



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015** in Cannington Village Hall

## **MINUTES      DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Mike Phillips, Mrs Lynda Laird, Mrs Sheila Allen, Brian Stother, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, Lawrence Greenslade, David Greenslade and Mrs Sarah Jansons.

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**Sedgemoor District Councillors:** Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of the public:** 6

### **Public Session**

Andre Gardiner from Bridgwater College outlined the planning appeal they have submitted for application 13/14/00051 for livestock sculptures on the roundabout.

Two members of the public supported planning application 13/15/00008 for conversion of the Post Office to an Indian Restaurant.

### **Council Session**

**01/04/15 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from SCC Cllr John Edney

**02/04/15 Declarations of Members Interests** there were no declarations of members' interests

### **03/04/15 Minutes of Meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved with 2 minor amendments.

### **04/04/15 Matters Arising**

1. 04/03/15 Lengthsman.
2. 04/03/15 Website. Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird had circulated a report regarding the redesign of the website. The cost for the first year would be £565 and £165 in subsequent years for hosting. Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed that we proceed with the update, this was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.
3. 04/03/15 Playing Fields – Progress on purchase. The Clerk increased the offer to SDC to £50,000. As this is effectively a disposal of public open space SDC has to advertise this for two consecutive weeks in the local press to allow the public to comment. Once the consultation period has ended it can then go to SDC Executive for approval.
4. 09/03/15 Traffic calming. The summary report has been put on the notice boards and website. The full report is available in the Parish Office and on the website. The report has been sent to Alyn Jones SCC and Ross Edwards and David Eccles EDF. SCC are in the process of reviewing the report.
5. 11/03/15 Skate park. Mr Mark Thomas Brymore School has been approached regarding the possibility of using the old scout hut site for the skate park. This will be considered by the Board of Governors. We will then need to canvas children and their parents as to the preferred site for the skate park.

### **05/04/15 Planning matters**

#### **New planning applications**

1. **13/15/00008/LE** - Change of use, conversion and single storey rear extension of building from ground floor Post Office and related storage area and first floor flat to ground floor restaurant and kitchen and first floor flat at Cannington Post Office and Stores, High Street, Cannington for the Spice Merchant. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr Brian Stother to support the application on condition that no refuse bins are left on the pavement and the use is restricted to A3 only. This was seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and supported unanimously.
2. **13/15/00009/RM** – Construction of flood relief channel, a flow control structure and offtake/side weir to divert water from Cannington village on land to the East of Cannington Bypass Roundabout East and land to the south of the A39, Cannington for Environment Agency. After discussions Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird proposed to support the application as it is essential works to prevent Cannington from Flooding. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed that we write to the Environment Agency regarding concerns of their treatment of the landowners for the Flood Alleviation Scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.

3. **13/15/00011/RM** – Request for Discharge of Requirement relating to Cannington Bypass – Lighting (remaining elements) for EDF Energy.
4. **13/15/00012/STP** – Notice of proposed Agricultural Development on land to the south and east of Henfields Farm, Chads Hill, Cannington TA5 2RY for Perry Green Farms. Raising of ground levels to provide graded agricultural land following Cannington Bypass construction works.

#### **Planning applications since the last meeting**

The following application needed responses before this meeting. Details were put on the noticeboards and circulated to all councillors for comments.

1. **13/14/00011/LE** – Erection of replacement noticeboard at the Alms House, High Street, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. The Council supports this application as it is an improvement on the existing noticeboard.

2. **13/15/00002/LE** – Reposition existing storage container and site second storage container at Rodway Playing Fields, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. The Council supports this application as there is no neighbour impact.
3. **13/15/00004/DRT** – Demolition of two portakabins, erection of building to form two classrooms at Brymore Secondary Technical School, Cannington TA5 2NB for The Governors of Brymore Academy. The Council supports this application as the footprint of the building hasn't changed and it is an improvement on the existing Portakabin classrooms.
4. **13/15/00005/DRT** – Listed Building Consent for demolition of two portakabins, erection of building to form two classrooms at Brymore Secondary Technical School, Cannington, TA5 2NB for The Governors of Brymore Academy. The Council supports this application as the footprint of the building hasn't changed and it is an improvement on the existing Portakabin classrooms.

#### **Planning applications decided**

1. **13/15/00002/LE** – Reposition existing storage container and site second storage container at Rodway Playing Fields, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. **Permission Granted**
2. **13/15/00003/SH** – Erection of a single storey extension with balcony above to north elevation at 46 Rodway Hill, Cannington, TA5 2PJ for Mr A Thorne. **Permission Granted.**
3. **1/45/15/002** – Erection and use of a bio-gas upgrading plant at Cannington Cold Store, Cannington. **Conditional Planning Permission Granted.**
4. **13/15/00006/STP** - Retention of Conservatory to rear (NW) elevation at 14 Teals Acre, Cannington, TA5 2JP for Mrs E Douglas. **Permission Granted.**

#### **Planning applications withdrawn**

1. **13/15/00001/LE**– Change of use, conversion and two storey rear extension of building from ground floor Post Office and related storage area and first floor flat to ground floor restaurant and kitchen and first floor flat and office and staff rest room for use by restaurant staff at Cannington at Cannington Post Office and Stores, High Street, Cannington for the Spice Merchant.

