



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th July 2015 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Robin Phipps, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, David Greenslade, Jack Popham, Andrew Vickery and Dawn Horrobin

Chair: Vice Chair; Mike Phillips

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Ian Dyer

Somerset County Councillor:

Clerk: Deputy; Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 3

Public Session

A member of the public commented on the large amount of money spent on Cannington Court refurbishment. He also expressed concerns about car parking being sited at Nether Stowey and questioned why Cannington playing field was not being used. The Council noted his concerns on the cost, with regard to parking a meeting is being arranged with EDF to discuss the possibility of using the playing field.

He also raised the topic of volunteers being recruited by SCC to trim footpaths, who would pay the bill. Cllr David Greenslade said a similar scheme was in place in South Somerset with several communities' taking part. With Somerset County Council providing equipment, training and insurance, Clerk to investigate and advertise if appropriate. He also stated that the First Bus had confirmed that the No 14 bus service will remain; rumours of it being stopped are not true.

Council Session

01/07/15 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Chairman Colin Allen, Cllr Rob Morgan, SDC Cllr Mrs Ann Bown and SCC Cllr John Edney.

02/07/15 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of member's interests.

03/07/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2015 were approved

04/07/15 Matters Arising

1. 05/06/15 Lengthsman – Still under investigation. Wembdon Parish Council may be interested in joining the scheme,
2. 05/06/15 Website – A notice has been placed in the Target, advising the Village residents that the new website will be live soon and to contact the Clerk if there are any queries. Councillors have requested a link, so that they may view the website before it goes live-Clerk to investigate.
3. 05/06/15 Playing Fields – Progress on purchase, still under investigation, awaiting Sedgemoor Council executive meeting response.
4. 05/06/15 Traffic calming – Alyn Jones from SCC will be attending the Parish Council September meeting to discuss this issue.
5. 05/06/15 Skate Park – Still under investigation.
6. 05/06/15 Speed Indicator Device (SID) protocol – on Tuesday 7th July an additional bracket was added to each exiting SID poles in Brook Street and the High Street. A training session will be held on the 4th August 2015.
7. 05/06/15 Scaffold poles – Cllr David Greenslade is in the process of purchasing the scaffold poles.
8. 05/06/15 Notice boards – One notice board has been purchased, the second will be purchased after liaising with the Village Hall Committee.

05/07/15 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/15/00023/STP** – Change of use and conversion of barn to provide self-contained annexe for family members at Knapp Farm, Park Lane, Cannington for Mr I Prozesky. After discussion it was agreed to support this application on the grounds; an appropriate barn conversion on existing foundations and no change in visual impact. Proposed by Alan Beasley, seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and voted unanimously.
2. **13/15/00026/CW** – Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 for the removal of 2.1m section of perimeter wall of walled garden at Cannington Walled Gardens, Church Street, Cannington for Bridgwater College. After discussion it was agreed to support this application on the grounds; essential works for safety reasons and no visual impact. Proposed by Cllr Alan Beasley, seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and voted unanimously.
3. **13/15/00027/CW** – Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 for the retention of shepherds hut in rear garden at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane, and Cannington for Mr I Dyer. After discussion it was agreed to support this application on the grounds; relocation of existing mobile accommodation within existing compound area and no visual impact proposed by Cllr Alan Beasley, seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and voted unanimously.
4. **13/15/00029/SJH** – Notice of proposed agricultural development for the formation of an access track on and at Hensfield Farm, Chads Hill, Cannington for Perry Green Farms. The Council had no observations.

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 comment.

1. **13/15/00021/STP** – Listed Buildings and Conservation areas Act 1990 for the installation of 11 replacement windows to front elevation at 28 High Street, Cannington for Mr J Lloyd. The Council supports this application as it is essential works for the listed building.
2. **13/15/00025/STP** – Erection of single storey extension to rear (North) elevation at 36 East Street, Cannington for Mr M Clarke. The Council supports this application as it is home improvements not impacting on adjacent properties.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/15/00009/RM** – Construction of flood relief channel, a flow control structure and off take/side weir to divert flood water away from Cannington Village on land to the East of Cannington Bypass Roundabout East and land to the South of A39 for Environment Agency. **Permission granted subject to 36 conditions.**
2. **13/15/00015/CG** – Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to a residential arts school, including erection of building to replace Dutch barn, forming wet studio and siting two shipping containers to form additional wet art at Clayhill Farm, Charlynch Lane, Bridgwater for Mr M Parkes. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/15/00016/DRT** – Erection of single storey rear extension (North elevation) on site of conservatory (to be demolished) at 40 High Street, Cannington for Mr M Ransom. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/15/00017/DRT** – Erection of two storey extension to NW (side) elevation, on site of existing (to be demolished) and enlargement of porch at 17 Main Road, Cannington for Mrs J Rhodes. **Permission granted.**
5. **13/15/00018/SJH** – Erection of conservatory to North elevation at Dunloe, Blackmore Lane, Cannington for Mr HJ Irish. **Permission granted.**

Planning appeal

1. **13/14/00061** – 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. Our previous comments stand.

06/07/15 Neighbourhood Plan Update

As a fundamental part of the consultation progress Nick Tate of SDC was invited to give a presentation on the current Core Strategy review. Cannington is a Key Rural Settlement and as such will be expected to take its share of development over the life time of the plan (until 2032). This will include yet unspecified areas outside the existing Village development area. Several are under review and will come out for local consultation. Our NHP will be a major consideration in the formation of this strategy. The revised Core Strategy is likely to be up for approval August 2016. Considerations are being given to Green corridors.

The Steering Group are progressing the subject frame work as allocated with a view towards the final document. The website now has some of the N/H plan consultation results added.

