



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 9th February 2016 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Ian Dyer and Ann Bown

Somerset County Councillors; John Edney

Clerk: (Deputy) Trish Willis

Members of the public: 8

Public Session

The Public session commenced with a minutes silence in memory of Mr Ken Dyer a past Parish and District Councillor who passed away recently

The Chairman informed everyone that our Clerk's mother was seriously ill and asked residents and Councillors to bear with us during this difficult time.

The Chairman stated that during the recent periods of heavy rainfall the Parish Council had been monitoring the water level in the brook. The construction of the flood alleviation scheme is due to start the beginning of March.

Residents who were flooded in 2011 are still unable to get home insurance Somerset County Councillor John Edney said he would look into this matter.

Sedgemoor District Council are inspecting & clearing the drains on a three monthly basis around the area that had been flooded.

There will be a 30mph mile speed limit between the new roundabout on Rodway and Comwich during the construction of the new cycleway, which is due to commence in March 2016.

A request from the Cannington Speedwatch team has been received for new long sleeve tabards. The Parish Council agreed to fund this.

Council Session

01/02/16 Apologies for Absence there were no apologies for absence.

02/02/16 Declarations of Members Interests Cllr Alan Davey declared an interest in agenda item 04/02/06 8. Bowling Green and Cllr David Greenslade declared an interest in agenda item 11/02/16.

03/02/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2016 were agreed.

04/02/16 Matters Arising

1. 04/01/16 Lengthsman. A meeting between Cannington Clerk and Otterhampton Clerk is to be arranged.
2. 04/01/16 Playing Fields – Purchase of the field is ongoing and should be completed in the near future. The use of the car park by Cannington Court was discussed at length, some concerns were expressed that it may prevent local use, however the councillors were assured that local use would be still be available. A planning application for change of use and installation of new flood lights and CCTV will be submitted. Cllr David Greenslade requested a breakdown of expenditure to date in preparing the car park for Cannington Court use.
3. 04/01/16 Traffic calming - The traffic sensors are back in place, Alyn Jones from SCC will give a report at the March 2016 Parish Council meeting.
4. 04/01/16 Skate Park – A further update will be requested from Brymore School
5. 04/01/16 Jubilee Gardens – Bank Repairs planting will commence at the end of the month.
6. 04/01/16 Planning committee – terms of reference ongoing
7. 08/01/16 Bus Shelter- Southbrook the Clerk to contact Highways to request their opinions on siting a shelter at the road junction.
8. 09/01/16 Bowling Green – After lengthy discussion about the renewal of the fencing it was decided that more quotes and details were needed. However the Parish Council did support the idea. Some concerns were expressed that the Parish Council did not own the land. Councillor Ian Dyer stated that he was of the opinion that ownership could be transferred to the Parish Council, but it is a green space. The opinions of the local residents should also be obtained before any work commences. Financing of the works would have to wait until funds became available. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer will write to residents of Bowling Green to engage their opinions.
9. 10/01/16 Neighbourhood Watch - An advert was placed in the Target but there has been no response.
10. 13/01/16 Facebook- Alex Reed was asked to add Neighbourhood Watch to Cannington Now Facebook, asking for volunteers to be a Coordinator or Local Warden.

05/02/16 Planning matters

New Planning applications

1. **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 Cannington for Mrs J Rhodes. After discussions Cllr Alan Davey proposed that we should support this application on the following planning grounds; there is no impact on the character and appearance of the area and street. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Dawn Horrobin and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/16/00004/SJH** – Erection of first floor, side extension at 22 Lonsdale Road for Mrs H Cowley. After discussions Cllr Andrew Vickery proposed that no observation be made. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.

3. **13/15/00051/CW** – Internal alterations including the installation of air conditioning units at Cannington Court, Church Street Cannington for EDF Energy. After discussions Cllr Alan Davey proposed that no observation be made. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

Planning correspondence received

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. This application was supported at the meeting held in January 2016. We had been asked by the Conservation Officer at SDC to reconsider our decision. After discussion it was agreed that our original decision to support this application stands.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/15/00050/JAB** – Yew tree 3072 reduce lateral limbs by 2m, Crown lift by 3-4m. Yew tree 3073 Crown lift by 5m, reduce lateral limbs by 2m. Yew tree shown 3074 reduce lateral limbs by 2m, Crown lift by 3m. Yew tree 3075 reduce extended laterals from roof and gutter, reshape accordingly, Crown lift by 5m at The Old Vicarage, Brook Street, Cannington, TA5 2HP. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/15/00009/RM** – Construction of flood relief channel, a flow control structure and offlake/side weir to divert flood water away from Cannington Village at land to the East of Cannington Bypass Roundabout East and, Land to the South of the A39, Cannington, Bridgwater TA5, for the Environment Agency. **Permission granted.**

