



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014** in Cannington Village Hall

## MINUTES

### Present:

**Parish Councillors:** Mrs Lynda Laird, Brian Stother, Alan Beasley, Lawrence Greenslade, David Greenslade and Mrs Sarah Jansons

**Chair:** Colin Allen

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

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener and Patricia Villis

**Members of the public:** 19

### Public Session

The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing the Council's sadness of the death of Myles Atherton following the recent road accident.

A member of the public constantly asked what the Parish Council were doing to stop the parking in Brook Street. It was explained that the Council were in contact with County Highways to see what could be done but he was not happy with the response and wanted the Council to do something now. PCSO Georgina Long explained she was unable to comment on an on-going police investigation, but would work with the Parish Council, SDC, SCC and County Highways.

A number of residents had concerns about planning application 13/14/00055 regarding land at 4 and 6 Gurney Street. In particular the concerns were about traffic, lack of roadside parking, narrowness of roads, dangerous junctions and the volume of traffic already using East Street and Gurney Street particularly at School times. No development of the site should be made until the current traffic problems are resolved. Concerns were also raised about the wildlife corridor being destroyed and the disturbance of bats. A petition against the development with 80 signatures collected within 2 days was given to the Council.

A number of Hinkley Point C HGVs do not have identification in particular Hanson's Lorries. A copy of the identification will be put on the Parish notice boards. It was also queried why Hinkley Point C will not operate a one way system for their HGVs, the Chairman reported that they had previously said they will if they if they think it is necessary.

Roy Pumfrey reported that he was meeting with the Police to look for an additional site for a speed indicator device.

Highway issues raised included; the need for a 20mph limit from the War Memorial to the Jubilee Gardens, the footpath in Fore Street is too narrow and traffic calming measures should be installed. Cllr Alan Beasley and SDC Cllr Ann Bown will be attending the next Transport Forum meeting and would raise these concerns.

Due to persistent interruptions from a member of the public who refused to be quiet or leave the hall the Chairman suspended the meeting at 7.50pm. The police had to be called and the member of the public was removed from the hall. The meeting reconvened at 8.10pm.

A member of the public stated that the Parish Council deserved more respect than that.

A resident from East Street asked when the drainage problems would be sorted out. The Chairman reported that County Highways had been unable to establish ownership of part of Marsh Lane who would be responsible for clearing the ditches so County Highways would undertake the work shortly.

### Council Session

**01/12/14 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen, Cllr Alan Davey, Cllr Mike Phillips and SCC Cllr John Edney.

**02/12/14 Declarations of Members Interests** there were no declarations of members' interests.

Due to the disruption of the public session the Chairman agreed with the approval of the Council to bring forward agenda item 05/12/14.

### **05/12/14 Planning matters**

#### New Planning applications

1. **13/14/00051/SJH** – Erection of 3 livestock sculptures on Cannington west roundabout A39 bypass for Bridgwater College. After discussions Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed that we oppose the application, this was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed by a majority on the grounds of Highway safety.
2. **13/14/00055/CG** – Erection of six dwellings, demolition of two existing two dwellings on land at 4 and 6 Gurney Street, Cannington TA5 2HW for Cannington PCC. After discussions and listening to members of the public in the public session Cllr Alan Beasley proposed that we oppose the application, this was seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and agreed unanimously on the grounds of Highway safety.

#### Planning applications decided

1. **13/14/00030** – Erection of 16 dwellings, formation of access and associated works on land to east of Main Road Cannington for Hawkins and Fear. **Permission granted.**

2. **13/14/00045** – Erection of replacement garage incorporating a utility room and w/c on site of existing (to be demolished) at Denwood, Clifford Park, Cannington for Mr Addison. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/14/00046** - 2 no Cherry trees crown reduce up to 2.25m from sides and up to 1.5m from top at Cannington House for Mr Pettitt. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/14/00053** - 1. Sycamore prune to give 2m clearance from roof and walls. 2. Yew remove lower (east facing) branch to provide 2m clearance from building and crown lift by 2m. 3. Fell Sycamore at the Friendly Spirit Inn, Brook Street, Cannington for Mr M Andison. **Permission granted.**
5. **13/14/00054** – Request for discharge of Requirement CB7 Cannington Bypass – Lighting for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**

