



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th April 2014 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 and David Greenslade.

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillors: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 8

Public Session

Concerns were raised about the pollution incident that occurred at Cannington Enterprises on Wednesday 2nd April 2014. It was reported that 100 tonnes of fertiliser leaked from a storage tank onto neighbouring land and some of which entered Cannington Brook killing a number of fish. The clean-up operation was undertaken immediately and the Environment Agency was involved.

A member of the public pointed out that the bus shelter on Brook Street was looking tatty, this will be covered under item 10/04/14.

Cannington in Bloom are holding a Community Pride Day on Saturday 31st May 2014 and are looking for areas around the village that need attention.

Mr Bob Childs reported that the War Memorial will be refurbished at the end of May 2014.

The EDF drop in session regarding the new Cannington By-pass at Brymore Academy is for residents who are directly affected by the by-pass and have had personal invitations to attend.

Council Session

01/04/14 Apologies for Absence from Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons were accepted

02/04/14 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of member's interests.

03/04/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th March 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014 were approved.

04/04/14 Matters Arising

1. 04/03/14 Playing Field – The Council are looking at funding sources for the purchase of the playing fields.
2. 04/03/14 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998.
3. 04/03/14 Parish notice boards - Issues with listed building consent.
4. 04/03/14 War Memorial –It was agreed to ask Sedgemoor Tree Services to carry out the maintenance on the Oak Tree as planning consent has now been received.
5. 04/03/14 Website update – We now have a new Management Contact System for the website and the Clerks are working through the user manual.
6. 04/03/14 Terms of reference for committees; the terms of reference for the Jubilee Gardens Committee had been previously circulated to all Councillors. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird that the Council adopt the terms of reference for the Jubilee Gardens with the quorum amended to 3 councillors and 1 member of the public. This was seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and agreed unanimously.
7. 04/03/14 Brook renewal of sluice gate – ongoing.
8. 04/03/14 Jubilee Gardens –The order has been placed for the work to be carried out on the Black Poplar.
9. 04/03/14 Playing fields Car Park – Prompt payments are now being received for the rental of the car park from Keir Construction. Cllr Mike Phillips agreed to purchase a new combination lock which Cllr Alan Davey will weld to a chain. Nick Jones has volunteered to ensure the car park is locked every evening.
10. Public session – Highways issues raised including Rodway Layby, High Street Lighting and Car Parking and War Memorial. We are waiting a response from Alyn Jones.

05/04/14 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/14/00013/JAB** – Remove limb touching neighbour's house from 1 no. Turkey oak tree at Bridgwater College Cannington Centre, Rodway, Cannington, Bridgwater for Mr A Gardner. The Council supports this application as it is for essential works.
2. **13/14/00019/JAB** – Minor crown lift to remove limbs resting on grade 2 listed wall from 1 No flowering cherry (prunus 'shirotae') and No 1 Pride of India (koelreateria paniculata) in walled garden at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre, Rodway, Cannington, Bridgwater for Mr A Gardner. The Council supports this application as it is for essential works.
3. **13/14/00020/KEG** – Installation of two replacement windows to the ground floor east elevation (W5 & W6), two replacement windows to the first floor east elevation (W16 & W17), one replacement window to the first floor south elevation (W15), three replacement windows to the first floor west elevation (W21, W22 & W33) and one replacement window to the first floor north elevation (W18) at Ashford House, Ashford, Cannington, TA5 2NL for Mrs H Bevan. This application arrived too late for the agenda so no formal decision could be made. The consensus was that this application should be supported as we supported a similar application 13/13/00003 for replacement

windows at Ashford House. The clerk will place notices on the notice boards asking for public comment and then respond to SDC by 28th April 2014.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/14/00009/NM** – Erection of single storey extension to north elevation of Willow Cottage, partly on site of lean-to structure and garage (to be demolished), reroofing store building and part of existing roof of Acton Cottage at Willow Cottage and Acton Cottage, Withiel Drive, Cannington, TA5 2LY for Mr R Morgan and Mr Phillips – **Permission granted**
2. **13/14/00010/JAB** – Oak Tree (T1) prune back by approximately 0.5m to clear the street light adjacent to the War Memorial on land at the junction of High Street/Fore Street, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council – **Permission granted**
3. **13/14/00015** – BT Cabinet outside the Combwich Telephone Exchange, Rodway, Cannington, TA5 2LR for BT Openreach – **Permitted development**
4. **13/14/00016** – BT Cabinet in Fore Street at the junction with East Street, Cannington, TA5 2HL for BT Openreach – **Permitted Development**

