



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th October 2014 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Philips, Mrs Lynda Laird, Mrs Sheila Allen, Brian Stother, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, Lawrence Greenslade and Mrs Sarah Jansons

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

Somerset County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 9

Public Session

Cllr Duncan McGinty Sedgemoor District Council gave a brief presentation on the Annual Performance Report for 2014. The annual audit was passed with no amendments to the accounts and SDC was given a clean bill of health. The population of Sedgemoor is now 112,000 having risen by 7,000 in the last 5 years. Bridgwater's population of 40,000 is predicted to double in size by 2020. 100 people per month are moving to Bridgwater due to the economic prosperity of the area. Unemployment has dropped to 1.4%. The construction of Hinkley Point C is about to hit us, it will take between 8 to 10 years to construct and the latest construction cost is £24billion. The transport infrastructure for HPC will affect nearly every junction. The Puriton Energy Park will be constructed over the next 10 years.

Cllr McGinty then answered questions; Why is there no provision to reinstate the Cannington Bypass if HPC doesn't go ahead? Cllr McGinty was unable to answer this and would find out. Why is there a lack of infrastructure for housing and transport? SDC are refreshing the local plan. Why are SDC not insisting that brown field sites are built on first? A number of these sites have planning permission but SDC can't enforce it. Are SDC going to try and get more use of the railways? SDC are in negotiations with Puriton Park to use Rail Link. SDC have been awarded money for disabled access and better parking. Recycling in Sedgemoor is very good but why isn't there any tetra pack recycling? Somerset Waste Partnership are trialling this in areas of Taunton. With the review of the Core Strategy has anything come out that would affect Cannington as we are putting together our Neighbourhood Plan? Not at the moment but we would be notified as soon as the information is available. Ann Bown as District Councillor appreciates all the work and help that Cllr McGinty gives to Sedgemoor. Chairman Colin Allen thanked Cllr McGinty for taking the time to come and talk to us.

Two licensees voiced concerns over the proposed application for a licence for the Brasserie at Cannington Court. They were concerned over the possible loss of trade and the increased traffic and parking issues. The Parish Council appreciated their concerns and would look at the application once it was received.

EDF held a meeting on 8th October for local residents affected by the new bypass. Work on the bypass started yesterday 13th October 2014. The hours of work will be 7.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. There will be no work taking place on Sundays. The Parish Council has expressed its concern regarding the increased traffic flow and has been assured that the bypass will be completed as soon as possible. Three years ago the Chairman requested that EDF consider one-way traffic through the village whilst the bypass is being completed. Heavy machinery is being brought the village to Hinkley Point C on Thursdays. Weekly meetings will take place between the Parish Council, EDF and the Contractors every Monday starting on 3rd November 2014. A contract with Crossville buses has been set up to operate between the park and rides and Hinkley Point C.

A resident of East Street reiterated her concerns regarding the drainage in East Street. The Clerk will liaise with Highways and also ask them if they can bring their jetting maintenance programme.

Concerns were raised regarding some of the use of Social Media. It was suggested that instead of airing their grievances on the media that the individuals contact someone in authority to see if anything can be done. Social media can be used in a positive way.

HGV's and buses are continuing to park beside the road opposite Brymore School. A member of the public pointed out the terms of their licence forbids them from parking on private land. Cllr Mike Phillips agreed to take details of the vehicles parking there.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the Remembrance Day service taking place at the War Memorial at 10.50am on Sunday 9th November 2014. The wreath has been ordered and the Clerk will arrange for the bugler. Cllr A Davey agreed to put up the flag.

Council Session

01/10/14 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr David Greenslade.

02/10/14 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of members' interests.

03/10/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2014 were approved.

04/10/14 Matters Arising

1. 04/09/14 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998 – ongoing.
2. 04/09/14 Parish notice boards – ongoing.
3. 04/09/14 Brook renewal of sluice gate – this has now been replaced by a third party.
4. 04/09/14 Lengthsman – ongoing.
5. 04/09/14 Playing Fields – Storage container – on hold.

6. 10/09/14 Dog Bins – an order is being placed for a dog bin in Lonsdale Road and another in East Street.
7. 11/09/14 Finance and Staffing Committee membership– After discussions Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird proposed Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons, Cllr Lawrence Greenslade and Cllr Alan Beasley as members of the committee. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously. Membership will also include the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

05/10/14 Planning matters

There were no new planning applications at the time this agenda was set.

