



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th January 2018 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillors: Ann Bown and Ian Dyer (from 8.05pm)

Somerset County Councillor: Mike Caswell (until 8.00pm)

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 5

Public Session

- The Clerk was reminded to share details of the Parish Council meetings on Facebook.
- A member of the public stated that she would prefer the hedge to remain in Jubilee Gardens and not be replaced by a wall
- It was reported that at present there are only 2 speed watch volunteers. A request for volunteers would be put in the Target. The Clerk will check if the Council receives the monthly speed watch data.
- The Chairman updated the public on the Traffic Calming Scheme (minuted under 07/01/19 3.)

Council Session

01/01/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dawn Horrobin and Alan Beasley.

02/01/19 Declarations of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests.

03/01/19 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th December 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2018 were approved.

04/01/19 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising except those covered by separate agenda items

05/01/19 Planning matters

New Planning applications

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

Planning Applications decided

1. **13/18/00033/DD** – Erection of a building to provide 3 no holiday cottages at Rices Farm, Blackmore Lane. **Withdrawn (after registration)**
2. **13/18/00037/DRT** – Erection of agricultural storage building at Hensfield Farm, Chads Hill. **Permission granted**
3. **13/18/00043/RM** – DCO Requirement Discharge relating to C26, finished floor levels, Combwich Wharf. **Granted/sufficient detail**
4. **13/18/00044/DRT** – Erection of a detached garage at 12 Main Road. **Permission granted.**

06/01/19 Correspondence

1. SCC – Parish paths consultation. This has been circulated to all Councillors for comments, the footpath map is available in the office for inspection. The consultation closes on 31st January 2019.
2. Mendip Community Transport – donation request. Cllr Kym Wardhaugh proposed to donate £100, this was unanimously agreed.
3. Sedgemoor CAB – donation request. Although we had already donated £200 in June 2018 Councillors agreed that they carry out invaluable work and a further donation of £200 was proposed By Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously.
4. Quantock Hills Management Plan and Landscape Partnership Workshop which will take place on Tuesday 5th February 2019
5. SDC Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. Surveys are being conducted for Parish Councils, Facility Providers and Residents. The closing date is 1st March 2019. Details have been forwarded to all Councillors and the Clerk will collate the responses and complete the survey.
6. Cannington Target – deadline for articles 14th January 2019
7. Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival – Acknowledged the donation to Help for Heroes in appreciation of road closure services for Remembrance Day.

07/01/19 Reports

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - The ongoing Street lighting issues in Clifford Park and High Street should now be resolved. Western Power Distribution (WPD) carried out repairs on Monday 7th January 2019
 - Mr Tim Popham has filled in the potholes along Marsh Lane. Councillors expressed their thanks.
 - Highways has been carrying out various repairs to the carriageway at the Cemetery, Dukes Avenue and Teals Acre
 - Councillors were disappointed with the way cars are being parked on the grass verge by Priory Close after Highways carried out improvements. The grass verge is being churned up.
2. Cannington Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)
Work is progressing well with producing additional reports and maps for the NHP and it is still anticipated that the plan will be submitted to the Parish Council for approval at the February meeting.
3. Traffic Calming.
There is an on-going civil dispute with the ownership of the layby outside the butchers and bakers. This was discussed in detail and Councillors were adamant they wanted the layby to remain and they did not want the scheme delayed. Cllr Robin Phipps proposed that the layby should remain and if the dispute is not resolved quickly then the works along Brook Street should be deferred and the remaining scheme carried out at the earliest opportunity. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.
The Chairman and Deputy Clerk are meeting with WSDC on 14th January and with SCC on 23rd January 2019 where the above issue will be discussed.

