



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th January 2014 in Cannington Village Hall

Minutes Draft

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillor: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 4

Public Session

A resident of Mill Lane reported that someone had cut off a major limb from his Alder Tree. This has been reported to SDC as it is in a conservation area.

It was also reported that there is a return wall in the brook at the back of Mill Lane which is not an obstruction but helps the brook flow.

Chairman Colin Allen reported that Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird is progressing well after her recent operation; also Father Peter Martin is making a good recovery as is the gentleman who was badly injured in a car accident in the village in December 2013.

Council Session

01/01/14 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird.

02/01/14 Declarations of Members Interests There were no declarations of members' interests.

03/01/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th December 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2013 were approved.

04/01/14 Matters Arising

- 04/12/13 Playing Field – SDC would require £100,000 for the purchase of Rodway Playing Fields. This will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 04/12/13 Refurbishment of the Bus Shelter – Repairs to the roof and guttering have been completed and a new ceiling installed. Painting of the walls is still outstanding.
- 04/12/13 Defibrillator – The official unveiling will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 3.00pm. The clerk will invite the sponsors and contact the Bridgwater Mercury. At present the defibrillator is not in use due to problems updating the South West Ambulance Service Trust computer system with the details. Awareness training will be organised.
- 04/12/13 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998 – This is still ongoing.
- 04/12/13 Parish notice boards we are waiting for listed building consent to replace the board at the Alms Houses.
- 04/12/13 War Memorial – Works to be carried out on the Oak Tree – an application has been sent to SDC as the tree is in a conservation area.
- 04/12/13 Layby at Rodway – We are still waiting an update from Highways.
- 04/12/13 Website update – This is in the process of being updated with a new contact management system.
- 04/12/13 Terms of reference for committees - This is still ongoing.
- 04/12/13 Brook renewal of sluice gate – This still ongoing.
- 04/12/13 Jubilee Gardens Black Poplar - an application for the work has been filed with SDC as the tree is in a conservation area and a decision should be made by 15th January 2014.
- 04/12/13 Playing fields Car Park – The remedial works will be finalised when the weather improves.
- 08/12/13 Salt Bins – It was proposed by Vice chairman Mike Phillips and seconded by Cllr Brian Stother and agreed unanimously to purchase 5 bins.

05/01/14 Planning matters

New planning applications There were no new applications to consider.

Planning applications 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.

- 13/13/00041/LE** Change of Use of school buildings and grounds for occasional use as a Wedding venue at Brymore Secondary Technical School Cannington, TA5 2NB. The council supports this application as it is for extended use of existing buildings for the benefit of the community.
- 13/13/00045/JAB** Reduce height and remove limbs from one English Black Poplar in Jubilee Gardens, Brook Street, Cannington. The council supports this application on the grounds of public safety and conservation.
- 13/13/00046/SJH** Formation of dropped kerb, driveway and parking area at 56 High Street, Cannington, TA5 2HF for Mr Hatch. The council has no objections to this application as long as it fulfils highway requirements.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/13/00040/CJA** – Erection of three holiday units, demolition of redundant agricultural buildings at Hensfield Farm, Park Lane, Cannington for Mr and Mrs C Day – **Permission granted**
2. **13/13/00043/JB** – 1. Fell 1 No. Liquidamber. 2. Fell 1 No. Sargent's Cherry tree. 3. Fell 2 No Pittosporum tenuifolium. 4. Fell 1 No. Toona sinensis at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre, Fore Street, Cannington. Applicant Mr A Gardner – **Permission granted**
3. **13/13/00044/SH** – Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of conservatory to the rear (West) elevation at 8 Bowling Green, Cannington, TA5 2HD for Mrs P Curtis – **Permission granted**

06/01/14 Flooding

A map was circulated to all Councillors showing the levels above sea level in the centre of Cannington compared with the level at Stallingtons Clyce.

The Environment Agency cleared the weeds in the brook around both sides of the main road bridge in Brook Street just before Christmas. The debris has been placed on the sides of the brook and will be removed in the spring.

The Environment Agency reported that the detailed design for the Flood Alleviation Channel is being completed this month and planning consent to be sought in August 2014.