Planning applications processed since the last meeting

The following applications needed responses before this meeting. Details were put on the noticeboards and circulated to all councillors for comments.

1. **13/14/00047/RM** – Formation of replacement existing play area with new toddlers play area, junior/teenager play area and Multi Use Games Area at Cannington Playing Fields on land to the east of Brook Street Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. The council supports this application as it is an improvement of the existing play area which is under-used and there is no visual prominence
2. **13/14/00048/RM** – Erection of lamp post and street sign on land at the War Memorial, High Street, Cannington for EDF Energy. The council supports this application as it is essential works for highway safety.
3. **13/14/00049/JAB** – Reduce extended lateral branches from 2 no Oak Trees T7 and T8 by 3-4 metres on the public open space at Oak Tree Way, Cannington for Sedgemoor District Council. The council supports this application as it is essential works.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/14/00039/CJA** – Erection of single storey rear extension at 34 Lonsdale Road, Cannington for Mr Holdom. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/14/00047/RM** – Formation of replacement existing play area with new toddlers play area, junior/teenager play area and Multi Use Games Area at Cannington Playing Fields on land to the east of Brook Street Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. **Permission granted**

Planning application appeal

13/14/00020/KEG – Replacement windows at Ashford House, Ashford, Cannington for Mrs H Bevan. The clerks responded to the Planning Inspectorate.

06/10/14 Flooding

The Chairman has received a report from Dan Boswell at the Environment Agency who stated that there are a few obstacles to overcome including issues with land. Cllr Mrs L Laird proposed that we write to the Environment Agency expressing our concerns over potential delays and to copy this to Ian Liddell Grainger MP, Chief Executive SDC, Chief Executive SCC, Chief Executive EDF and Elizabeth Truss Minister for Department of Environment and Climate. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Jansons and agreed unanimously.

07/10/14 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 |
| Robert Popplewell | NHP – Deposit for website | 002847 | £142.35 |
| Bridgwater College | Donation to Arborists Study Tour – for felling Hornbeam trees | 002848 | £100.00 |
| Sparrow Crane Hire | Pro Forma Invoice – Black Poplar | 002849 | £1380.00 |
| Sedgemoor District Council | 6 month charge for emptying dog bins | BACS | £501.70 |
| Mrs Tina Gardener | September Salary | 002850 | £526.80 |
| Mrs Patricia Willis | September Salary | 002851 | £306.28 |
| BT Direct Debits | Internet Services August to November 2014 | DD | £114.54 |
| The following payments are due: - | | | |
| Somerset Rural Youth Project | Service Level Agreement for July – September 2014 | 002852 | £1250.00 |
| Tina Gardener | NHP – Purchase of display boards and water jugs | 002853 | £372.77 |
| Tina Gardener | Mercury Advert, postage and PAYE | 002854 | £121.55 |
| Choice Stationery Supplies | Printer ink | 002855 | £85.06 |

2. **The accounts for September 2014** have been circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record.

08/10/14 Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group has produced a leaflet which is in the process of being distributed to all residents in the parish of Cannington. The first public consultation will take place on Saturday 18th October 2014 from 10.00am to 4.00pm on the Village Hall followed by a consultation on Wednesday 29th October 2014 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at Cannington United Reformed Church. A consultation has been arranged for Wednesday 22nd October 2014 for children and parents of Cannington Pre and Primary School at the school from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. A business breakfast has also been arranged for 6th November 2014 at Blackmore Farm.

09/10/14 Correspondence

A request has been received for the village walks to be reprinted. Mr and Mrs R Allen's offer to update the footpath leaflets was welcomed. Cllr Mrs S Jansons proposed that a budget of £200 be allocated; this was seconded by Cllr M Phillips and agreed unanimously.

Mike Cullen from Bridgwater College has thanked the Council on behalf of his students for the donation of £100 given towards the students study tour. The donation was made following the removal of the Hornbeam trees by the students. Notification has been received from Sedgemoor that the RLT2 balance for Cannington is £16,294.80 and needs to be spent by 2016.

