



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 9th June 2015 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Rob Morgan, Robin Phipps, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, David Greenslade, Jack Popham, Andrew Vickery and Dawn Horrobin (after minute 04/06/15)

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Ian Dyer

Somerset County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 4

Public Session

There were no items raised in the public session.

Council Session

01/06/15 Apologies for Absence were accepted from SDC Cllr Ann Bown and PCSO Georgina Long.

02/06/15 Declarations of Members Interests

Chairman Colin Allen declared an interest in agenda item 05/06/15 no 7.

Cllr David Greenslade declared an interest in agenda item 13/06/15.

03/06/15 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2015 were approved.

04/06/15 Co-option of new Councillor

The Clerk has received five applications for the vacancy on the Parish Council. The applications were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk handed out ballot papers and Dawn Horrobin had a majority. Dawn was invited to join the Parish Council and signed the acceptance of office form.

05/06/15 Matters Arising

- 08/05/15 Lengthsman – Otterhampton PC is happy to put in a joint funding bid for a lengthsman. The Clerk will make sure this scheme is eligible for funding under the CIM fund.
- 08/05/15 Website – All the information has been collated and forwarded to the web designer.
- 08/05/15 Playing Fields – The Executive meeting of SDC will take place on 22nd July 2015 when a decision will be made.
- 08/05/15 Traffic calming – There has been no further response from SCC. It was agreed to invite Alyn Jones to the next meeting.
- 08/05/15 Skate Park – Scott Mason from SDC has visited the site of the old scout hut and can see no issues with planning. Brymore Academy has indicated that they would consider a lease arrangement for the land.
- 08/05/15 Speed Indicator Device (SID) protocol.
- 22/05/15 Computer issues – The Clerk has purchased a new laptop which Paul Allen set up ready to use. The maintenance contract proposal put forward from Paul Allen for £50.00 per month was discussed and Cllr Mike Phillips proposed that we should accept the contract, this was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously. Chairman Colin Allen had declared an interest in this and took no part in the voting.
- 23/05/15 Scaffold poles – Cllr David Greenslade had sourced a very good price for the scaffold poles of £573.66. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed that these should be purchased which was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed unanimously.
- 24/05/15 Notice boards – Cllr David Greenslade had sourced suitable notice boards which the Clerk will order.

06/06/15 Planning matters

New planning applications

- 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. After discussions it was agreed the Council had no observations.
- 13/15/00018/SJH** – Erection of conservatory to north elevation at Dunloe, Blackmore Lane, Cannington for Mr H J Irish. After discussions it was agreed the Council had no observations.

Planning applications received since the agenda was set

Where necessary notices for these applications will be placed on the notice boards for comments before a response is sent to SDC Planning.

- 13/15/00021/STP** – Installation of 11 replacement windows to front elevation at 28 High Street, Cannington, TA5 2HE for Mr J Lloyd. The Council has no objections to this.
- 13/15/00022/DRT** – Notice of proposed agricultural development. Erection of agricultural building on land at Hensfield's Farm, Chads Hill, Cannington, TA5 2RY for Perry Green Farms. There is no action required from the Council.
- 13/15/00023/STP** – Change of use and conversion of barn to provide self-contained annexe for family members at Knapp Farm, Knapp Lane, Cannington, TA5 2QE for Mr I Prozesky. The Clerk will ask for an extension on this application so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

4. **13/15/00025/STP** – Erection of single storey extension to rear (north) elevation at 35 East Street, Cannington, TA5 2HL for Mr M Clarke. The Council has no objections to this.

07/06/15 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Council has received a request from the Steering Group to liaise with Nick Tait, SDC. The Council are happy for them to do this but any decisions would have to be agreed by the Parish Council first. The NHP Steering Group report – We see the Village Development Boundary as a central component in the evolution of the Cannington NHP with important implications on our work. Work on the framework of the draft document is progressing. Collated data from the consultation process is now on the group's website. Alex Bullock has been elected Chairperson of the group and Ian Dyer has resigned from the group due to increased commitments as Chairman of SDC.

08/06/15 Cannington Bypass Update

The construction is still progressing well and on target to complete early 2016. The eco tunnel is completed and drainage work is progressing well. Further stretches are being surfaced and earth bunds being constructed. The roundabout at the north end is progressing and traffic will soon be diverted over the roundabout to enable further works to be carried out.

09/06/15 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

New ecology reports have been submitted for the planning application. There is no date set yet for the application to go to Development Committee.