06/04/14 Flooding

It was reported that the detailed design contracts will be let in April/May 2014. Somerset County Council made a presentation to the Parish Council Chairman Colin Allen earlier today for £25,000 towards the Flood scheme. Last month the Parish Council also received a donation of £5,000 from Magnox. The Clerk will write to thank them for their generosity.

07/04/14 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
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	February Grounds Maintenance Contract	002781	£890.00
Tina Gardener	March Salary	002782	£532.80
Patricia Villis	March Salary	002783	£303.48
Post Office Ltd	PAYE for 2013/14	002784	£72.00
BT	Internet services for March to May 2014	DD	82.80
SDC	Bin emptying contract April – September 2014	BACS	£501.70
The following payments are due: -			
Community Council for Somerset	2014/15 membership	002785	£35.00
Tina Gardener	Travel expenses and admin	002786	£15.60
Clifford Estates	2014/15 rental for allotments	002787	£40.00
St John Ambulance	Defibrillator Awareness Training	002788	£150.00
SDC	2014/15 Rates for Pavilion, Rodway Playing Field	002789	£506.33
CPRE	2014/15 membership	002790	£29.00
SALC	2014/15 membership	002791	£491.81
Alex Reed	Travel expenses for Neighbourhood Plan	002792	£32.00

2. **The agree accounts for March 2014** had already been circulated and were approved as a true record.
3. **Budget statement for year-end 31st March 2014** had already been circulated and was approved as a true record. The balances to carry forward were discussed and the Clerk will confirm these figures for the next meeting.
4. **Internet banking** –the clerk has applied for delegate registration with Lloyds Bank and is waiting for further details.
5. **A new bank account has been set up** to collect donations for the Flood Alleviation Scheme.

08/04/14 Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group held their last meeting on 2nd April 2014. Alex Reed Vice-chairman of the group reported on the following; the group was looking for funding opportunities from various organisations, they were also going to approach other residents to join the steering group. Members of the group visited Lynton to see the chairman of Lynplan and were able to get a lot of information and advice on how their plan was put together. The group are looking at ways to inform the village of the group's progress in particular on notice boards and a website.

09/04/14 Lengthsman

The Clerk will contact EDF regarding the possibility of having a Lengthsman for Cannington.

10/04/14 Refurbishment of the Bus Shelter in Brook Street

The bus shelter was erected in 2008 and is now out of warranty. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the refurbishment.

11/04/14 Grant applications

A grant application has been received from Mr R Childs for £82.00 towards the printing costs of a World War 1 commemoration booklet. This was proposed by Cllr Mr A Davey, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Allen and agreed unanimously. A grant application has been received from the Cannington Remembers D-Day Committee for £200.00 towards a D-Day commemoration weekend to be held on 6th – 8th June 2014. This was proposed by Cllr Mr B Stother and seconded by Cllr Mr A Beasley and agreed unanimously

At the November 2013 meeting (minute 06/11/13) it was agreed to award 1st Cannington Scouts 50% of their grant application as there were also grants they could apply for with SDC. The scouts were unable to obtain a grant from SDC and so had resubmitted their grant application to the Parish Council. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr A Davey to give 1st Cannington Scouts the full amount of £1,899.81 this was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Allen and agreed unanimously. Cllr Mr D Greenslade declared an interest and took no part in the voting.

A late application had been received from Cannington WI for £150.00 towards a cream tea to be held in the Jubilee Gardens on Sunday 8th June 2014. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Laird, seconded by Cllr Mr M Phillips and agreed unanimously.

