



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Cannington Village Hall**

## MINUTES DRAFT

### Present:

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

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**Sedgemoor District Councillors:** Ian Dyer (public session only) and Ann Bown

**Somerset County Councillors;** John Edney

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener and Trish Willis

**Members of the public:** 9

### Public Session

SDC Cllr Ian Dyer asked Cannington Parish Council to support improvements of the fence around Bowling Green. It was suggested that the old fence should be removed and replaced with iron rails with loops on the top and BPC coated and the existing gates to be replaced. Barrier baskets could be placed on the new fence and the replacement of existing trees with flowering trees to be supplied by Cannington in Bloom. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer asked if monies from renting the playing fields car park could be used to fund this project.

Traffic calming the sensors will be put back in to place end of January beginning of February.

Police Report - Christmas passed without major incident, there was another attempted burglary in the village and an attempted shed break in over the last two weeks. These incidents were prevented by excellent security on the properties.

### Council Session

**01/01/16 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Cllr Alan Beasley.

**02/01/16 Declarations of Members Interests** there were no declarations of members' interests.

### **03/01/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were agreed.

### **04/01/16 Matters Arising**

1. 04/12/15 Lengthsman. Expression of interest form has been completed and sent to WSDC.
2. 04/12/15 Playing Fields - We are now awaiting a response from our Solicitor.
3. 04/12/15 Traffic calming. In February 2016 the traffic sensors will be used to monitor the traffic coming through the village since the bypass has opened. These results will then be compared with the monitoring undertaken before the bypass was opened. It was agreed to look at the EDF traffic calming plans that were prepared a couple of years ago.
4. 04/12/15 Skate Park. We are still waiting for a response from Brymore Academy. The Parish Council agreed to look at other locations, look at using RLT2 funds towards the purchase cost and ensuring any necessary planning permission was obtained before the purchase of any land.
5. 04/12/15 Jubilee Gardens - Planting will take place shortly, with some minor repairs to the entrance. All grant payments from Viridor Credits have now been received.
6. 11/12/15 Planning committee - terms of reference. This has been postponed to the next meeting.

### **05/01/16 Planning matters**

#### Planning applications since the last meeting

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. Cllr Alan Davey proposed to support the application, this was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

#### New planning applications

1. **13/15/00049/RM** - DCO Requirement Discharge. Cannington By-pass - Request for partial discharge of requirement relating to Cannington By-pass CB5 - Construction working hours. No decision required.

#### Planning Applications received after the agenda was set.

The following applications were received after the agenda was set. They were discussed but no response will be made to SDC until the applications have been placed on the village notice boards for comments.

2. **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. After discussions Cllr Alan Davey proposed that we should support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/16/00002/DRT** - Change of use and conversion of barn to two two-bedroom dwellings. Barn 3 on land at, Withiel Farm, Withiel Drive, Cannington, TA5 2LZ. For R E Baker & Son. After discussions Cllr Alan Davey proposed that we should support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed by a majority on the following grounds; it will improve the character and appearance and it will make good use of a redundant agricultural building.

## Planning applications decided

1. **13/15/00043/SH** – Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 13/01/00018 to allow the use of 2 holiday cottages to become 1 dwelling at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/15/00046/SJH** – Outline Planning Permission for the erection of bungalow and detached garage on land to the East of 45, Brook Street, Cannington for Mr & Mrs D R Tudor. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed that we should offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously providing the public footpath was protected. **Planning permission refused**
3. **13/15/00048/JB** – Works to trees in a conservation area at the Walled Gardens, Church Street, Cannington. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/15/00049/RM** – DCO Requirement Discharge. Cannington By-pass – Request for partial discharge of requirement relating to Cannington By-pass CB5 – Construction working hours. **HPC – granted/sufficient detail**

## 06/01/16 Financial Matters

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

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	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)	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Mike Morgan Electrical services	Repairs to light in High Street bus shelter	003022	<b>£74.16</b>
rt Signs	Signs for Rodway Playing Field car park	003023	<b>£160.80</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for December	003024	<b>£600.34</b>
Patricia Villis	Deputy Clerk's salary for December	003025	<b>£305.08</b>
<b>The following payments are due: -</b>			
Somerset Rural Youth Project	Service level agreement Oct 2015 Mar 2016	003026	<b>£2500.00</b>
SALC	Allotment training course	003027	<b>£30.00</b>
BT	Internet	DD	<b>£133.20</b>
Sedgemoor District Council	Lease of Sharks Lane playing field	003028	<b>£125.00</b>
Greenslade Ground Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance contract for December	003029	<b>£935.96</b>
BT	Phone Bill 7 Oct-5 Jan.	DD	<b>£82.29</b>

2. **The accounts** for December 2015 had been previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **The Budget Statement** for December 2015 has been circulated to all Councillors
4. **Precept request for 2016/17.** After discussions it was agreed not to increase the precept for 2016/17 and it will remain at £40,000. This was proposed by Cllr Rob Morgan and seconded by Cllr Mrs Dawn Horrobin agreed unanimously

## 07/01/16 SDC Local Plan Consultation

After discussion Councillors agreed to the joint draft response with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which had previously been circulated to all Councillors. This was proposed by Cllr Robin Phipps and seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously. The letter was duly sent to SDC on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## 08/01/16 Bus Shelter

A request had been made to put a bus shelter at the junction of Main Road and Southbrook. It was agreed that more investigations were required before a decision could be reached.