The new community infrastructure levy whilst giving a direct benefit to the Parish Council, could present problems for developers. The revised frame document was presented and agreed.

07/07/15 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

Following the meeting with John Southwell from the Environment Agency it was obvious that the project was potentially short of money. Councillor Mike Phillips has applied to the newly formed Somerset Rivers Authority for £300,000 towards the scheme. The outcome of this application will not be known for some time. Notes from the meeting are available in the Parish Community room.

08/07/15 Highways

Footways along Main Road, Brook Street and High Street have been inspected by County Highways and no safety defects were identified and with higher priorities elsewhere in the District it is unlikely that works will take place for some time.

Wessex Water will investigate the water pipe across the Turnpike Bridge

Grass and other vegetation growing over the pavements between Sandford Roundabout and the Cemetery are expected to be cleared by County Highways in this financial year.

The HPC delivery sign at Fore Street/Bowling Green is obscuring the view. County Highways were contacted on 10th July 2015 for an update and the sign has now been removed.

County Highways were contacted on 10th July 2015 regarding the tree over hanging the road on the left hand side of Rodway.

09/07/15 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques to be approved for payment. Councillors decided to delay Cannington WI payment until more information is provided.

| 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 |
| Viridor Waste Management Ltd | Contributing third party payment for bank repairs in Jubilee Gardens | 002956 | £1,022.18 |
| Tina Gardener | June Salary | 002957 | £581.88 |
| Patricia Villis | June Salary | 002958 | £485.68 |

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| BT | Internet services 1 st June – 31 st August 2015 | DD | £104.40 |
| The following payments are due: - | | | |
| Brin Bowen | Batteries for Speed watch | 002959 | £10.99 |
| Patricia Willis | Armed Forces Day flag | 002960 | £16.74 |
| HMRC | PAYE due April to June 2015 | 002961 | £8.40 |
| Paul Allen | IT maintenance contract | 002962 | £50.00 |
| Cannington in Bloom | Prize money for front garden competition vouchers | 002963 | £150.00 |
| Greenslade Ground Maintenance | Grounds Maintenance contract for June | 002964 | £935.96 |
| 4 Office | Notice Board | 002965 | £270.00 |
| Cannington W I | Cream tea party for the Village | 002966 | £200.00 |

2. **The accounts** for June 2015 had been previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **Budget Statement** for June 2015 has been circulated to all Councillors

10/07/15 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk reported that the allotment lease has no end date; Confirmed by Lord Clifford. Two new tenants approved.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey reported he had been pulling up Himalayan Balsam from between the bridges and clearing rubbish from the weir.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that on 16th July 2015 Michael Foy and Brenda Wright will be visiting the Village to judge the CiB entry into the South West in Bloom competition. The scarecrow competition will be held on the 18th July 2015 and volunteers are welcome to help with Weedy Wednesdays.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported moles have returned to the Cemetery. It was proposed by Cllr Alan Beasley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Dawn Horrobin that our ground maintenance will tidy around some of the unkempt graves. Painting of the gate and railings and also repair to the gate are still to be done.
- e. College – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that no decision has been made regarding the future of Court House. There are around 50 car/bus parking spaces inside the entrance to the walled gardens this includes 8 spaces assigned to the gardens. There will be 200 new students in September and all will be coming by bus or own transport, there will be sufficient parking spaces on the campus for all students in September. The College is hoping that the Parish Council and other local groups can work with the College so the students can do voluntary work in and around the Village. Any ideas are welcome.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that the hedges have been cut. Final approval for the bank improvements work has been granted. Greenslade Ground Maintenance has been awarded the contract to carry out the works.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips. There are no football teams wishing to use the field for next season.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks. Training on 23rd June was cancelled at short notice (Councillors went to the training venue). Apology received from SLAC who will try to arrange a training session in Cannington, which Cannington Councillors can attend for free.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Deputy Clerk reported that there have been 10 outings in June and 56 speeders recorded from 2,235 vehicles. The maximum speed recorded was 51mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that the CIM fund application has been submitted, Brownies are reforming and there is a quiz night in the Friendly Sprit on 26th July 2015.
- l. Youth – Cllr Jack Popham reported there were 10 youths present at Monday night's session at the playing field pavilion, some parents were unhappy about the children making their way to the playing field. The Clerk to confirm dates for a meeting with Steve Baker Community Programme Manager

11/07/15 Matters of Report

Reply sent to correspondence received from Ms Catherine Nightingale-Berridge.

The official opening of the Brook Street Park took place on 13th June 2015 – There were small remedial works that have now been completed. Dog fouling is not being cleaned up properly and has been reported, there is a sign on the gate banning dogs from the play area.

Report on the meeting of the Hinkley Point SSG on 26th June 2015 attended by Cllr Mike Phillips – A Station decommissioning still continues. The office of Nuclear Regulations has advised that there is no longer a need for A Station off site emergency plan. Notes from the meeting are available in the Parish Community room.

Report on the Quantock Cluster Group meeting held on 30th June 2015 attended by Cllr Alan Beasley - A presentation on the prospect of a Bridgwater Bay Tidal Lagoon project similar to the Swansea Bay project within the next 20 years.

SDC gave a presentation on the new infrastructure levy (CIL). A schedule for cost zones and rates with guidance notes are held in the Parish Community room. Hinkley Point C is now in a "care and maintenance" regime. CIM fund – second tranche (£1.6m) paid over to WSC in May. All areas of Somerset are now eligible to bid for funds.

Nominations required for SCC Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community.

A consultation has been received on relocating the Post Office to the Spar shop. The consultation will end on 12th August 2015. This item was deemed as late as works have already started.

12/07/15 Items for the next meeting

13/07/15 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th September 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed Date