12/04/14 Policies

A draft policy for the allotments was circulated to all councillors. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Laird and seconded by Cllr Mr A Davey and agreed unanimously to adopt this policy.

13/04/14 Committees and Standing Orders

Discussions took place on the need for committees for the Brook, Cemetery, Playing Fields and Planning and if necessary amend the standing orders accordingly. It was agreed to review and change if necessary Standing Orders to incorporate Advisory Groups. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Laird and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact SALC regarding the membership of the Personnel Committee.

14/04/14 Grass Verge

It was agreed that the grounds maintenance contractor would cut the grass verge between the Cannington 2000 stone to the roundabout 4 times a year. This would be in addition to the maintenance by Somerset Highways.

15/04/14 Posts of responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey. The water is now clearing after the pollution incident at Cannington Enterprises.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird. A Community Pride Day will be held on Saturday 31st May 2014 - this was discussed in the open session.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley. To consider the options for the front boundary of the cemetery: It was agreed to ask the members of the public via the target magazine and Cllr A Davey agreed to ask relatives of those interned in the garden of rest for their opinion
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding
- g. Highways – A dangerous footpath in Bowling Green has been reported to Homes in Sedgemoor and repair works will be carried out within the next 28 days.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. A meeting of the Jubilee Garden Committee will be arranged after the Black Poplar works has been completed.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey. Cllr M Phillips to arrange the repair of a leaking pipe in the pavilion.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks. The Clerk attended the meeting held on 18th March 2014 among items discussed were; repeal of S150 of LGA 1972 which removes the requirement for the 2 signature rule for cheques issued. Following this NALC has issued new financial regulations. Councils must not stop the two signature rule until adequate measures have been put in place by the council. There is also a consultation taking place for Councils with an income under £25,000, there will longer be a need to have an external audit but there will have to be a Transparency Code in place. HMRC are also removing the option to pay by cheque.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother reported that there were 5 speedwatches since the last meeting. There were 38 speeders out of 984 vehicles. The Speed Indicator Devices (SID) report for the High Street, Cannington showed an average speed of 35 miles an hour. Cllr B Stother agreed to investigate the cost of permanent LED speed signs, similar to those on the A38 at Rooksbridge.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade – A meeting has been arranged to discuss the use of the Village Hall as a Rest Centre with the Village Hall Committee, U.R.C and the Parish Council on 23rd April 2014 at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.
- m. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade. It was proposed by Cllr Mr A Davey seconded by Cllr Mr B Stother and voted unanimously that the Council would support youth club operated by SRYP in the village hall for 2014/15. This would be for one youth worker only at a cost of £5,000 with a view to it being run by volunteers in 2015/16.

16/04/14 Matters of Report and items for the next meeting

The Defibrillator Awareness Training took place on Wednesday 2nd April 2014. 4 Councillors and 10 members of the public attended the training which was considered very worthwhile.

The pollution incident which occurred in Cannington Brook on Wednesday 2nd April 2014 was discussed in the open session. A meeting took place with SDC regarding the S106 Leisure Fund. A site meeting was held with members of SDC to look at the options from the S106 Steering Group. It was suggested to look at play areas initially. There are also other funds that will be made available in the future for other projects.

A Resident's drop-in session with EDF regarding the new By-pass which will be held on Wednesday 9th April 2014 was discussed in the open session.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7pm. Cllr Mrs S Allen has volunteered to do the refreshments; there will also be a short session of defibrillator training.

The last Quantock Cluster Meeting was held on the 25th March 2014 and was attended by Cllr Mr A Beasley who reported on the following items; the new roundabout at Sandford is progressing well and it is hoped to be completed by 2nd July 2014. New Financial Regulations have been produced by SALC. With regards to Hinkley Point C it is not known if the Environmental challenges from the United Nations, and the cost investigations by the European Union and HMG parliamentary audit unit will have any impact on the build programme.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed Date

