



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 11th April 2017 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Kym Wardhaugh, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps and Andrew Vickery

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Cllrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer, Rebecca Miller and Julie Cooper

Somerset County Council: John Edney

Clerk: Aly Prowse and Tina Gardener

EDF: D Eccles, S McLoughlin and S Rogers

Members of the public: 8

Public Session

Chairman Colin Allen made a presentation to County Councillor John Edney, who after 16 years' service, is retiring. John has provided wonderful help, support and encouragement to the Parish Council, and the community including the many clubs and organisations throughout this period, and he will be a very hard act to follow. We wish John and Betty our very best wishes. This was endorsed by all Councillors.

S.McLoughlin outlined the key features of Cannington Park and Ride;

- The Park and Ride was initially split into 2 areas, now 1 with a welfare building
- Appropriate levels of screening planned
- The lanes around the parking area will be tarmac, whilst the parking places will be constructed of stone to aid drainage
- The number of parking spaces is as per the DCO; circa 250
- Ecological considerations including badger tunnels form part of the plans
- Construction is due to start June 2017 and is anticipated to take a year to complete
- D.Eccles said a cycle path from the new bypass roundabout to the site entrance could be followed up with SCC as he did not think the issue is closed
- D.Eccles said the users of the park and ride e.g. visitors and possibly others needed to be determined
- C Allen reiterated the urgent need to remove cars from Cannington to the park and ride as parking in the village is an enormous problem. D.Eccles said a swipe card system will be introduced. All vehicles will be allocated a parking site linked to the card. If vehicle registrations are provided to EDF which appear to be in breach of the rules, drivers will be dealt with
- Both construction and operational permitted hours of usage and illumination will be confirmed by D.Eccles. Noise monitoring will be in place with levels determined by the planning conditions placed on the application
- With regard to "fly parking" all employees have to sign a "code of conduct" that EDF will be keen to enforce if a breach occurs
- Security – during construction security will be provided on a 24/7 basis and once operational security personnel will be present throughout.

Jo Nurton outlined her concerns regarding the current situation with the Youth Club. The Chairman explained there was little option but to try and get an external organisation to take over the management of the Youth Club for all manner of reasons. Councillors would be considering the proposal to engage Youth Unlimited later on in the meeting, and pointed out they are a highly rated organisation with experience of dealing with many youth clubs in the area. The Chair said the parish council strongly supported the retention of a youth club which at times had met with serious opposition from some areas of the village. Should Youth Unlimited be awarded the contract, he offered to put Jo's name forward for possible employment, to which she declined. Finally the Chair acknowledged and thanked Jo for all her efforts and hard work during her time with Cannington Youth Club.

Council Session

01/04/17 Apologies for Absence were accepted from David Greenslade, Dawn Horrobin, Rob Morgan and Jack Popham

02/04/17 Declarations of Members Interests

03/04/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th March 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017 were approved.

04/04/17 Matters Arising

1. 04/03/17 Traffic calming. We are waiting a response from SCC. The Clerk will chase this up.
2. 04/03/17 Skate Park. Ongoing.
3. 04/03/17 Black Poplar. Ongoing.
4. 08/03/17 Electricity supply for Jubilee Gardens. Western Power has carried out the installation of the power supply. Once our appointed electrician has completed work to the distribution box an electricity provider will be sought.
5. 10/03/17 War Memorial. The Clerk has confirmed the quote with Stooks Memorials and the work is expected to commence in May 2017.

- Public session – free bus service between Bridgwater and Minehead. SCC did not include Cannington in their request to EDF. The Clerk has contacted David Fothergill (SCC) to ascertain why Cannington was omitted.

