



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 10th May 2016 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

Somerset County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 18

Council Session

01/05/16 Election of Chairman and signing of Office for the forthcoming year

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr Andrew Vickery proposed Cllr Colin Allen and this was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps. Cllr Colin Allen indicated he was prepared to stand for Chairman. There being no other nominations a vote was cast and it was a unanimous vote for Cllr Colin Allen to become Chairman. Cllr Colin Allen signed his declaration of office.

02/05/16 Election of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year

The Chairman then invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed Cllr Mike Phillips and this was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery. Cllr Mike Phillips indicated he was prepared to stand. There being no other nominations a vote was cast and it was unanimous. Cllr Mike Phillips signed his declaration of office.

Public Session

Catherine Nightingale gave a presentation of her landscape proposals for the village to be funded from the Greater Quantock Landscape Development (GQLD) fund. The costs will be £27,000 with £20,000 coming from the GQLD fund and the remaining £7,000 has been requested from the Parish Council. An open day has already taken place in the village hall on 7th May and a further one is planned for 21st May 2016. Councillors said this was a very good and detailed plan but there were areas that may not be suitable. This plan couldn't be agreed as a whole but there may be areas which could be considered. Has the funding to be requested as one sum or could smaller sums be requested for individual areas? Has liaison taken place between Cannington in Bloom, Community Orchard, Parish Council and residents affected by this scheme? Concerns were raised about the management of wild flowers. There are open spaces that need to be kept.

Roy Pumfrey reported that he monitored traffic coming from the direction of Hinkley Point at the Rodway roundabout and noted that a third of traffic was using the bypass, this compares with a fifth using it in January.

Has the Parish Council considered a voluntary 20mph speed restriction in Cannington as Comwich are proposing to do? Concerns were raised about the Parish Council's intentions with Bowling Green. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council were hoping to take ownership of the land and erect a new fence.

The chairman reported that Mr Moore was recovering well from his heart attack and thanked Hayley Coggin and an anonymous man in a white van who assisted him and saved his life.

Council Session

03/05/16 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Dawn Horrobin.

04/05/16 Declarations of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members interests.

05/05/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th April 2016

The date of the minutes was changed from 12th April to 11th April and was then agreed.

06/05/16 Matters Arising

1. 04/04/16 Lengthsman. The application to the CIM fund is on-going.
2. 04/04/16 Playing Fields – Completion of the purchase is expected on 12th May 2016.
3. 04/04/16 Traffic calming – No update has been received, the Clerk will ask Andy Coupe for an update for the next meeting.
4. 04/04/16 Skate Park. This is progressing with Brymore School.
5. 04/04/16 Planning committee – terms of reference. This is on-going.
6. 04/04/16 Bus Shelter -
7. 04/04/16 Bowling Green – Quotations have been received for the replacement fence. All 3 quotes received were within £150 of each other. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to accept the quote for the 1.2m fence from a local contractor on the condition that the work can be completed by 23rd June 2016. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously. A letter has been sent to Kerry Rickards Chief Executive of SDC and Homes in Sedgemoor requesting if the land ownership of Bowling Green could be transferred to the Parish Council and requested a donation of £3,000 towards the cost of the new fence.
8. 04/04/16 Withiel Drive – EDF have produced a legal definition of the stopping up of Withiel Drive and have stated that they are satisfied with the work carried out and no further action is required.
9. 04/04/16 HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday medals. The chairman and clerk will be presenting the medals to children of Cannington Primary School on 13th June 2016.
10. 04/04/16 Well in Chads Hill. We are waiting for the renovation work to commence.

11. 08/04/16 Vacancy for deputy clerk. There was no interest shown to the adverts placed on the notice boards. It will now be advertised on the Job Centre website.

07/05/16 Review Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and there were no amendments required.

08/05/16 Review Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were reviewed and there were no amendments required.