## 09/01/16 Bowling Green fence improvements

Following SDC Cllr Ian Dyer's request for improvements to Bowling Green the following concerns were raised; ownership of the land, concerns raised on undertaking a project on land that doesn't belong to the Parish Council, only one estimate has been received for the work, it would be useful to have more, are there cheaper options that could be considered, need to look at other organisations for funding.

## 10/01/16 Neighbourhood Watch

An article has been placed in the Target magazine asking for volunteers to take part in the scheme. The local police are happy to advise.

## 11/01/16 Correspondence

WSDC – Andrew Goodchild. All future claims to the CIM fund should have match funding.

Clean for the Queen. This is a national initiative to improve your locality by litter picking and cleaning monuments etc. This will be carried out during the next few months with the main emphasis on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Details have been forwarded to Cannington in Bloom and will be mentioned in the Council report for the Target.

Cannington Flower Show stating they are desperate for support and are looking for volunteers. If no volunteers come forward then it will fold. An article has been placed in the next issue of the Target.

Kieran Hicks EDF confirming the reason why Withiel Drive has not been permanently stopped up. This is due to it being a private road and therefore EDF are not legally permitted to permanently prevent access. A locked gate will be installed. A 'no through road' sign will be installed at the top of Withiel Drive to deter road users.

Anne Webster. Concerns were raised about mud on Sandy Lane. The Clerk will look into this matter.

Alison Hoare, Village Agent sent her apologies and will report to the Parish Council when necessary.

**12/01/16 Draft Magnox Socio-economic Plan**

When the plan is produced Cllr Mike Phillips will look at it and report back to the Parish Council if necessary.

**13/01/16 Facebook**

When the Parish Council website has a new posting added to it, the Clerk will inform Alex Reed who will kindly put a post on Cannington Now Facebook encouraging people to check our website.

**14/01/16 Reports**

**Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. A second request for rent has been sent to 6 allotment holders who have 40 days to pay their rent or face eviction. The Deputy clerk is attending a training session for allotments on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey. The sluice gate had been raised due to heavy rain fall. Mr Tim Popham kindly helped remove a tree from under a bridge in the brook. The Clerk will write to thank him
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery. A request for village signs with RHS winners for Cannington in Bloom on them has been made to Highways. The Clerk will chase the progress. Cannington in Bloom have volunteered to paint the railings in Jubilee Gardens.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley.
- e. College – Cllr Robin Phipps The meeting for January was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2016.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen. Cllr David Greenslade agreed to hold the emergency phone.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery. Discussions took place on the possibility of heritage funding for the refurbishment of the Packhorse Bridge. Consideration should also be given to reinstating the ford. The Clerk would enquire if there was any funding available from the Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Deputy Clerk reported during December there were 6 outings and 19 speeding vehicles recorded out of 1129 vehicle movements. The top speed recorded was 52mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade. The Village Hall improvements will be starting shortly.
- l. Youth – Cllr Jack Popham.

**Other Reports**

- 1. Neighbourhood Plan - an updated draft will be presented to the Parish Council at the February 2016 meeting
- 2. Flood Alleviation Scheme It is hoped that works should commence in February 2016.
- 3. Cannington Bypass there was no meeting in January and the next one is scheduled for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 16.
- 4. Highways and Parking Issues Highways had been informed of blocked drains in the Chads Hill area on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Enquiries will be made as to why the Hinkley Point B flasks are still going through the village and not using the bypass. Chairman Colin Allen agreed to check the salt bins. Concerns were raised about poor parking in the village in particular in Lonsdale Road at the junction with Main Road.
- 5. A meeting took place with Cannington Court on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 when discussions took place on the requirements for the Rodway carpark to reach EDF standards for their use.
- 6. The Transport Forum meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and was attended by Cllr Alan Beasley who reported that the Cannington to Combswich cycle path would commence before the end of March 2016.
- 7. The Annual meeting with Bridgwater College was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Among items discussed were; the possible merger of Bridgwater College and Somerset College, there will be a National College for Nuclear at Bridgwater College, there is a need for additional residential accommodation at Cannington and a planning application will be made February/March 2016, the future use of the Court House, they have experienced a number of thefts/attempted thefts and would be very keen to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

**Matters of Report**

- 1. The Target submission has been completed and sent to Geoff Parle the editor.

**14/12/15 Items for the next meeting**

Withiel Drive

**15/12/15 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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