05/04/17 Planning matters

New Planning applications

- 13/17/00004** – Listed Building Consent. Retention of crenelated frieze on sun roof at Beere Manor, Combwich Road, Cannington for Mr & Mrs Coggins. After discussions Cllr Andrew Vickery proposed to offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillis and agreed unanimously.
- 13/17/00011** – Willow tree – reduce overall height and spread by approximately 33% to suitable fork areas at the Friendly Spirit, Brook Street, Cannington. *The response date was before this meeting; the application was advertised on the notice boards and websites and no objections were received. The Council supports this application on the grounds of the essential works in the interest of public safety.* This was proposed by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh, seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously.
- 1/13/17/00012** – For the extraction of limestone, infilling with imported materials including waste and restoration to woodland and pasture at Castle Hill Quarry, Chad's Hill, Cannington. After discussions this application was considered in two parts. 1) Excavations – Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support this application subject to appropriate safeguarding conditions regarding hours of working, blasting and noise, suppression of dust, limiting lorry movements and appropriate restoration works are applied. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously. 2) Restoration- Cllr Robin Phipps proposed to support this application with the following conditions; with respect to the proposed infilling of the extracted area, this should be limited to soil and stone only, reseeding grass is inadequate and should include block planting of small trees and hedging plants. This was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications to SCC Regulation Committee on 6th April 2017

- 1/13/16/049** – Section 73 application – variation of condition 1 of permission 1/13/04/042 at Spaxton Road, Cannington for S Roberts & Sons.
- 1/13/16/050** – Section 73 application – variation of condition 1 of permission 1/13/07/043 at Spaxton Road, Cannington for S Roberts & Sons.
- 1/13/16/051** – Section 73 application – variation of condition 1 of permission 1/13/08/10 at Spaxton Road, Cannington for S Roberts & Sons.

Planning applications decided

- 3/32/16/018** – Construction of a building for the storage of Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Materials at Hinkley Point A. **Permission granted.**
- 13/17/00008** – Installation of car park barrier system at Cannington Court, Church Street. **Permission granted.**
- 13/17/00010** – DCO requirement discharge relating to CP14 for Cannington Park and Ride. **Granted.**

Planning application 13/14/00030

Land transfer to Cannington Parish Council. The land to be made over to the Parish Council had been previously identified and agreed by the Parish Council. SDC were now expecting the Parish Council to take ownership of the strip of land bordering the brook. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed that we should not take ownership of any additional land. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.

Plot 16 – concerns regarding the positioning and layout (non-conforming to planning conditions) were sent to SDC Planning on 3rd April 2017. The complaint has been registered and a response will be given within 10 working days.

Tree Preservation Orders

06/04/17 Financial Matters

- 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
Pardoes	Search fees for Bowling Green	003171	£23.00
BT	Internet services March to May 2017	DD	£148.80
Jo Nurton	Youth worker's salary for March	003172	£92.78
Vicki-Lyn Windsor	Youth worker's salary for March	003173	£159.64
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary	003174	£626.13
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary	003175	£287.45
The following payments are due;			
SDC	Rates for pavilion at playing fields	003176	£500.95
SDC	Moving dog bin	003177	£61.20
Clifford Estate Co Ltd	Annual rent for allotments	003178	£40.00
Robert Popplewell	Annual domain name renewal	003179	£12.00

2. **The accounts** for March 2017 £56347.05 were previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record. The Current balance is £56347.05
3. **The Budget Statement** for March 2017 has been previously circulated to all Councillors
4. **The Annual audit return for 2016/17** has been received. It was agreed to hold a Finance and Staffing meeting on Monday 24th April 2017

07/04/17 Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

The Clerk will request an urgent meeting with Alex Bullock (Chairman of HNP Steering Group and Chairman Colin Allen and Cllr Alan Beasley).

08/04/17 The future of Cannington Youth Club

A meeting took place with Youth Unlimited (Youth Club Management Company) on 30th March 2017, notes of this meeting has been circulated to all Councillors. The cost to the Council will be approximately £2,600 including hall rental and grant from SCC. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed that we should contract Youth Unlimited to manage the Youth Club subject to a satisfactory contract. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously. It is hoped that the Youth Club will commence on Monday 8th May 2017.