09/05/16 Review posts of Responsibilities

The posts of responsibilities were reviewed and the following agreed;

Allotments - Clerk
Brook – Cllr David Greenslade
Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery
Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley
College – Chairman Colin Allen
Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps
EDF – Chairman Colin Allen
EDF – Community Forum – Cllr Alan Beasley and Cllr Robin Phipps
EDF - Hinkley Point SSG – Cllr Mike Phillips
EDF – Transport Forum – Cllr Alan Beasley and Cllr Rob Morgan
Footpaths and Highways Cllr Rob Morgan (Highways), Richard Lane (Footpaths)and the Clerk.
Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery
Playing Field/Amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
Somerset Association of Local Councillors (SALC) - Clerk
Speedwatch Traffic Monitoring - Clerk
Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade
Youth – Cllr Jack Popham
Defibrillator – Cllr Robin Phipps

10/05/16 Review Committee and Advisory Group membership

Disciplinary – Cllr Mike Phillips, Cllr Rob Morgan and Cllr Dawn Horrobin
Emergency planning including flooding – Cllr David Greenslade, Cllr Mike Phillips, Chairman Colin Allen and SDC Cllr Ian Dyer
Finance and Staffing Committee – Chairman Colin Allen, Cllr Alan Beasley, Cllr Jack Popham and Cllr Andrew Vickery
Grievance – Cllr David Greenslade, Cllr Robin Phipps and vacancy
Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery, Jan Pettitt, Dave Tudor and to invite the new rector.
Planning – Cllr Alan Beasley, Cllr Rob Morgan and Cllr Dawn Horrobin

11/05/16 Review of risk assessments

The review of the risk assessments is on-going.

12/05/16 Planning matters

New planning applications

13/16/00018/RM – Outline planning permission for erection of four buildings to form student residences on land at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application, this was seconded by Rob Morgan and agreed by a majority. Cllr Robin Phipps wished to record that he didn't support the application. The following response will be sent to SDC Planning;

In Principle we support this application for outline planning permission with the following reservations;

1. Frame work travel plan
Clause 4.2.2.1 We do not approve of the emergency access to Chads Hill. The lane is narrow, without pedestrian corridor and the banks and existing structures would render it a blind exit. A barrier may prevent cars, but not pedestrians, bicycles, or motorbikes. This proposal is dangerous.
Site layout drawing L(90)502 and site location plan drawing L(90)510, please remove curtilage extension onto Chads Hill in South West Corner.
If any outline consent is granted there should be no access to Chads Hill at any time.
Clause 3.6 Surrounding road network. The observations with respect to parking on the adjacent road network would suggest that there is limited capacity for student parking. Currently there is insufficient capacity for resident and service providers and should not be part of this proposal.
2. Both the transport statement and the framework travel plan detail the proposed additional parking facilities. We consider these not fit for purpose. Although considerable detail is given to support the SCC parking guidelines and standards we do not believe these apply to this whole complex.
350 students plus 20 lectures, plus any service staff do not fit well into 118 car, 10 cycle and 2 motorbike parking spaces.
By definition the National College for Nuclear is to accommodate mature people from the south of the UK and International sources most will be in employment with motorised transport. Cannington is not attractive from a rail or bus point of view. We believe the project should make formal plans to significantly increase local parking facilities with safe crossing access to the Teaching/Welfare Facility.
Parish experience with transport plans on previous projects has shown them to fail. This village has no parking redundancy.
This is part of a major prestige development of economic benefit to the village, district and south west.

2. **13/16/00019/IL** – Formation of decking and steps to south elevation to form fire escape on land to the west of The winches, Crabtrees Caravan Park, East Street, Cannington for Mr J Crabtree. After discussions Cllr Robin Phipps proposed to support this application, this was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously with the following concerns; we support the revised plans solely for a fire escape on the grounds of safety. We are

very concerned that the unit is sited incorrectly. It should be re-sited on the original curtilage including the fire escape.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/16/00006/CW** – Replacement of nine 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. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/16/00011/SH** - Retention of wall to Eastern boundary at Beere Manor Combwich Road Cannington Bridgwater TA5 2PW for Mr. R Coggins. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/16/00013/RM** – Demolition of existing common room, replacement with new single storey teaching block at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre. **Permission granted.**