The removal of the weir has assisted with the flow of water although it will be replaced shortly.

The ditch along the A39 from Wollens to the roundabout has been cleared of debris and a ditch between the Malt Shovel and Blackmore Farm which has reduced localised flooding.

07/01/14 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
BT	Internet services (Dec 13 to Feb 14)	DD	£82.80
RC Hurley	Village Map maintenance	002757	£150.00
Tina Gardener	December Salary	002758	£532.80
Patricia Willis	December Salary	002759	£303.48
The following payments are due: -			
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance contract for November 2013	002760	£890.00
Tina Gardener	Postage, stationery and office equipment	002761	£58.25
AT Thorne General Builder	Bus Shelter repairs	002762	£580.00

2. **The accounts for December 2013** had already been circulated to all councillors and were agreed.
3. **The Precept for 2014/15** has been submitted to SDC.

08/01/14 Neighbourhood Plan

There were 90 responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire that was distributed last month. These responses will be collated and made available for the Open Meeting being held on Tuesday 21st January 2014 in the Village Hall. The clerk will arrange for refreshments.

It was agreed to invite Nick Tait of SDC to the next meeting to discuss the Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy,

09/01/14 Cannington Target

The clerk will put together an article for the next edition of the Target.

10/01/14 Lengthsman

It was agreed to leave this to the next agenda.

11/01/14 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. There were 5 allotment holders who haven't paid their rent for this year. First reminder letters have been sent. There are now only 2 people on the waiting list.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird. A grant application has been received for £70.00 to cover the annual insurance which was approved.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley. The railings have now been cut.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen. The College have stated that the land at Crockers may be developed in the future. A planning application will be submitted shortly for temporary steel erection at the Skills Centre on the Downs.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding– It is hoped to get some road signs from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue. Residents of the Northbrook area have filled a number of sandbags and left them stacked in the store. Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed to purchase more sand and wheelbarrows for the emergency store this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen and agreed unanimously.
- g. Highways – New signs for the Brook Street/East Street junction are unlikely to be in place before April 2014. A number of issues about blocked drains have been reported including the A39 along Cannington Straight and the bottom of Chads Hill which the Clerk will report to Highways.

- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. The clerk had made enquiries with SDC regarding the possibility of using part of the Jubilee Gardens as a car park. The Principal Planning Officer stated that the formation of a car park was unlikely to be supported. The gardens form an attractive area of amenity land in the centre of the village. The land itself is expressly protected by Saved Policy BE7 of the Sedgemoor District Core Strategy.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey. There are still plumbing issues in the home team changing room which need attention. It was reported that the footballers are banging their dirty boots on the newly painted walls. Chairman Colin Allen will speak to the football teams.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother. There have been 2 speedwatches since the last meeting with 16 speeders recorded out of 296 vehicles. Avon and Somerset Police are reviewing the speedwatches. A new recruit has come forward to join the Cannington Speedwatch team.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that the Village Hall lost power over the Christmas period. The Short Mat Bowls mats that were stored in the garage in the Playing Fields are being donated to Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership.
- m. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade. A grant application has been received from Cannington URC for financial assistance for their youth provision. The Council are already part funding the SRYP Youth club in the Village Hall. It was agreed to apply for grant funding from SCC for the SRYP youth provision and pursue the option of a single youth leader providing certain commitments can be met and to hold a meeting with SRYP to discuss the future of the youth provision. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Jansons, seconded by Cllr B Stother and agreed by a majority. The decision on Cannington URC grant application will be deferred until the next meeting.

12/01/14 Matters of Report and items for the next meeting

Cannington Court restoration update December 2013 from EDF Energy has been circulated to all councillors.

A letter has been received from a resident regarding the use of the lane onto the C182 by Castle Hill Quarry. The clerk will write to Castle Hill Quarry reminding them of the operating restrictions placed on this lane.

The next Community Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 16th January 2014 at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre and Chairman Colin Allen agreed to attend.

The next Quantock Cluster meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at Fiddington Village Hall and Cllr Alan Beasley will attend.

A letter of thanks has been received from a resident in Brook Street for the care shown by councillors in relation to the flooding issues in Brook Street.

13/01/14 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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