10/06/15 Highways

There were a number of highways issues raised;

1. Pothole in Lonsdale Road reported to Highways.
2. Overgrown verge on Rodway Hill – owner of land needs to be identified.
3. Marsh Lane drainage issues – check progress with Highways.
4. Blackmore Lane to Cannington South roundabout verge is overgrown and obscuring signs.
5. Missing finger posts on signpost at bottom of Rodway.
6. HPC delivery sign at Fore Street/Bowling Green junction obscuring view from motorists exiting Bowling Green.
7. Trees hanging over the road on left hand side of Rodway towards Combwich.
8. Concerns regarding the overgrown pavements from Sandford Corner to Bridgwater

11/06/15 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
Aon Insurance Ltd	Annual premium 2015/16	002943	£1190.56
Tina Gardener	Purchase of laptop	002944	£297.47
Tina Gardener	May Salary	002945	£581.88
Patricia Villis	May Salary	002946	£244.88
The following payments are due: -			
Somerset Playing Fields	Subscription 2015/16	002947	£15.00
Choice Stationery Supplies Ltd	Printer ink & paper	002948	£129.48
Sedgemoor District Council	Uncontested election fee	002949	£100.00
Tina Gardener	Stationery, postage & refreshments for Annual Parish meeting	002950	£116.07
Richard Young	Internal audit for 2014/15	002951	£50.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Membership 2015/16	002952	£36.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for May	002953	£935.96
Tim Moss	Repairs to pump in Pavilion	002954	£110.00
Paul Allen	IT Services	002955	£125.00

2. **The accounts** for May 2015 have been previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **The Internal Audit for 2015/16** has been completed and there were no matters to be drawn to the attention of the Parish Council. The Audit Return will now be sent to the external auditors.

12/06/15 Playing Field

Discussions took place regarding the future use of the playing fields following the likelihood of the purchase of the playing fields going ahead. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed that any plans for future expenditure should be put on hold apart from on-going maintenance and the purchase of the fields; this was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed by a majority.

13/06/15 Viridor Credits Grant for Jubilee Gardens

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of £10,000 from Viridor Credits for repairs to the banks in Jubilee Gardens. The total cost of the project is £17,800. There is £2,000 set aside for this plus £4,000 available in the playing fields budget which could be transferred plus money in Contingencies and reserves that could be used to fund this project. There is also a contributing third party payment of £1,022.18 to be paid. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to make up the shortfall in the short term and try to source additional contributions and to give the Clerk authority to sign the funding agreement terms and conditions. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed by a majority. Cllrs Andrew Vickery and David Greenslade abstained from voting

14/06/15 Posts of Responsibilities and Committee Memberships

Cllr Jack Popham is unable to be the College liaison and it was agreed for Cllr Robin Phipps to take over this role. Cllr Dawn Horrobin agreed to be a member of the Disciplinary Committee.

15/06/15 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – The Deputy Clerk reported that there were 3 allotments that needed attention and letters had been sent to the tenants. An email has just been received regarding an overhanging tree in the allotments which will be investigated.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey reported that Himalayan Balsam is growing in the brook. The Environment advise that it is the riparian owners responsibility to deal with the matter.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Andrew Vickery.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported that an audit is currently being undertaken of the graves.
- e. College – Cllr Brian Phipps reported that the Court House is going to be renovated soon and used as the tea rooms and entrance to the walled gardens, there will be 6-8 parking spaces for the gardens during the week and the whole available at weekends. A proposal would be submitted for artwork on the roundabout at the west of the village. The College was concerned that the signs on the approach to the village from Bridgwater were overgrown.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that Lynda Laird would be handing over her files for the Jubilee Gardens. The Japanese Knotweed needs to be cut back.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that there were a number of tidy up jobs to be considered.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks. Training for new councillors has been arranged for 23rd June 2015. The Clerk will book Cllr Dawn Horrobin on to the same course.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Deputy Clerk reported that there have been 10 outings in May 2015 and 57 speeders recorded from 2,429 vehicles. The maximum speed recorded was 48mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that the CIM fund application was being submitted.
- l. Youth – Cllr Jack Popham reported that he went to last week's youth club and introduced himself. The club would also be using the Rodway playing fields in particular when the WI meets.

16/06/15 Matters of Report

Correspondence has been received from Ms Catherine Nightingale-Berridge, the contents were noted. The Annual Parish meeting held on 26th May 2015 was attended by 33 people. The chairman gave his annual report which was a resume of the last four years. There were ten reports given by village groups. The Child of Cannington Award was given to Mike Harding for his services as Postmaster to the village for the last 45 years. The official opening of the Brook Street Park will be made by Ian Dyer Chairman of SDC and will take place on 13th June 2015. Chairman Colin Allen will make a speech and Parish Councillors and members of the S106 Steering Group were invited to attend. The next meeting of the Hinkley Point SSG will take place on 26th June 2015. The next Quantock Cluster Group meeting will be held on 30th June 2015. The Clerk attended a desktop exercise at Hinkley Point regarding a traffic incident on the C182 and the measures that have been put in place for dealing with such an incident and the diversion measures to be put in place. The exercise involved all three emergency services plus representatives from all three Hinkley Point sites. Armed Forces Day on 27th June 2015. It was agreed to purchase a flag to put on the flag pole at the War Memorial. The flag will be flown from 22nd June to 27th June 2015. The Transport Forum meeting scheduled for June has been cancelled and the next meeting will take place on 17th September 2015.

17/06/15 Items for the next meeting

18/06/15 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th July 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed Date