



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2017 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

Clerk: Aly Prowse

Members of the public: 11

Public Session

The parish council was thanked for progressing complaints of speeding drivers from Hinkley Point to the Station Directors and for pursuing the clear up of the land to the rear Southbrook Rd with SDC.

It had been reported at the Community Forum that there is £346k unspent Cannington CIM fund monies. The Traffic Calming Scheme will be funded from this sum, possibly £150k-£200k. A question was asked regarding expenditure from the £500k Leisure fund. The Chairman advised the refurbishment of the Village Hall and Play Area was funded from this pot and that we are exploring options to enhance the Playing Fields. We will endeavour to get a more detailed statement. A few comments were made regarding a new village hall. The decision to refurbish the village hall was taken through public consultation, although it was noted that reference is made to the future possibility of new facilities in the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was asked if the parish council could do anything about lack of fibre broadband in some areas of the village. A resident is already pursuing this through BT which is supported by the parish council.

Other items raised in the public session were covered later in the agenda.

Council Session

01/11/17 Apologies for Absence were received from SCC Cllr Mike Caswell and Tina Gardener.

02/11/17 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr Rob Morgan – Minute 5/11/17/1.

Cllr David Greenslade – Minute 6/11/17/4 and 6/11/17/5.

03/11/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th October 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2017 were approved following an amendment on p279, Matters of Report Item 6, date changed from 11th to 9th November.

04/11/17 Matters Arising

- 04/10/17 - Traffic calming. A Public Information Event will be held on 20th November 2017, 5pm-7pm in the upper hall of the Village Hall. Representatives from SCC and parish councillors will be in attendance. Posters advertising the event will be placed around the village. Councillors will first attend a briefing at 4pm.
- 04/10/17 – Land to rear of 20 Southbrook. This has been cleared to the satisfaction of SDC.
- 04/10/17 - Otters Brook development. Concern expressed in the public session that the temporary access could become the main access. The Chairman said this will not happen as the parish council owns the west end of the development. The Ombudsman has rejected the complaints submitted in relation to the properties overlooking Southbrook Close. A response from the Ombudsman is awaited in relation to Plot 16.
- 04/10/17 – Letters sent to Directors of Hinkley Point A and B regarding speeding. In addition to the response from the HBP Station Director, we have received a response from the HPA Station Director, Mr Peter Montague, advising he has also spoken to offending drivers.
- 04/10/17 – Future use of Rodway Playing Fields. A meeting will be arranged for interested parties in January 2018.

05/11/17 Planning matters

New Planning applications

- 13/17/00039** – Demolition of three outbuildings, conversion and extension of barn and outbuilding to form one new dwelling and associated parking at Rices Farm, Blackmore Lane, TA5 2NF. After discussion Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin. There was one abstention, but it was agreed by majority decision on the grounds that it is a farm building conversion on an existing foundation plan, although it was noted that the development is outside the current development boundary.

Cllr Rob Morgan left the room for this item (7.30pm–7.33pm).

Planning application decided

- 96/17/00018** – Request for discharge of requirement relating to PW4 relating to the Temporary Amenity, Welfare and Security Building at Cannington Park and Ride. **Permission granted/sufficient detail.**
- 13/17/00031** – Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 13/16/00014 (buildings to form training, teaching, welfare etc for the National College for Nuclear) to alter positions of doors and windows and alter the cladding at Bridgwater and Taunton College, Cannington Centre. **Permission Granted.**
- 13/17/00036** – Erection of a single storey extension to rear, on site of existing (to be demolished) and erection of a first floor extension to side at 37 East Street, TA5 2HL. **Permission granted.**
- 13/17/00037** – Removal of self-seeded sycamore at Mulberry, 8 Church Street, TA5 2HA. **Permission Granted.**

5. **13/17/00038** – Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 13/17/00015 at Stallington Clyce, Cannington. To amend the list of approved drawings to propose an alternative access and allow for an amendment to the downstream erosion protection measure. **Permission Granted.**

Report on SDC planning training held in October 2017

The sessions had been disappointing, allocating too much time on some items and not enough on others, for example the opportunity for parish councils to raise issues. In addition, the decision to implement e-notification of planning applications, drawings and plans will place an increased resource and financial burden on parish councils. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed we request SDC supply a projector to enable applications to be screened and viewed in detail. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed by a majority. In addition it was agreed to request SDC to send notifications of all planning applications including non-material amendments and proposed agricultural development, in the interests of transparency.

