



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Alan Beasley, Graham Bell, Rob Morgan, Steve Pettitt, Mike Phillips, Andrew Vickery and Kym Wardhaugh

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**County Councillor:** Mike Caswell (left at 8.10pm)

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of the public: 1**

### **01/10/20 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensations**

There were no Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensations

### **Public Session**

- A member of the public thanked the parish council for sending letters to Cannington in Bloom and the Health Centre.
- It was noted that prescriptions from the Health Centre can now be collected from 9.00am to 6.00pm
- On the approach from Nether Stowey to the western roundabout, it was queried why no right-hand turn road markings.
- Concern why no Remembrance service at the War Memorial this year.

### **Council Session**

#### **02/10/20 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Ian Dyer and Robin Phipps and SDC Cllr Brian Bolt

#### **03/10/20 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were approved.

#### **04/10/20 Matters Arising** not covered by separate agenda item

1. Public session – Letter of thanks written to Cannington Health Centre for coping with the coronavirus epidemic
2. Public session - Letter of thanks written to Cannington in Bloom for the wonderful work they have carried out this year
3. 07/09/20 3. Alcohol free zone signs have been requested for the Jubilee Gardens and the brook area
4. 07/09/20 4. Letter sent to SCC supporting the retention of the light-controlled crossing in Jubilee Gardens. All Councillors reiterated their opposition to the replacement of the light-controlled crossing with a Zebra crossing. Details to be forwarded to SCC Cllr Mike Caswell.

#### **05/10/20 Planning matters**

##### **New planning applications**

1. **13/20/00018** – Request for discharge of requirement relating to C1 Ecology at Combwich Wharf for EDF. For information only.
2. **13/20/00019** – Erection of a dwelling with associated garden and access at The Red House, 28 High Street. After discussions Cllr Kym Wardhaugh proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

#### **06/10/20 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - Highway land outside of 1 Portland Close. A request has been received from Highways for the Parish Council to maintain this piece of land, councillors declined this and Highways will be informed.
  - The footpath is unsafe along Fore Street
  - Reports of polystyrene entering the drains outside the Kings Head
2. Footpaths
  - The Parish Council agreed to cover the cost of the strimmer training with SCC for two volunteers.
  - Footpath BW5/2 continues to be investigated.
  - A footpath gate is locked on the Parrett trail.
3. Otters Brook
  - The two replacement trees will be planted in December 2020.
  - Two open top waste bins are being removed and being replaced with one enclosed bin.
  - The dog bin is being moved to a more suitable location.
4. EDF Community Forum meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020
  - Unfortunately, no parish council representative was able to attend.
  - The meeting notes have been circulated to all councillors.
  - Andrew Cockcroft has replaced David Eccles who has retired.
  - Well established Covid-19 arrangements are in place
  - Concerns have been raised from residents regarding contractors going home to high risk areas.
  - On-site testing every 7 days.

5. Traffic Calming
  - Notes of meeting held on 28.09.20 with Andy Coupe and Kerry Jones have been circulated to all councillors, we are still waiting for phase 2 to be agreed.
  - Speed Indicator Devices (SID). The Clerk is looking in to the various types of SIDs available and is obtaining quotes. The Clerk is also in communication with SCC to ensure the SIDs will be to their specification.

#### **07/10/20 Correspondence**

1. SDC Park development Team survey
2. Environment Agency – Hinkley Point C update on permit variation application
3. One Somerset/Stronger Somerset
4. Cannington Court – feral bees have been noticed on site and arrangements are being made for their safe removal.

#### **08/10/20 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. Rodway Pavilion refurbishment
  - Kitchen equipment outstanding
2. Projector and screen for Village Hall
  - The Clerk will revisit the quotes already received
3. Cemetery
  - Additional works to the entrance of the cemetery will no longer take place as it has been confirmed that the layby is owned by Highways.
4. Kerbing for Jubilee Gardens
  - The contract has been issued and work is due to commence in the beginning of November 2020
5. Wall at Jubilee Gardens
  - This contract has also been issued and work is due to commence mid November 2020 (once the kerbing work has been completed).
6. East and West Roundabouts
  - Unable to proceed as SCC not able to process the application form.
7. Defibrillator
  - The Defibrillator has been installed and registered with the Ambulance Service.
  - Quotations are being sought for the refurbishment of Brook Street phone box.
  - Councillors agreed for an additional £600 to be requested from the CIM fund to cover the refurbishment.

