



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at
7.00pm on **Tuesday 10th February 2015** in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES **DRAFT**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Mrs Lynda Laird, Mrs Sheila Allen, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, Lawrence Greenslade and David Greenslade.

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

Somerset County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 11

Public Session

A number of residents spoke regarding planning application 13/15/00001, one member of the public thought it would create chaos, another asked if parking was a planning consideration and another suggested a number of alternative uses of the building that would not require planning permission.

Parking is still a major consideration in the village and everyone should look to themselves when parking.

Concerns were raised about abnormal loads going through the village without advanced warning. Hinkley Point B and C should be coordinating these loads and hopefully better notification will be received.

The Chairman has checked with the contractors of the bypass and footpath BW5/8 is passable although the stile in Sandy Lane is broken.

The Clerk will chase up a response from Castle Hill Quarries regarding early morning traffic movements along Chads Hill. The Community Speed Watch have secured a new location for speed watches to be carried out at the bus stop in the High Street.

The police have received a number of complaints about the manner in which parents are parking when taking their children to and from school; this is being closely monitored.

Council Session

01/02/15 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons and Cllr Brian Stother

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

03/02/15 Minutes of Meetings held on 13th January 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2015 were approved.

04/02/15 Matters Arising

- 04/01/15 Parish notice boards. The planning application will be submitted once the heritage statement has been completed.
- 04/01/15 Lengthsman.
- 04/01/15 Black Poplar. Unfortunately the felling of the Black Poplar wasn't fully completed today due to a failure with the cherry picker. Sedgemoor Tree Services will be able to complete the work without the need of a crane. Chairman Colin Allen and Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips were on site all day and commented on how professional the whole operation was and that all the contractors involved can't be thanked enough.
- 04/01/15 Website – This is in progress and Cllr Mrs Laird will report back at a later date.
- 04/01/15 Bank repairs, Jubilee Gardens – SDC Planning are happy for the work to be carried out from a conservation point of view. Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips will proceed with the grant application to Viridor.
- 04/01/15 Playing Fields – Progress on purchase. The clerk has spoken with Tim Mander from SDC who indicated they would accept an offer between £40,000 and £50,000. Cllr Alan Davey proposed that we offer £40,000 subject to contract and subject to the Parish Council obtaining the funding. This was seconded by Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact Tim Mander with this offer.
- 13/01/15 Rights of Way improvement plan. Cllr Alan Davey agreed to look at this.

05/02/15 Planning matters

Cllr Alan Beasley offered to take up the vacancy on the Planning Subcommittee. This was agreed unanimously.

New planning applications

- 13/15/0001/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. After discussions Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen proposed to oppose the application as it overshadows a neighbouring property, there is insufficient parking and concerns regarding the handling and storage of waste. It will also affect the Alms Houses which is a listed building. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird and agreed by a majority.
- 1/45/15/002** – Erection and use of a bio-gas upgrading plant at Cannington Cold Store, Cannington. After discussions Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips proposed to support this application this was seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications processed since the last meeting

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

1. **13/14/00056/LE** - Erection of single storey rear extension to rear (NW) elevation, on site of conservatory to be demolished and conversion of loft to living accommodation including installation dormer window to rear (NW) at 11 Southbrook, Cannington, Bridgwater TA5 2LB. The Council supports this application as it is appropriate of design, detailing and materials.
2. **13/14/00063/SJH** - Erection of part two storey, part single storey extension to front (North) extension at 1 New Cottages, Blackmore Lane, Cannington. The Council supports this application as it is appropriate of design, detailing and materials.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/14/00057/RM** - Listed Building Consent for display of way finding signs/markers at Cannington Court, Church Street for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/14/00058/RM** - Display of 7 non-illuminated free-standing signs, 9 non-illuminated fascia signs, 46 non-illuminated pergola mounted way markers, 1 monolith multimedia sign, 3 non-illuminated pole mounted signs and two non-illuminated finger post signs at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/14/00060/SH** - Proposed single story rear extension to store for new Post Office and alteration to windows and entrance door to store at 12 High Street, Cannington for Gilletts Cannington Ltd. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/14/00061/LE** - Erection of storage building, formation of associated hard-standing and alterations to the access and highway on land at Tincknells Fuel, Main Road, Cannington for Wollens Ltd. **Permission refused.**
5. **13/14/00062/RM** - Retrospective listed building consent for repairs and alterations to Cannington Court and the energy building; and the installation of security measures across the Cannington Court Estate for EDF Energy. **Permission granted.**