06/11/17 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) October 2017	S/O	£250.00
BT	Phone rental Oct to Dec 2017 plus calls	DD	£120.40
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath and donation	3246	£100.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's Salary - October 2017	3247	£653.33
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's Salary - October 2017	3248	£297.69
The following payments are due;			
Andrew Taylor	Jubilee Gardens – Electric meter	3249	£37.50
SALC	Membership for 2017/18	3250	£533.72
Tina Gardener	Refreshments, stationery, bugler fees, cable guard and padlock	3251	£113.92
Blackmore Farm	Grass cutting in the Churchyard – October	3252	£60.00

2. **The accounts for October 2017** were previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as true records. The current balance is £77337.10.
3. **The Budget statement for October 2017** was previously circulated to all Councillors
4. **Cannington Cemetery – new hedge.** Greenslades Grounds Maintenance confirmed the price tendered would remain as submitted. The two quotes submitted were £899 and £2300 respectively. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Andrew Vickery that we award the work to the lowest tenderer. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed by a majority.
Cllr David Greenslade left the room for this item (7.45pm–7.49pm)
5. Jubilee Gardens Hedge Removal. The estimate to rebuild the wall plus the two quotes received for the hedge removal would cost in excess of £30000 which was much greater than anticipated. It was agreed to cancel the tenders received and refer to the Jubilee Garden's Committee to explore alternative options. Cllr Kym Wardhaugh expressed concern at the loss of natural habitat if a wall was built.
Cllr David Greenslade left the room for this item (7.50pm–7.53pm)

07/11/17 Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

The Clerk had updated the NHP and circulated it to Councillors. Councillors were generally happy with it. It was agreed to hold over comments made by Cllr Andrew Vickery (reference the success of Cannington in Bloom when considering future development and development opportunities for the Park and Ride site) as we could go on and on adding comments. The Plan will no doubt go through other iterations once submitted to SDC and then the public referendum. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed the NHP is approved. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed unanimously.

08/11/17 Correspondence

1. St Margaret's Hospice – Thank you letter for donation.
2. SDC Local Plan DPD Examination.
3. SCC Highways – Salt collection on 25th November 2017 and guide to winter services 2017/18. Cllr David Greenslade agreed to collect salt for the parish.
4. Lily & Dylan Woodcock – Requesting consideration for a skateboard park at the Playing Fields.
5. William Gibb – HPC Survey. The Clerk had completed the survey.
6. C.Nightingale – Welcome signs at entrance to village. It was agreed to look at amendments to the village signs in conjunction with the traffic calming signage. This will also make reference to the Cannington in Bloom successes.

09/11/17 Review of Policies

The Clerk amended the Press and Handling Complaints Policies as agreed at the previous meeting. Cllr Rob Morgan proposed that both policies are adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously.

10/11/17 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. There are four allotment holders who have received letters requesting an improvement to their untidy allotments. Letters requesting next year's rent will be sent out early December.

