



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th March 2016 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Ian Dyer and Ann Bown

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 19

Public Session

Mark and Jayne, the new licensees from the Friendly Spirit introduced themselves.

The Chairman reported that the Deputy Clerk has handed in her notice. The Finance and Staffing Committee will agree a short term solution until the vacancy can be filled.

Alyn Jones from SCC reported on the traffic sensors that were put in to monitor the traffic pre and post bypass being opened. The sensors were installed in the High Street, Main Road and Rodway from 13th to 20th November 2015 and 20th to 27th January 2016. An additional censor was installed on the bypass in the January session. There has been a small decrease in volume of vehicles going through the village and a small increase in speed. The road signage is being reviewed to encourage more traffic to use the bypass. Hinkley Point A and B traffic is being encouraged to use the new bypass. Members of the public requested a 20mph restriction in the village, but the data wouldn't stand up to the standard process with SCC, a 20mph limit wouldn't necessarily reduce speed, it would require other traffic calming measures to reduce speed. A weight restriction of 7.5t was also requested. Alyn Jones is looking into funding options for a traffic calming scheme.

Council Session

01/03/16 Apologies for Absence were accepted from SCC Cllr John Edney, Cllr Dawn Horrobin and Cllr Alan Davey.

02/03/16 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of interests.

03/03/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February were agreed.

04/03/16 Matters Arising

- 04/02/16 Lengthsman – As there were no volunteers to proceed with the CIM fund application for the Lengthsman, this has now been put on hold.
- 04/02/16 Playing Fields – Progress report on purchase. The money is now in place and we are waiting for SDC's solicitor.
- 04/02/16 Traffic calming. This was discussed in the open session.
- 04/02/16 Skate Park. The Chairman and the Headmaster of Brymore School will be having a site meeting shortly.
- 04/02/16 Jubilee Gardens – The Bank Repairs have now been completed. Everyone agreed that an excellent job had been done.
- 04/02/16 Planning committee – terms of reference. On-going.
- 04/02/16 Bus Shelter – On-going
- 04/02/16 Bowling Green – A cheque for £500 has been received from Cannington Court (EDF) for the improvements. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer said that SDC would be able to let the Parish Council take ownership of the land at no cost except for approximately £500 in legal fees.
- 04/02/16 Neighbourhood Watch – There has still been no response from the public to set up a scheme.
- 08/02/16 Child of Cannington – Mrs B Edney and Ms G Bryant have agreed to be on the Child of Cannington committee. It is hoped to arrange a meeting for 18th April 2016.
- 09/02/16 Withiel Drive – The method in which the far end of Withiel Drive is closed has still to be agreed.
- 10/02/16 Dog fouling – This is a countrywide problem. The following phone number can be called to notify of any dog fouling incidents; 01278 435219

05/03/16 Planning matters

New Planning applications

- 13/16/00006/CW** - Replacement of 9 windows and one door with double glazed units to front (West) elevation and one window to side (North) elevation at Cannington House, 1 Fore Street, Cannington, Bridgwater, TA5 2HQ for Mr. S Pettitt. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously on the grounds that it was sympathetic alterations to a listed building.
- 13/16/00007/CW** - Repair roof timbers and slate roof, remove central store to reveal earlier arched doorway to neighboring walled garden, create potting shed and workshop areas within the footprint of the outbuildings at The Old Barn, Oatley Lane, Cannington, Bridgwater, TA5 2NL for Mr. J Taylor. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously on the grounds that it was an essential and sympathetic restoration.
- 13/16/00008/CW** - Reconstruction of wall to Eastern boundary at Beere Manor Combech Road Cannington Bridgwater TA5 2PW for Mr. R Coggins. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously on the grounds that the work is complete and is in keeping with the listed building.
- 13/16/00009/RM** – Change of use of car park from D2 to Sui Generis, improvement of lighting and installation of CCTV at Rodway Playing Fields, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. After discussions Cllr Robin Phipps

proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed unanimously on the grounds that it increases the range of use and facilities.

5. **13/16/00011/STP** - Retention of wall to Eastern boundary at Beere Manor Combwich Road Cannington Bridgwater TA5 2PW for Mr. R Coggins. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously on the grounds that it is in keeping with the Grade II listed building and the adjacent reconstruction of an ancient wall.
6. **13/16/00012/SH** – DCO Requirement Discharge. Request for discharge of requirement relating to CB6 Habitat Management Plan for Cannington Bypass – associated developments, landscape works – amendment for EDF Energy. No decision required.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/16/00001/CW** - Replacement of ten windows with new double glazed timber windows, to front and side elevations and replacement front door at Ruscombe House, 1 High Street, Cannington TA5 2HE for Mr M Saunders. **Application withdrawn**
2. **13/16/00003/DRT** – Erection of two storey extension to NW (side) elevation, on site of existing (to be demolished) and enlargement of porch at 17 Main Road for Mrs J Rhodes. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/16/00004/SJH** – Erection of first floor, side extension at 22 Lonsdale Road for Mrs H Cowley. **Permission Granted**
4. **13/15/00051/CW** – Internal alterations including the installation of air conditioning units at Cannington Court, Church Street Cannington for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**

06/03/16 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)	S/O	£250.00
Dave Gardner	Invoice no 6565	003041	£390.60
Cannington in Bloom	Grant request	003042	£70.00
Post Office	EDF Energy – Nov 2015 to Feb 2016 electricity for Pavilion	003043	£52.10
SDC	Planning application fee for Playing fields car park	003044	£192.50
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for February 2016	003045	£600.34
Patricia Willis	Deputy Clerk's salary for February 2016	003046	£305.28
The following payments are due: -			
Mike Phillips	Padlock	003047	£28.14
Tina Gardener	Stationery & refreshments	003048	£37.34
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for February, planting of Silver Birch in Jubilee Gardens, additional maintenance of the Cemetery and final payment for Jubilee Gardens, bank repairs.	003049	£6329.96

A query was raised regarding the payment of £390.60 to Dave Gardner. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer apologised for the delay in receiving this invoice. It related to work carried out in July 2015 prior to the judging for Cannington in Bloom. The roadsides on the approach to Cannington from Bridgwater were flailed. Other work was also carried out by Wembdon Parish Council and SDC Cllr Ian Dyer. Cllr Andrew Vickery proposed that we should support this payment. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously.