10/10/14 Playing Fields at Sharks Lane

The future use of the playing fields will be reviewed in March 2015 towards the end of the football season. SDC Executive Committee will be meeting on 19th November 2014 when SDC will consider whether it wishes to sell the playing fields at Sharks Lane. The Clerk has asked for a valuation of the playing field from the Valuation Office Agency at Taunton. This will be included as a future agenda item when all the information has been received.

11/10/14 Affordable Housing Needs Survey

An updated survey has been received showing a current need for 23 affordable homes. This report has been circulated to all councillor and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

12/10/14 EDF S106 Update

Planning application 13/14/00047 for the improvements to the existing play area and the erection of a Multi Use Games Area has been approved.

A meeting took place last week with Rebecca Miller and Claire Pearce from SDC and members of the Village Hall Committee and Pantomime Society to progress the plans for the improvements to the Village Hall. These improvements will hopefully take place with funds from the Community Impact Mitigation fund.

13/10/14 Viridor Credit Grant

A grant may be available from Viridor to repair the bank erosion in Jubilee Gardens. Cllr Mike Phillips has agreed to investigate this.

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

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. A number of allotments are in need of attention, a final inspection of the allotments will take place any final letters are sent.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey. The Clerk will arrange the annual brook walk with the Environment Agency for the end of October 2014.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported that Cannington in Bloom won a Silver Gilt in the this year's RHS competition and Brymore School won the youth award and cup for the South West. The Clerk will write to them both with the Councillors congratulations.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported that he has received an estimate from our Grounds Maintenance Contractor for 3 lots of work in the Cemetery; Cllr Mrs S Jansons proposed we accepted the quotes for additional maintenance; £338.00 for the overgrown graves for £338.00 and £428.00 for reduction of the Yew Tree. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Laird and agreed unanimously. Cllr Mrs S Jansons proposed we accept a quote for a new 6m hedge beside the Garden of Rest for £545.00. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Laird and agreed unanimously. Cllr A Davey was thanked for his efforts in catching moles in the Cemetery.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the College in November 2014.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen. Cllr Mike Phillips currently holds the emergency phone and it will be passed to SDC Cllr Ian Dyer in November 2014.
- g. Highways – Clerk. Early morning traffic movements along Chads Hill have been reported to the Clerk who has had confirmation that it is not from Castle Hill Quarry. A speeding motor cyclist on Cannington By-pass has been reported to the Police. Concerns were raised that the Pedestrian Crossing in Brook Street does not allow sufficient time for pedestrians to cross. This has been measured at 13-14 seconds; the Clerk will liaise with Highways. A level survey took place by Highways on Fore Street by the East Street junction and there appears to be no significant problem with the road contour. Cllr A Davey reported that residents of Rodway were still concerned about the lack of parking.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. The Jubilee Gardens group met on 18th September 2014 and minutes have been circulated to all councillors. The Black Poplar will be felled on 29th October 2014.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother reported in October 2014 there were 13 speed watches with 74 recorded speeders from 2505 traffic movements. The top speed recorded was 50mph.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade
- m. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade reported there were not many youths attending the Monday night youth sessions in the Village Hall. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with SRYP.

15/10/14 Matters of Report

The Transport Forum meeting held on 11th September 2014 at Puriton Village Hall was attended by Cllr A Beasley who reported that there were 144 road schemes planned for Bridgwater, 16 of which were major including Cannington Bypass which is the largest scheme.

The design is in progress for the Cannington to Combech Cycle Path and is due to start in the second quarter of 2015.

The Quantock Cluster meeting held on 16th September 2014 at Over Stowey Village Hall was attended by Cllr A Beasley who reported that Justin Robinson from SALC gave a presentation on the new Financial Regulations and great care should be taken over electronic banking, the two signature/cheque is still very good practise. SDC has produced a playing field strategy which has been circulated.

The Clerk attended the SDC planning training held on 24th September 2014. The training presentation has been circulated to all councillors.

The next Community Forum will be held on 16th October 2014 at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre.

The next Hinkley Point SSG meeting will be held on 31st October 2014.

The Chairman reported that Malcolm Coates is looking for volunteers to help with the poppy collection.

16/10/14 Items for the next meeting

17/10/14 Date and Time of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed Date