#### **03/12/14 Minutes of Meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

The minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 were approved

#### **04/12/14 Matters Arising**

1. 04/11/14 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had forwarded a draft Freedom of Information Policy and a draft Publication Scheme to all councillors. After discussions Cllr Brian Stother proposed that both documents should be adopted with a few minor amendments to Publication Scheme. This was seconded by Cll Mrs Sarah Jansons and agreed unanimously.
2. 04/11/14 Parish notice boards – ongoing.
3. 04/11/14 Lengthsman – the Clerk will draft a letter to be sent to EDF
4. Public Session – Drainage in East Street – A letter has been sent to a resident regarding the search for the owner of land in Marsh Lane.
5. 11/11/14 Black Poplar – The Clerk had written to SCC owners of the Old Vicarage asking for compensation for the aborted felling of the Black Poplar on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 who have denied responsibility. The Clerk will check with the Council's Insurer to see if this is covered under our insurance policy.
6. 12/11/14 Website – ongoing.
7. 13/10/14 Bank repairs, Jubilee Gardens – Letters have been sent to three companies asking for quotes by 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

#### **06/12/14 New premises licence – Cannington Court**

Discussions took place on the possibility of unacceptable noise. Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed that we ask for no outside amplified music to be allowed at any time. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed by a majority.

#### **07/12/14 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The latest consultation event was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The NHP website is now live and can be found at [www.cannington-neighbourhoodplan.info](http://www.cannington-neighbourhoodplan.info) Letters have been sent to all businesses within the parish to ask them to complete an online survey which can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/CNPCommercial](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CNPCommercial) An online survey has also being developed to capture the views of the youth which can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZYQMM5D](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZYQMM5D) . The Community Development Grant of £7,000 needs to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and it is unlikely that it will be all spent. The Clerk will enquire whether we can have an extension. Two new members were co-opted onto the steering group and we now have 10 members. Jo Widdecombe from Planning Aid and Mandy Goddard our Planning Consultant have both been invited to the next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

#### **08/12/14 Cannington Bypass Update**

Chairman Colin Allen and Cllr Alan Beasley attended the monthly meeting with EDF on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 and reported; there will be traffic light control commencing on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for 2 weeks on Combwich Road near the playing field. Road side signs indicating the bypass will be complete by Winter 2015 are incorrect it is expected to be Spring 2016. Work on the Brymore Drive will be taking place shortly. Castle Hill Quarries are using a driveway off Combwich Road. The Hinkley Point B outage is now scheduled to commence on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for 100 days which will entail additional HGV movements through the village.

#### **09/12/14 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update**

Unfortunately Dan Boswell from the Environment Agency was unable to attend the meeting but was able to give the following report; Things which we have done since our last update include: finalising our environmental reports in readiness for our planning submission, undertaking additional topographic survey, initiating draft planning drawings, discussing plans for highways works with Somerset County Council Highways, undertaking the initial design of the structures required for the flood alleviation channel. We have also entered into a Planning Performance Agreement (an agreement to facilitate planning applications) with Sedgemoor District Council as part of our commitment to move this scheme forward. We are going to update you on the plans for the scheme prior to making our planning application at a drop-in session in Cannington. This is planned to take place in late January. We will advertise this through the Parish Council notice boards. To be able to finalise our designs we will need to undertake some works in the A39 to understand the location of utilities. This is also planned for January. We aim to minimise disruption to traffic throughout the period of work. We will provide the parish council with exact dates of when this work is to be undertaken. There continue to be challenging issues, however, we aim to have our planning application for the works submitted in February and are working hard to achieve this date.

#### **10/12/14 Highways and Parking Issues**

The anti-skid surface has been ordered for Fore Street/Brook Street on the junction with East Street and chevrons re-arranged.

Enquiries have been made with Highways regarding the parking issues along Brook Street from East Street junction to the Village Bakery. Any further parking restrictions would be subject to a TRO and a public consultation.

The Clerk will contact Alyn Jones of SCC to discuss traffic calming measures as a matter of urgency as feelings are running high within the parish.