06/02/15 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Alan Beasley reported that the consultation period had now and the information collected was being collated. Jo Widdecombe and Mandy Goddard attended the NHP meeting on 2nd February 2015. The next meeting of the NHP will be held on 2nd March 2015.

07/02/15 Cannington Bypass Update

At the monthly update with the Parish Council it was reported that the culverts were being installed at Brymorel Drive, the footpath at the southern end is near completion and the construction of the roundabout at the northern end will commence in a couple of weeks. A new power supply will be run from Rodway Farm for the street lighting. It was proposed by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously to enquire on the feasibility of continuing the power supply to the playing field subject to cost.

The construction of the Park and Ride is due to start mid-summer and will take 12 months to complete. Site clearance works will commence mid-February to March to clear hedgerows and trees before the nesting season. Concerns were raised that the P&R will not be complete until 4-6 months after the bypass is opened.

08/02/15 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

The Environment Agency held a drop-in session at the United Reformed Church on Thursday 29th January which was very well attended.

The Parish Council met with the Environment Agency on 4th February 2015 to discuss the footpath on the proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS). Discussions took place as to whether it should be a permissive path, a public footpath or cycle path. It was agreed that it should be wide enough and accessible for disabled users. The path should also be low maintenance. The issue of landownership and who will be responsible for maintenance needs to be established. There is a possibility of small pockets of land being purchased between the FAS and the bypass which could be used as a wild flower meadow, to plant trees or other use. The existing footpaths will cross the FAS as a walk through channel.

09/02/15 Highways and Parking Issues

The anti-slip surface is being installed on Fore Street and Brook Street by the junction of East Street. Work will commence on 18th February and will be carried out in the evenings. There have been 4 accidents on this stretch of road in the last 24 hours. Discussions took place on how this stretch of road could be improved including; slow signs, improved road markings, rumble strips and speed bumps. It was agreed to contact Alyn Jones from SCC to see what other safety measures can be put in place. This needs urgent attention and SCC Cllr John Edney agreed to contact Alyn Jones.

Enquiries by SCC relating to land ownership in Marsh Lane is still on-going but will be concluded shortly. If ownership of the lane is not identified the County Council will have to decide how to proceed. The situation is unique and the County Council needs to be sure of its position should they intervene.

It was reported that Hinkley Point C HGV's travelling along the High Street are restricted to 20mph. The Clerk will confirm if this is correct.

The Traffic Calming consultations held on 6th and 7th February in the Village Hall were well attended with residents showing a great interest in ideas and possible solutions. There appears to be a lot of frustration regarding speeding and parking problems plus 20mph restrictions. There were 150 returns which will be collated as soon as possible and a further public consultation will be held at a later date to show proposed solutions which will have to obtain approval from SCC Highways and the costs to be approved and paid for by EDF. There are no set funding figures available at this time. Cllr David Greenslade thanked Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird and Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen for the excellent presentation; this was reiterated by Chairman Colin Allen.

10/02/15 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** - The following cheques to be approved for payment