#### **09/10/20 Financial Matters**

1. **The Payments** - The following cheques were approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
<b>Additional payments made since the last meeting: -</b>			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) October 2020	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
HeartInternet	Exchange mailbox October 2020	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services October 2020	DD	<b>£48.94</b>
Tina Gardener	Replaces cancelled cheque 3603	3608	<b>£839.21</b>
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for August	3609	<b>£907.94</b>
Ball Fire Protection	Annual inspection of fire extinguisher	3610	<b>£40.80</b>
Sedgemoor CAB	Donation	3611	<b>£500.00</b>
Cannington PCC	Reimbursement costs for Cannington Volunteers	3612	<b>£217.35</b>
A T Thorne	Replaces cancelled cheque 3606	3613	<b>£335.00</b>
Blackmore Farm	Watering contract £468 and weed spraying £300	3614	<b>£768.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for September 2020 plus stationery and paper towels and dispenses for the pavilion	3615	<b>£819.53</b>
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for September 2020	3616	<b>£343.72</b>
<b>The following payments are due;</b>			
Mike Phillips	Sundries for pavilion	3617	<b>£14.24</b>
A W Taylor	Installation of defibrillator	3618	<b>£101.25</b>

2. **The accounts for August and September 2020** had previously been circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record.
3. **The Budget statement for September 2020** had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September was £340,837.70, including Restricted Reserves of £251,264.15.
4. **SDC Small Business Relief has been applied to the Pavilion.** A further rebate of £2,252.03 has been received for 2012 to 2017.
5. **Clerks' appraisals and salary review.** The Chairman had recently carried out the Clerks' appraisals and wished to award them each two increments this year. This was wholeheartedly agreed by all Councillors.

#### **10/10/20 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk. Concerns had been raised about bonfires in the allotments. A notice has been displayed reminding allotment holders of the terms and conditions of their tenancy relating to bonfires.

- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer. Concerns have been raised by Landmark Trust about works undertaken to the brook/leat in the vicinity of Gurney Manor Mill.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt. A letter has been received from CiB in which they raised their concerns with the watering contract. This will be addressed by the Chairman.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer. The Yew trees will require maintenance in January 2021. The unattended graves need attention.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. Following a meeting on 05.10.20 the following items were noted;
  - A planning application will be imminent for an additional building on the downs
  - Concerns were raised regarding students waiting at the High Street bus stop and using the spar shop and Kings Head pub.
  - Informed the College that the Parish Council were looking to take over the maintenance of the east and west roundabouts.
  - Requested that the College regularly sweep the leaves from the pavement outside the College.
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh. Youth workers from Youth Unlimited make occasional visits to Cannington to talk with the youths.

**11/10/20 Matters of Report**

1. Defibrillator training due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September had to be cancelled.
2. Remembrance Day
  - It is with much regret that Councillors agreed to cancel this year’s service at the War memorial on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020. This was not an easy decision to make and after consulting with groups in the village and assessing the risks the decision was made.
  - The Parish Council will still lay a wreath and make a donation to the Royal British Legion.
  - New Union flags have been purchased and one will be put up at the beginning of November along with the ‘Tommies’.
  - Flags have become caught on the branches of the Oak Tree (which has a Tree Preservation Order) and it is hoped that consent will be given by SDC to prune the tree.
3. SSG meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 via zoom and will be attended by Cllr Mike Phillips.
4. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
5. Cannington Christmas. Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled this year. The Christmas tree and lights in Jubilee Gardens will go ahead as usual.
6. Child of Cannington. The committee recently met and their decision will be made public once the recipient has accepted the award.
7. The Annual Risk Assessment has now been completed. It was noted that the next tree survey is due in November 2020.
8. Concerns have been raised about the clothes bin and parking in the vicinity of the Friendly Spirit. This is being dealt with by SDC Conservation Officer.
9. It was noted that parts of the Flood Alleviation Scheme has become overgrown.

**12/10/20 Items for the next meeting**

1. Speed Indicator Devices
2. Neighbourhood Plan

**13/10/20 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed ..... Date.....