09/04/17 Grass cutting

A quote had been received from SDC Clean Surrounds to cut the Highways grass around the village an additional 7 times per year at an annual cost of £1,456.00. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to accept this quote which was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

10/04/17 Cannington in Bloom (CIB)

At a CIB meeting held on 27th March 2017 and attended by Cllrs Andrew Vickery and David Greenslade the business plan for village enhancements put forward by Cannington in Bloom was considered. The notes of this meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. After lengthy discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed the Parish Council should undertake the following proposals; 1. Watering the planters and barrier baskets during the summer – budget £1,000. 2. Purchase 12 litter picker callipers – budget £180. 3. Put edging boards along the footpath in Love Lane to contain the woodchips – budget £200. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed by a majority.

11/04/17 Correspondence

1. SDC - Public Space Protection Orders Consultation. Councillors agreed with the designated areas for Cannington.
2. Target – submission due by 18th April 2017.
3. WI – regarding the behaviour of young people at the youth club on 13th March 2017. The Clerk has responded to the letter and we will work together to resolve the issues raised.
4. Scott Mason SDC Parks and Open Spaces Officer – It will cost £4,275 to replace the gate and fencing at the entrance to the play area in Brook Street. As previously agreed the RLT2 funds will be used for this expenditure.
5. Mrs A Maw Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset - The Great Get Together will take place around the weekend of 17th and 18th June 2017 to remember the death of Jo Cox MP. This is to encourage communities to get together and have fun. The article will be forwarded for possible inclusion in the Target.

12/04/17 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Clerk. All allotment plots have now been allocated and there is no waiting list. Concerns have been raised about the state of the trees bordering Bridgwater College which has been taken up with them.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh reported that the evening arranged by SDC Cllr Ian Dyer was a great success and they made some good contacts with local businesses and received pledges of £500 from Coln Residential and £200 from the fish and chip van owners. RHS judge Denise James also attended and said that CIB was only one of seven large villages to be entered into the National competition.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley reported that the Cemetery was looking in good order and the wallflowers were adding colour. There is still an ongoing problem with moles.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
- f. Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that a meeting will be arranged with Kris Scotting to discuss future projects with Seeds of Hope.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery. Rookbridge Timbers has kindly agreed to donate the wood for the stone bench in Jubilee Gardens. Cllr Kym Wardhaugh suggested further hedge planting along the bank would discourage people going over the bank as a short cut.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that he had received two quotes for replacing the showers in the Pavilion. Before this can be progressed the electricity supply needs to be reviewed.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks – Clerk
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring and Speed Indicator Device (SID)- Clerk. In March there were 11 speed watch outings. Out of 1776 vehicle movements there were 36 speeders. The top speed recorded was 50mph. There is an ongoing issue with the SID which the Clerks are trying to resolve.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade. The VH Committee has issued a new hiring agreement and conditions for the Youth Club.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham

Other Reports

1. Flood Alleviation Scheme. The notes of the meeting held on 5th April 2017 have been circulated to all Councillors. The scheme is being held up due to delays in diverting the gas main.
2. Highways and Parking Issues
 - a. Temporary closure of part of footpaths BW 25/31 and BW 5/4 effective from 5th May 2017 and will remain in force for 6 months.

- b. A request has been made to SCC Highways to put road markings on the junction of the quarry access onto Stradlings Lane.
- c. The dropped kerbs are finally being installed in Teals Acre.
3. A meeting was held on 16th March 2017 with EDF and SDC to discuss the Cannington Park and Ride. The notes of this meeting have been circulated to all Councillors.

Matters of Report

1. The next Transport Forum meeting is to be held on 27th April 2017 at Puriton Village Hall
2. The next Community Forum meeting is to be held on 11th May 2017 at Bridgwater College's Cannington Centre.
3. A meeting is to be arranged with Bob Croft South West Heritage Trust to further pursue the EDF Heritage Fund.

13/04/17 Items for the next meeting

14/04/17 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting which be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11th May 2017 at 7.00pm. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.00pm. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer kindly agreed to provide the refreshments for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed Date