	Water pump, hose and fuel can	002768	£524.95
Wollens	300 hessian sand bags and 4 bulk bags of sharp sand	002769	£314.40
Sedgemoor District Council	Quarterly lease of land at Sharks Lane, Cannington	002770	£125.00
Tina Gardener	Admin expenses and keys cut for Playing Field Pavilion	002771	£11.94
Bridgwater Mowers	10mtr layflat hose	002772	£51.84
Cancelled		002773	£0.00

Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance contract for January 2014, purchase of salt bins and work carried out at the allotments and Jubilee Gardens	002775	£1635.20
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2. **The accounts for January 2014** had already been circulated to all councillors and were agreed.
3. **Internet banking** The clerk will make enquiries to see if this is suitable for the Parish Council.
4. **Bank signatories** Vice chairman Mike Phillips has been included as a bank signatory

08/02/14 Neighbourhood Plan

An open meeting was held on 21st January 2014 where 30 members of the parish attended. It was agreed at the meeting to continue with the plan and 8 volunteers volunteered to form a Steering group, subsequent to the meeting another member came forward. The steering group have since met twice and are making good progress. A Terms of Reference was agreed by the Steering group and put to the Council for their agreement. It was proposed by Vice chairman Mike Phillips, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons and agreed unanimously to accept the Terms of Reference. The group also requested that they could use the parish notice boards and website to display their agendas and minutes; this was proposed by Chairman Colin Allen, seconded by Vice chairman Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

09/02/14 Lengthsman This would be discussed at the next meeting.

10/02/14 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. All outstanding rents have now been received.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – have resubmitted their grant application for £1409.80 including VAT. Approval had already been given in November 2013. After discussion it was agreed for the Parish Council to purchase the items and retain ownership. This would be subject to our insurance cover.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding– A meeting was held on Monday 20th January 2014 when it was agreed to invite a resident of Northbrook onto the committee and to become a warden. Subsequent to the meeting Mr Wayne Stone agreed to join the committee and was issued with a jacket and key to the flood store. It was also agreed to purchase a water pump which has already been put to good use.
- g. Highways – There are a number of issues with the drains around the parish which are being dealt with by Somerset Highways. The forthcoming work at Sandford Corner has caused major concerns after incorrect notices were published in the Bridgwater Mercury regarding road closures. The correct notices have now been published and work is due to commence on 18th February 2014. The clerk has received details of the works being carried out which will be published on the website and notice boards. SDC Cllr Ann Bown said that she has asked for Minehead traffic to be diverted via Taunton whilst the works are being carried out. Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed that we give SCC 10 working days to respond to our letter of 10th July 2013, following which a letter should be sent requesting the removal of the unauthorised structures on our land (War Memorial) this was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed by a majority.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. Possible works to the banks adjacent to the Turnpike Bridge have been identified and will be considered at a later date.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother. Seven speedwatches have been carried out since the last meeting where there were 20 vehicles speeding out of a total 1,215 vehicles.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade. The downstairs hall is due to be painted shortly. There are a number of broken tables in the upper hall. The Bowling mats have been given to the Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership.
- m. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade. A meeting was held with Stephen Baker of SRYP on 21st January 2014. The Parish Council were disappointed with the service from SRYP and the number of youths attending the club. After discussions it was agreed to monitor the group closely until the end of April when the contract runs out and if there are significant improvements to continue for another year as previously agreed. In the meantime grants would be applied for with the help of SRYP. It was agreed there was sufficient budget in the youth provision to award a grant to Cannington URC for £1,200. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons and agreed unanimously.

11/02/14 Matters of Report and items for the next meeting

The Community Forum meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2014 at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre. The last Quantock Cluster meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at Fiddington Village Hall was attended by Cllr Alan Beasley. Items discussed including; A warning has been received that the AONB was facing big budget cuts and there was a possibility that it may be taken into trust. Somerset County Council has set up a hardship fund of £50,000 for flood victims. Chris Gomm gave an over view and presentation on Renewable Planning applications. Better cross parish communications have been promised. All applications will need to conform to policy D4 of SDC Core Strategy. An application of 2 or more wind turbines is legally required to go to local residents for consultation. The parking issues in Cannington were raised with PCSO Helen Whitehead.

The next Transport Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February 2014 at Puriton Village Hall where there will be a workshop on the Cannington Bypass. Chairman Colin Allen and Cllr Alan Beasley will be attending.

The next Hinkley Point SSG meeting will be held on 28th February 2014.

12/02/14 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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