### 11/12/14 Sharks Lane Playing Field

1. Purchase of playing field – we are awaiting an amended valuation from the Valuation Office.
2. Storage container and associated costs – a provision for this has been included in the forecast expenditure for 2014/15. It will be subject to a planning application.
3. Kier Construction – we have extended their lease on the car park until Easter 2015.
4. Car park repairs – Repairs to the car park will take place over the Christmas period.

### 12/12/14 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques to be 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>
EDF	Playing fields pavilion – Aug to Nov 2014	002868	<b>£48.71</b>
Richard Salvage	Renovate village sign	002869	<b>£107.00</b>
Sedgemoor Tree Services Ltd	Black poplar – aborted mission	002870	<b>£540.00</b>
Rodway Fencing	Access gate for brook	002871	<b>£552.00</b>
Courtyard Press	NHP – Consultation leaflets	002872	<b>£140.00</b>
BWBSL Wessex Water	Playing fields pavilion - April to Nov 2014	002873	<b>£17.30</b>
Mike Phillips	12 Hi Vis waistcoats	002874	<b>£35.76</b>
Tina Gardener	Cancelled	002875	
Patricia Villis	November salary	002876	<b>£306.28</b>
<b>The following payments are due: -</b>			
Tina Gardener	NHP - Printing, envelopes, postage & Survey Monkey £388.28 Postage and stationery £42.72	002877	<b>£421.00</b>
Cannington Village Hall	Rent for hire of hall for Youth Club £600 NHP - Rent for hire VH hall for consultations on 18 <sup>th</sup> October and 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2014 £120	002878	<b>£720.00</b>
Parish Online	Annual fee	002879	<b>£50.40</b>
Mandy Goddard	NHP Planning consultants fee – 140hrs @ £25 p/hr	002880	<b>£3500.00</b>
Cannington Flood a/c	Cannington PC contribution to the Flood Alleviation Scheme	Tfer	<b>£10000.00</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for November	002881	<b>£914.03</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for November plus £301.10 for additional hours for NHP	002882	<b>£769.76</b>
Mr R Popplewell	NHP Website	002883	<b>£806.63</b>

2. **The accounts for November 2014** have been circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **Budget statement and forecast for 2014/15** has been circulated to all councillors.
4. **Budget 2015/16** The Clerk has circulated a draft budget for 2015/16 to all councillors. The Finance and Staffing Committee will meet to look into this further and report back to Council.

### 13/12/14 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. Requests for the allotment rent for 2015 have been sent to all allotment holders.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey. Dredging has been undertaken by the Environment Agency between the two road bridges in Brook Street. David Sayer kindly took away all the spoil which the Parish Council were very grateful for. Dredging had also taken place by the weir at the back of Southbrook Close.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported that there had been requests to extend the new hedge on the frontage to the Cemetery. After discussions councillors agreed to extend the hedge by an additional 6m. The clerk will raise the order to the Grounds Maintenance Contractor.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen. The Parish Council had their annual meeting with Bridgwater College at the new farm centre on Rodway and was given a tour of the new facilities.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen reported that the Flood Store was well stocked with sand and sand bags.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. A new date for felling the Black Poplar is being arranged.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother reported that there had been 11 Speedwatch outings and there 53 speeders out of 2256 vehicles recorded. The top speed recorded was 50mph. It was agreed to put £700 in the budget for 2015/16 to cover related costs for the operation of the Speed Indicator Devices.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that the Village Hall had recently had their AGM and a new committee was appointed. The application for funding from the Community Impact Mitigation Fund is progressing, The Chairman offered to contact SDC to see if they could give any assistance.
- l. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade reported that there were issues with staffing.

### 14/12/14 Matters of Report

Cannington Christmas held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Chairman reported that the Christmas lighting in Jubilee Gardens was well organised and he was very pleased with the effect. SDC Cllr Mrs Ann Bown congratulated the village on a wonderful display of lights.

The next Transport Forum meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Puriton Village Hall.

Bridgwater College 10 year merger celebration will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and the Chairman has been asked to plant a tree.

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

**16/12/14 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

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