13/05/16 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques to be 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
Ian Dyer	Trees purchased for Bowling Green	003060	£605.98
Pardoes	Legal fees for purchase of playing fields	003061	£1218.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's Salary for April	003062	£600.34
SDC	6 month charge for emptying dog bins	BGC	£668.93
The following payments are due: -			
Colin Allen	Chairman's allowance for 2015/16	003063	£200.00
The Tower Mint	200 no Queen's 90 th Birthday medals	003064	£486.60
Aon UK Limited	Insurance for 2016/17	003065	£1229.87
SALC	2016/17 subscription	003066	£510.23
Sedgemoor Tree Services	Tree inspection report	003067	£216.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for April 2016	003068	£935.96
Sedgemoor District Council	6 month charge for emptying dog bins	BGC	£668.93

2. **Agree earmarked reserves from 2015/16.** The Clerk recommended that the Council should earmark the following reserves; Brook maintenance £800; Contribution for Flood Scheme £40,028 and Youth provision £3,500.
3. **Annual Audit Return for 2015/16** The Clerk had previously circulated copies of Section 2 of the Audit return and Cllr Mike Phillips read out section 1 which was agreed by all and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will arrange for the internal audit to be carried out.
4. **Insurance for 2016/17.** The insurance cover for 2016/17 was reviewed and updated to include the shelter at Rodway Playing Fields.
5. **To agree accounts** for April 2016. The bank statements for April 2016 have not been received. As soon as they are they are received the accounts will be circulated.

14/05/16 Parish Councillor Vacancy

The statutory notice for a vacancy is being displayed on the village notice boards. The closing date for a request for an election is 16th May 2016. If no request is received an advert will go on the notice boards for the vacancy to be filled by co-option which will be decided at the next Parish Council meeting on 14th June 2016.

15/05/15 Premises Licence

The request for a premises licence for the Indian Restaurant at 10 High Street, Cannington was fully supported by the Council.

16/05/16 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments
- b. Brook
- c. Cannington in Bloom - The judging of SW in Bloom will take place on 7th July 2016 during the morning. A post in the Jubilee Gardens has been cemented. The Cannington Community Pride Day will take place on 18th June 2016.
- d. Cemetery
- e. College – The next meeting will take place on 6th June 2016.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding. The roof to the emergency store has still not been repaired.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – The wooden seat on the bench will be replaced next month.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – We need to carry out a full check of the electrics in the Pavilion. The car parking for Cannington Court is working well. The CCTV monitor in the Pavilion needs to be more securely stored.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring - In April there were 12 speed watches. Out of 1593 vehicle movements there were 72 speeders and the top speed recorded was 57mph.
- k. Village Hall – The refurbishment is almost complete and it has come in on budget. The drain on the footpath beside the side entrance to the village hall is blocked, the Clerk will contact Highways.

Other Reports

1. Neighbourhood Plan – no report has been received.

2. Flood Alleviation Scheme – a meeting took place on 4th May 2016 with the Environment Agency. They are awaiting planning consent for the removal of soil from the site. The traffic controls worked well for the trial bore holes. Consent is being sought from SCC to install a temporary bridge whilst the culverts are constructed.
3. Cannington Bypass
4. Highways and Parking Issues;
 - a. Marsh Lane – SCC is trying to secure external funding to carry out engineering schemes.
 - b. Roundabout road markings – SCC have reported that the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges states that no right turn road markings should be permitted as this may confuse drivers particularly foreign drivers over which way to proceed around the roundabout.
 - c. A proposed footpath diversion notice has been received for BW5/22 and BW5/23. These relate to the new Flood Alleviation Scheme.
 - d. The footpath from the Cemetery towards Brymore Lodge has become overgrown. The Clerk will contact Highways.
5. Cannington Court
6. Transport Forum – The latest meeting was held on 28th April 2016 and was attended by Cllr Rob Morgan and Cllr Alan Beasley. The main points of interest to Cannington were; the C182 works to widen the carriageway, resurface the road and install a cycleway would commence shortly and there would be periods of temporary traffic lights. The construction of the Cannington Park and Ride would commence in early 2017. Minor works on the Cannington Bypass would continue for the next two months.

Matters of Report

The next Community Forum meeting will be held on 12th May 2016

The next Quantock Cluster meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st May 2016 at Broomfield Village Hall.

17/05/16 Items for the next meeting

GQLD fund – landscaping for the village.

18/05/16 Date and Time of next meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24th May 2016.

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th June 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed Date