#### **Planning appeal**

In the open session Andre Gardiner from Bridgwater College gave a presentation of their appeal for planning application 13/14/00051/SJH and asked the Parish Council to send letters of support. As this application had previously been opposed by the Council no support could be given for the appeal.

#### **06/04/15 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The group is pressing on with the work and is keen to finish. A meeting is being organised with Nick Tait SDC officer responsible for the review of the District Council's Core Strategy. The project timetable will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **07/04/15 Cannington Bypass Update**

The culvert works have been completed at Brymore School end and tree planting and fencing is ongoing at the junction. After Easter service works and surfacing will take place at Withiel Drive and traffic lights will be in place at Rodway for around a month for Kerbing and services works. There will be closures for Chads Hills for 5 days in mid-May for surfacing works.

#### **08/04/15 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update**

The planning application has now been submitted and was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

#### **09/04/15 Highways**

The dropped kerbs requested in Teals Acre have been put onto SCC's program.

It was reported that the footpaths along Main Road and Brook Street are in need of repair. The Clerk will report this to SCC Highways.

There are missing finger posts on the sign at the bottom of Rodway; this will also be reported to Highways.

#### **10/04/15 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>
Pardoe Solicitors	Retainer – re S106 agreement for land to east of Main Road.	002920	<b>£100.00</b>
Tina Gardener	March Salary	002921	<b>£606.94</b>
Patricia Willis	March Salary	002922	<b>£261.27</b>
BT	Internet Services 01/03/15 to 31/05/15	DD	<b>£104.40</b>
<b>The following payments are due: -</b>			
Sedgemoor District Council	Rates for 2015/16 – Playing Field Pavilion, Rodway	002923	<b>£516.00</b>
Clifford Estates	Rental for 2015/16 – East Street Allotments	002924	<b>£40.00</b>
Community Council for Somerset	Membership for 2015/16	002925	<b>£40.00</b>
Diane Malley	Payroll services for 2015/16	002926	<b>£100.00</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance contract for March and additional hedge at the Cemetery.	002927	<b>£1371.96</b>

2. **The accounts for March 2015** have been circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record.

#### **11/04/15 Speed Indicator Device (SID) Protocol**

After discussions Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed to sign up to the protocol in the interest of road safety. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen and agreed unanimously.

### **12/04/15 Defibrillator**

It was agreed to arrange a refresher course for the use of the defibrillator at the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **13/04/15 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird gave the following report, the barrier baskets (planted by Bridgwater College students) and planters have made a wonderful display this year. The summer baskets will be going out in June. CiB are appealing for help with dead-heading the flowers and watering during the summer. A Community Pride day is being organised for 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The Front Garden Competition is being organised and the Flower Show will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015. In May the weedy Wednesdays will commence areas to be covered include; school path, wild flowers on the roundabout, Garden of Rest, Community Orchard and the entrance to the Allotments. It was noted that the Garden of Rest has become overgrown and David Greenslade on behalf of Greenslades Grounds Maintenance offered to clear it up.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported that the last part of the hedge has been planted. The gate and fence will need painting. There is a border between the new hedge and the wall and it was suggested that bulbs could be planted there in the autumn.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported that the Mole Catcher has set further traps. There will be a Jubilee Gardens meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey. The power cable being put in for the street lighting is not suitable to be extended to the playing fields. The gate padlock has been removed and the scaffolding poles used for the Christmas lights have been stolen. The pump in the pavilion has now been installed. Mr A Thorne has replaced the tiles on the pavilion free of charge. There is debris from trees in the bottom corner and a swing which needs to be cleared.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother reported that there had been 11 outings in March and 43 speeders recorded from 2,393 vehicles. The maximum speed recorded was 50mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that their application from the CIM fund was progressing. The WI reported that the youth club last night were very noisy and disrupted their talk. This will be taken up with the Village Hall and the Clerk will take this up with the Youth Club.
- l. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade reported that there has been a change of youth worker due to long term sickness.

### **14/04/15 Matters of Report**

The Quantock Cluster meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

The next Transport Forum meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Puriton Village Hall.

The refurbishment of the play area in Brook Street commenced on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

The War memorial has been inspected and there is minor repointing to be carried out.

The next Finance and Staffing committee meeting will take place in the Community Room at 7.00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Concrete Batching Plant at Castle Hill Quarry. Concerns were raised about this and the Clerk will contact SCC Planning Department.

Councillors were reminded that the Farewell Eucharist to Father Peter Martin takes place at 7.00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Cllr David Greenslade proposed that the bench that is being purchased for the Cemetery could be dedicated to Father Peter in recognition for his contribution to the parish. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.

Chairman Colin Allen gave a resume of the Council's achievements over the last four years and thanked all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and dedication. Colin also thanked the District Councillors Ann Bown and Ian Dyer and County Councillor John Edney for their support and commitment to the parish. A full report will be given at the Annual Parish meeting. Ann Bown thanked Colin for all the hard work he does for the Parish Council and Cannington.

The Parish Council elections for 2015 will be uncontested as there were only nine nominations for ten Councillors. The new Parish Council will have to try and co-opt a further Councillor.

### **15/04/15 Items for the next meeting**

Resolution regarding the S106 agreement for the development on land to the east of Main Road, Cannington. Discussions took place and the clerk will contact the solicitors for an update.

### **16/04/15 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and will be held at 7.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