| Name of Payee | Description of cheque | Cheque No. | Amount |
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| 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 |
| Sparrow Crane Hire | Hire of crane for felling of Black Poplar on 10 th February 2015 | 002898 | £1,380.00 |
| Patricia Willis | January Salary | 002899 | £306.28 |
| Tina Gardener | Clerk's salary for January plus £298.36 for additional for NHP | 002900 | £767.95 |
| The following payments are due: - | | | |
| Sedgemoor District Council | Lease of Sharkes Lane Playing Field – Feb to April 2015 | 002901 | £125.00 |
| Courtyard Press | Leaflets printed for Traffic Calming Consultation | 002902 | £72.00 |
| Mike Phillips | Rat bait and box for allotments | 002903 | £19.38 |
| Valuation Office Agency | Valuation for Sharkes Lane Playing Field | 002904 | £1,196.94 |
| Paul Allen | Work carried out on laptop | 002905 | £50.00 |
| Amada Goddard | NHP – Travel expenses | 002906 | £13.60 |
| Sedgemoor District Council | Planning application fee for Sharkes lane Playng Field | 002907 | £97.50 |
| Greenslades Grounds Maintenance | Grounds maintenance contract for January 2015 and hedging work at the Cemetery. | 002908 | 1568.03 |

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

3. **Transfer between bank accounts.** It was agreed to transfer £10,000 from the deposit account into the current account.

11/02/15 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. All the rent for 2015 has been collected and there is nobody on the waiting list.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported that CiB are continuing with a busy programme this year.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley. It was agreed to continue the hedging to the railings by the Garden of Remembrance. The Clerk will obtain a quote. Cllr Alan Beasley would look into the possibility of placing a bench in the Garden. The size of the ashes plots were queried as some were quite small. Cllr Alan Beasley reported that the newer plots were much larger and he was in the process of drawing up a Cemetery Policy which would specify the size of plots.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen. The bus shelter is not always left open at the weekends; this will be taken up with the College. Once work has been completed at Cannington Court the College will be renovating the Court House for the new Tea Rooms.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen reported that the flood store has been checked and there are sufficient supplies. The emergency phone was given to Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. The Clerk has obtained quotes from 2 Mole Catchers which will be passed on to Cllr Alan Davey for consideration
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey. The pump has failed in the Pavilion, Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips agreed to get a new pump (approx. cost £180.00) and arrange for it to be installed. The Clerk has submitted the planning application to SDC for a new storage container.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks. The next meeting is on 12th February at Brent Knoll Village Hall which the Clerk will be attending.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – The Clerk reported there had been 9 speedwatches carried out in January; there were 46 speeders recorded out of 1,845 vehicles.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade. The Village Hall has requested a letter of support from the Parish Council for their grant application to the CIM fund. Cllr Alan Davey suggested we should look into the possibility of a drop-down screen and a ceiling mounted projector for the village hall.
- l. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade. Cannington Parish Council have been awarded a grant of £3,453 from the Youth and Community Group Grant for the Youth Club for 2015/16 with a number of conditions, one of these being that the average attendance must reach 20 by end of September and maintain this level until March 2016. The Clerk will liaise with SRYP before completing the grant acceptance form. We met with Laura Johns from SRYP and were pleased with the progress the new youth leader has made. They have a good programme of events and all the young people have to sign a behavioural contract. They are mindful that the WI use the Upper Hall once a month.

12/02/15 Matters of Report

The Community Forum meeting was held on 15th January 2015 and attended by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird who reported; EDF is aiming for a financial investment decision by the end of March 2015, works scheduled for 2015 include the construction of the batching plant, pre-fab facilities, tunnels and deep trenches for services and the preparation of jetty works on and off-shore. The draft minutes of this meeting have been circulated to all councillors.

The Quantock Cluster meeting was held on 27th January 2015 and attended by Cllr Alan Beasley who reported that the main parish issues were; traffic, speeding and parking. A Farm Watch scheme is now up and running and is working well with lots of support from the public. Progress is slow and patchy on the development of Broadband. The Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund is available for enhancement works up to £20,000. SDC is carrying out a Playing Pitch Strategy to obtain better use of existing facilities. The Cluster group will be looking for a new chairman after the May elections.

The next meeting of the Transport Forum will be held on 26th February 2014 at Puriton Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Hinkley Point SSG will be held on 27th February 2015. Vice-Chairman Mike Phillips reported that there will be a SSG subgroup meeting on 19th February 2015 to discuss the Cavendish Fluor plans for A Station. The Vice-Chairman will produce a report of this meeting for Councillors to respond before the full SSG meeting on 27th February 2015.

13/02/15 Items for the next meeting

14/02/15 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed Date