2. **The accounts** for February 2016 were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and were agreed.
3. **The Budget Statement** for February 2016 was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting
4. **Accounts for January 2016** were circulated after the February 2016 meeting and approved.
5. **Audit requirements for 2016/17** - it was agreed to remain with the appointed auditors for future audits.

07/03/16 Correspondence

HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday: Commemorative medals for the pupils of Cannington Schools. Councillors agreed to purchase medals for all Cannington Primary School pupils, if the Headmistress was agreeable.

Seed of Hope- They have secured £8,000 in funding to spend in the Community Orchard.

Tom Blaxland – The well in Chads Hill needs attention. It was agreed to obtain a quote for re-pointing of the well.

SCC – Somerset Day on 11th May 2016.

08/03/16 Cannington Pantomime Society

Cllr Andrew Vickery was concerned that the Pantomime Society was struggling. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would help with the rent of the village hall for the performances. The Clerk will forward a grant application form for them to complete. The Council would be happy to advertise the Pantomime on the village notice boards and website.

09/03/16 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that CiB had asked if the phone box in the High Street could be painted, a request has already been made to BT and the Clerk will follow this up. It was agreed to purchase litter picking callipers. The Clerk will also chase the progress on the village signs.

- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley reported that there had been more litter in the cemetery recently. The new hedge planted is flourishing. Cllr Mike Phillips reported that the new bench would be ready next month.
- e. College – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that the signs and brackets on the Walled Gardens has been resolved. Concerns were raised that the Parish Council was not invited to the public consultation for the new planning application for the National College for Nuclear. It was agreed that we need to strengthen our relationship with the College.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that the wood on the seat in Jubilee Gardens needs replacing. Cllr Mike Phillips will be replacing it shortly.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that a number of padlocks put on the gate have been cut through. It was suspected that someone maybe using the field to camp out in a van. JEDF will be carrying out an asbestos survey of the pavilion.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – In February there were 10 speed watches. Out of 1580 vehicle movements there were 48 speeders and the top speed recorded was 51mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that the village hall will be closed for refurbishment from 18th March to 18th April 2016.
- l. Youth – Cllr Jack Popham reported that the youth club were looking at alternative venues/outings whilst the village hall is closed. Cllr Rob Morgan proposed that we contribute £2.50 a child to a maximum of £75 towards the cost of High Ropes at Bridgwater College. There has been a problem with a few of the children and this is now being managed well. It was agreed for SRYP to produce termly reports. Notices to be produced of the activities to go on the notice boards and website. Attendance was improving with up to 15 children attending each week. A visit to year 6 children at Cannington Primary School will be arranged and handouts to Haygrove School pupils to promote the youth club.

Other Reports

- 1. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Alan Beasley reported that David Harper from Bridgwater College attended the meeting on 7th March 2016 to discuss the Cannington Centre expansion plans. Over the last month the NHP activity has concentrated on the periphery and supporting subjects for the plan. The presentation of the draft plan to the Parish Council is expected within two months.
- 2. Flood Alleviation Scheme. The archaeology works commenced at the end of February and a number of skeletons have been uncovered. Vegetation and tree clearance will take place in March for 3 weeks. There will be traffic lights on the A39 whilst trial holes are made for the new culverts, this will take place from 12th-14th April and 19th-21st April. The site compounds will be set up in April and earthworks due to commence in May 2016.
- 3. Cannington Bypass meeting held on 2nd March 2016. Work is continuing with snagging activities, landscaping and fencing. They are working towards a completion date of 16th April 2016 when it is hoped that SCC will issue a completion certificate. Cats’ eyes need to be installed on the bypass as per SCC instructions (this isn’t normal for roads with a 40mph speed limit).
- 4. Highways and Parking Issues. The Clerk has written to the Police regarding the parking issues in Cannington.
- 5. Cannington Court. A meeting is taking place on 21st March 2016 when it is hoped to finalise the licence to occupy the car park at Rodway Playing Fields.
- 6. The Quantock Cluster meeting was held on 23rd February 2016 and was attended by Cllr Rob Morgan. The main discussion was a request from Stockland Bristol to extend the 40mph limit on the new bypass all the way to Hinkley Point. This was unlikely to be supported by Highways and the Police but they would look at means to improve the safety of this stretch of the road. A study to examine road safety issues has been commissioned for the A39 from Bridgwater to Cannington. A DCO was authorised on 19th January 2016 for a new connection from HPC to Avonmouth.
- 7. The Hinkley Point SSG meeting was held on 26th February 2016 and attended by Cllr Mike Phillips. Hinkley Point A – aiming to be in a care and maintenance state by 2017. The milling process to remove contamination from skips will not now happen. Hinkley Point B – celebrated 40 years of production on 5th February 2016. The current outage was going to plan. Delegates to course at Cannington Court have been told to use the Park and Ride. Both Hinkley Point A and B will promote the use of the new bypass to all their staff. SCC has now given approval for the fuel flasks to travel along the new bypass.

Matters of Report

10/03/16 Items for the next meeting

11/03/16 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th April 2016, the venue to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed Date