08/01/19 Financial Matters

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

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) January 2019	S/O	£250.00
HeartInternet	Exchange mailbox	DD	£12.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance contract for November 2018	3381	£885.80
BT	Broadband services 01.12.18 to 28.12.19	DD	£134.28
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for December 2018	3382	£688.17
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for December 2018	3383	£312.67
The following payments are due;			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of hall for youth club April to November 2018	3384	£345.00
Mike Phillips	Travel expenses to Wellington re Christmas lights	3385	£36.00
Stuart Todd Associates	Consultancy fees for NHP	3386	£3150.00
Taylor Electrical	Outdoor socket, switch and plug for Xmas lights	3387	£29.97
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance contract for December 2018	3388	£885.80
Choice Stationery	Computer ink	3389	£76.79
Mendip Community	Donation	3390	£100.00
Sedgemoor CAB	Donation	3391	£200.00

2. **The accounts for December 2018** were previously circulated and agreed as a true record. The balance at 31st December is £52,190.31 not including reserves of £32,023.30.
3. **The Budget statement for December 2018** was previously circulated to Councillors.
4. **Internet access** to the Council's three bank accounts has now been sent up. This is a read only facility.
5. **Future Capital projects.** It was agreed to set up a working party to look into future projects. Ideas suggested included; new wall in Jubilee Gardens, Defibrillators, upgrade of Rodway Pavilion and car park, outdoor gym equipment, College car park, Cemetery footpath and Environmental Improvements.

09/01/19 Parish Cluster Meetings

SCC Cllr Mike Caswell has organised a meeting for all Parish Council Chairmen and/or Clerks in the old Quantock Cluster to discuss the future of the Cluster arrangements. This will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th February at Stockland Social Club

10/01/19 Environmental Improvement Schemes

Cllr Rob Morgan has produced a report on suggested schemes which has been circulated to all Councillors. It was suggested that the area in Otters Brook to be handed over to the Parish Council and the play area at Brook Street should be added to the report. The report was supported in principle, detailed costings would need to be made before any formal approval can be made by the Parish Council.

11/01/19 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk. The majority of the rent for 2019 has been received and reminders will be sent out on 14th January 2019. There are currently 3 vacant plots which have been advertised on the notice boards and Facebook, they will also be advertised in Target. The new fence has been postponed until specific details have been identified and agreed. We are awaiting further quotes for the allotment notice board and this will be chased up.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade. There has been a good flow of water in the brook and it believed that the levels of water have not been high enough to have been diverted along the new flood channel.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk
- d. Cemetery – The Deputy Clerk will be looking at updating the policies and procedures and seeking advice for mapping out the graves in the new Cemetery.

- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. Discussions took place regarding the use of the College car park for the public in the evenings and at weekends. It was hoped that this would alleviate some of the parking issues in the High Street and surrounding area. A legal agreement would need to be implemented and a fence erected (for the safeguarding of under 18 students). An application to the CIM Fund would need to be made to cover the costs of the scheme. This was proposed by Cllr Rob Morgan, seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed by a majority.
- f. Emergency Planning Team
- g. Jubilee Gardens- Cllr Andrew Vickery. It was suggested that this may be a good time to eradicate the moles, the Cemetery would also be checked for Moles and if necessary, action will be taken. The Clerk will check with the South West Heritage Trust if the renovations to the Packhorse Bridge in Jubilee Garden will take place this Spring.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring- The reporting system for speed watches has been changed and the Clerk doesn't have information for December.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade.
- l. Youth- Cllr Jack Popham.

12/01/19 Matters of Report

- 1. The Bridgwater Tidal Barrier stakeholder meeting was held on 6th December 2018 and was attended by Cllrs Rob Morgan and Andrew Vickery. Cllr Rob Morgan said it was an excellent scheme which has been well planned, and proposed that the Parish Council should support in principle and in detail. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of support.
- 2. A special Hinkley Point SSG meeting is to be held on 11th January 2019 which Cllr Mike Phillips will attend.
- 3. The next EDF Transport Forum meeting is to be held on 31st January 2019. Cllr Rob Morgan agreed to attend.
- 4. The next EDF Community Forum is to be held on 7th February 2019. Cllr Robin Phipps agreed to attend.

13/01/19 Items for the next meeting

14/01/19 Date and Time of next meeting

The next council meeting to be held on 12th February 2019 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed Date