06/02/16 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
Jane Tomaney	Hammerite paint and brush	003030	£23.90
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for January	003031	£600.34
Patricia Willis	Deputy Clerk's salary for January	003032	£305.08
The following payments are due: -			
Mike Morgan Electrical Services	Inv 14079 Replaced lamp and reprogrammed timer Inv 14136 Adjusted light fittings and timer Inv 14143 Moved lights and reprogrammed timer	003033	£219.97
Mike Phillips	Disposal of tyres from playing field Lock and chain fittings for playing field gate	003034	£69.23
Smilers Sand & Stone	Playing field carpark – Supply and lay 20 ton of 20m stone	003035	£888.00
Brookridge Timber	Supply and fix timber building shelter	003036	£360.00
Greenslades	Grounds Maintenance contract for January	003037	£935.60
N&P Garage Doors	Supply & fit garage door lock and cable	003038	£72.44
Paul Allen	IT for November, December & January	003039	£150.00
Martin Tapp	Ageing of the Black Poplar	003040	£180.00

2. **The Accounts** for January 2016 were not available for this meeting, they will be circulated shortly.
3. **The Budget Statement** for January 2016 was not available for this meeting, it will be circulated shortly.
4. **Audit requirements for 2016/17.** Details will be circulated to all Councillors for a decision to be made at the next meeting. The Chairman suggested that option one would be the best choice.

07/02/16 Correspondence

It was agreed to reimburse Mr Martin Tapp for the monies he had spent on the ageing of the Black poplar that was cut down in Jubilee Gardens.

WSDC – CIM funding for cricket sight screen and pavilion repairs at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre. Cllr Rob Morgan proposed that the Parish Council write a letter to WSDC supporting this application, this was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.

08/02/16 Child of Cannington

The Parish Council has been asked to take over the selection of the Child of Cannington award. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed a small group of five persons including the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Davey and the new Vicar. Mrs B Edney and Ms G Bryant should be invited to become part of the group. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.

09/02/16 EDF closure of Withiel Drive – Enforcement Action

Mr Baker from Withiel Farm was invited to address the meeting; he stated that he was of the opinion that gates at the end of Withiel Drive were agreed in the Development Consent Order (DCO).

Cllr Rob Morgan was of the opinion that the gates did not come within the definition of "Shut Off". The matter will be investigated By EDF and Sedgemoor District council.

Mr Baker also expressed his concerns that Withiel Drive is being used as a footpath by dog walkers.

10/02/16 Dog fouling

This has become a major issue all over the Village. The Chairman has spoken to Clean Surrounds at SDC asking for more signs and dog warden patrols.

11/02/16 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Cllr David Greenslade declared an interest and took no part in this agenda item. The current Grounds Maintenance is for three years with an optional two year extension. The three years will expire on 29th February 2016.

Cllr Andrew Vickery proposed that Greenslades Ground Maintenance should be offered a two year extension. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously (excluding Cllr David Greenslade).

12/02/16 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. - All monies for the 2016 rent have now been received
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery. – A request for a donation towards their annual insurance of £70.00, it was proposed by Cllr Jack Popham that we support this request, this was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously..
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley. - The Yew trees are in need of trimming. SDC Councillor Ian Dyer was thanked for tidying up the area adjacent to the Cemetery.
- e. College – Cllr Robin Phipps. – Cllr Robin Phipps proposed that a letter should be sent to Bridgwater College asking what their intensions are regarding the Court House in Church Street, which is in very bad repair, also the positioning of signs on the road side which is a matter for Highways and listed building consent this was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen stated that if the water level in the Brook rises above 1.4m then the Village will flood. The Parish Council are keeping a watchful eye on the levels.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery. – The Japanese Knotweed needs treating and the hedge needs to be trimmed before the bird nesting season commences on 1st March 2016.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips agreed to give an update on the amount already spent preparing the car park for Cannington Court, who intends to use it as a park and ride.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Deputy Clerk reported during January there were 7 outings and 20 speeding vehicles recorded out of 1176 vehicle movements. The top speed recorded was 52mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade.
- l. Youth – Cllr Jack Popham-

Other Reports

- 1. Neighbourhood Plan the meeting that was to be held on 8th February was cancelled.
- 2. Flood Alleviation Scheme – the contract for the new scheme has been signed and the work is scheduled to start shortly.
- 3. Cannington Bypass meeting was held on 3rd February 2016. Landscaping and other minor works are progressing well and it is hoped to be completed by 31st March 2016.
- 4. Highways and Parking Issues; It was agreed to send a letter thanking Lawrence Hackling (SCC Highways) for the works carried out on the foot path between Cannington and Bridgwater.
- 5. Cannington Court will hopefully start using the car park at the playing fields Rodway as a park and ride very soon.
- 6. Community Forum meeting was held on 14th January 2016. Cllr Robin Phipps attended the meeting and stated that the venue was unacceptable. When the draft minutes are received they will be circulated to all Councillors.

Matters of Report

- 1. The next Quantock Cluster meeting will be held on 23rd February 2016. Cllr Alan Beasley agreed to attend the meeting.
- 2. The next Hinkley Point SSG will be held on 26th February 2016 which will be attended by Cllr Mike Phillips
- 3. The Transport Forum meeting scheduled for 25th February 2016 has been postponed to 28th April 2016.

13/02/16 Items for the next meeting

Bowling Green

14/02/16 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th March 2016

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed Date