- b. Brook – Cllr Andrew Vickery said there is great deal of weed in the brook from the Packhorse Bridge downstream. The Clerk will request Greenslades Ground Maintenance to clear it. The Clerk has asked Mark Doyle (Environment Agency) to provide some suitable dates for a brook walk.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh reported that CIB won a Silver Gilt in the Nationals. The parish council sent its congratulations to all those involved. It was suggested the bakery might be willing to display the Cup. As winners of the Cox cup they are automatically entered into the Champions of Champions. At present, the Committee has decided to take a break from entering the SW in Bloom next year as some members had felt pressurised prior to the judging, although their work will continue. Councillors generally felt that the success of CIB has had a knock on effect in the village; entries were up in the Flower Show, the Open Gardens event raised £500 and many individuals made an effort with their gardens and hanging baskets. Councillors supported Cllr Mike Phillips proposal that the parish council will continue its full support of CIB.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr David Greenslade outlined the Computer Aided Design (CAD) system used at North Petherton to map out its burial plots with a view to adopting a similar system for the Cannington cemetery. Although more regimented, it does make for easier maintenance thus keeping the area tidier, and maximises the available land. Other considerations such as back to back headstones, use of kerbs etc will need further discussion and will form part of a review of the regulations and prices as suggested by Cllr Alan Beasley. Cllr David Greenslade was asked to submit a plan and costs for Councillor’s consideration and approval.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. The annual meeting is on 28 November 2017 at 6.30pm. Councillors are to advise the Clerk if they can attend together with agenda items. The Chairman said car parking for the centre of the village will be an agenda item. The meeting coincides with the Parish Cluster meeting which Cllr Rob Morgan will attend. The report from the previous meeting included the Nuclear Training Centre will finish November 2017; the Halloween event at the Walled Gardens had been a great success and it is likely that EDF will either lease or purchase the Court House.
- f. Seed of Hope – Cllr Robin Phipps. The grant for work on the garden of rest is due soon. The Chairman has been asked to provide a reference for a grant application to the Somerset Community Foundation. There is some confusion about the status of the organisation. Cllr Robin Phipps advised it is for “community and not for profit”.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding. Nothing to report.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery requested progress on the items reported from the committee meeting on 9.10.17 i.e. the smaller tree removal; the planting of two ornamental trees; removal of the Black Poplar and the mole clearance (see also minute 6/11/17/5 above). He also advised that the bench is still waiting for a final top coat.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips advised that following a pump failure leaking water into the referee’s room at the pavilion, he has re-routed the pump to gravity feed into the sewer so no need to replace the pump.
- j. Somerset Association Local Councils. Nothing to report.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring and Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Clerk. In October there were 6 speed watch outings. Out of 1,031 vehicle movements there were 27 speeders (2.6%). The top speed recorded was 55mph. Due to the failings of Cannington’s SID box, we have asked to be added on to the SCC SID programme as an interim measure. This will commence from January 2018.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade reported that the Annual General Meeting will be on 27 November 2017 at 7pm.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham reported that numbers are increasing at the Youth Club and following an application by one of the children to the Burns Price Foundation, a grant of £1000 was awarded to purchase equipment and trips. This is very encouraging and the initiative is to be applauded.

Other Reports

1. Highways and Parking Issues for items not completed
 - The EDF fly parking notice for EDF staff will be sent to A.Reed to place on Cannington Now. ?
 - A site meeting took place with Lawrence Hackling, Somerset Highways to look at the parking issues and erosion of verges in the Northbrook area. Options to improve the situation include road widening and/or installing grass crete. This will be investigated further.
 - Access roads to the garages in Northbrook and Birch Close need attention.
2. Cannington Park and Ride. A meeting was held on 1 November 2017. Minutes have been circulated to Councillors. Key points included:
 - All the drainage is in place
 - The permanent entrance should be completed by 17 November 2017 but it will not be used by general traffic
 - The cycle path will conform to the new cycle path along Cannington Straight.
 - The timescale for completion is April/May 2018.
 - The next site meeting will be held on 3rd January 2018.
3. Cannington Court. A meeting was held on 1 November 2017. Minutes have been circulated to Councillors. Key points included:
 - Cannington Court is interested in the future development of the playing fields.
 - A donation of £750 will be donated towards the cost of Christmas Trees.
 - Work to install the barriers to the car park will start week commencing 4 December 2017; during this period the car park on Rodway will be used and no parking will be available for visitors to the Walled Gardens.
 - The next meeting will be held in February 2018.
4. The Hinkley Point SSG was held on 27 October 2017 and was attended by Cllr Mike Phillips. The notes from the meeting have been circulated to Councillors and are available in the community room. Magnox held a drop-in session on 8 November 2017 at the Village Hall to discuss waste management plans at Hinkley A.
5. The Transport Forum was held on 2 November 2017 and was attended by Cllr Rob Morgan and Cllr Alan Beasley. We will see increased HGV traffic to and from Hinkley Point as a result of the concrete pipe section making facility at Bristol Docks.
6. The Community Forum was held on 9th November 2017 and was attended by Cllr Alan Beasley and Cllr Robin Phipps. Cllr Beasley gave a brief resume which included the numbers of the Hinkley workforce currently stands at 2425 and traffic lights will be a fixed feature at Junction 23 of the M5.

Matters of Report

1. Remembrance Day. The event was very well attended and the temporary road closure worked well. Cllr Andrew Vickery said next year will be an enhanced service to mark Armistice Day. The Clerk will set a marker in April to discuss the event.
2. Sedgemoor SW Cluster meeting to be held on 28 November 2017 at Chilton Trinity Village Hall.
3. Cannington Christmas. The Christmas tree and lights will be erected a week earlier this year on 25 November 2017 because of the new system; the lights will be switched on the following week i.e. 2 December 2017. Cllr Mike Phillips has booked the lighting tower at a cost of £80. The proposed draft risk assessment circulated to Councillors will be amended to reflect comments received and then re-issued.

11/11/17 Items for the next meeting

12/11/17 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed Date