



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 11th March 2014 in Cannington Village Hall

Minutes **DRAFT**

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillors: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 24

Other representatives: Alyn Jones, SCC, Ross Edwards and Kevin Murray, EDF.

Public Session

Chairman Colin Allen presented a cheque for £1,200 to Rachel Leach of Cannington URC towards their youth club. Rachel thanked the council for their generosity and said it would enable them to provide a better provision for the youth.

Cannington By-pass

Ross Edwards and Kevin Murray gave a brief presentation and answered questions including; Construction is not expected to commence until the beginning of 2015 until EU approval has been given. From April 2014 preliminary works will commence on ecology works, archaeological works, boundary fencing and vegetation removal. The construction of the by-pass is expected to take 18months. Concerns were raised that plans to show the mature landscaping along the bund by Chads Hill had not been forthcoming. Concerns were raised about the water run-off from the by-pass, adequate provisions have been made with its own drainage system and retention ponds and full flood risk modelling has been undertaken. A bond will be lodged with SCC to ensure the project is completed or the area returned to its original state. Ross and Kevin offered to come to another meeting if required.

Alyn Jones spoke on a number of topics;

Rodway layby

SCC looked at the layby again using the land offered by the neighbouring landowners and it was still not feasible to reinstate the layby. The traffic calming measures put in place are only an interim measure. Once the by-pass is in place there will be a second phase to look at different traffic calming measures, money has been secured for this and there may be a possibility to improve the parking then. It will be parish led but there will still be highway constraints. Chairman Colin Allen stressed that the Parish Council had requested that no parking spaces should be lost. A number of concerns were raised about the lack of consultation with residents during the process. This was a developer led scheme and EDF had provided proof that they had carried out a consultation. Residents believe they have a right to compensation over the loss of convenient parking and the devaluation of their properties. It was felt that a safe crossing had been installed to the detriment of the safety of the residents.

Alyn Jones would come back to the Parish Council with the consultation process and how and when the Parish Council was informed of the process.

War Memorial

The approval for the street lighting on the War Memorial is in hand with the County Archaeologist. If no consent has been sought then a retrospective planning application will be submitted. There will also be S106 money available to enhance the standing of the War Memorial.

Street lighting on the High Street

A decision had to be made to move the street lights into the middle of the pavement because of the underground services and the overhead power lines. Other lighting options may be considered in phase 2. A back shade was requested on the light outside 17 High Street.

Concerns were also raised with cars parking on the pavement opposite the Kings Head pub and could bollards be positioned on the pavement to stop cars driving on it.

Sandford Corner roundabout

A roundabout is being installed as there is a history of accidents in this area. Lighting will be installed to comply with highway safety. There is adequate signage for the road works and the area is being monitored by the police. A request was made for temporary box junctions so queuing traffic doesn't block roundabouts and junctions. It was thought that this wouldn't be approved but you could submit evidence to SCC for them to consider.

Concerns were raised about the number of accidents at the other end of Cannington Straight and whether barriers could be installed to protect the houses. Terry Bale SCC Safety Officer says it is not an issue.

Robert Stone representing Alan Dyer's planning applications 13/14/00007 & 8 outlined the planning applications and the reasons for the applications. Concerns with the slurry storage were raised by Cllr Alan Davey.

Council Session

01/03/14 Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence

02/03/14 Declarations of Members Interests Cllr Mike Phillips declared an interest in agenda item 05/03/14 for planning application 13/14/00009/NM

03/03/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th February 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2014 were approved.

04/03/14 Matters Arising

1. 04/02/14 Playing Field – The council would continue to pursue the possibility of purchasing the playing fields from SDC. At present the only funds available are from the RLT2 fund which stands at £16,294.80. It was also suggested that we apply to Viridor for a grant.
2. 04/02/14 Refurbishment of the Bus Shelter – has now been completed. Also the broken litter bin has been replaced by SDC Clean Surround.
3. 04/02/14 Defibrillator – The awareness training has been booked for Wednesday 2nd April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
4. 04/02/14 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998. – This is still ongoing.
5. 04/02/14 Parish notice boards – The clerk will pursue the issues with the building consent.
6. 04/02/14 War Memorial – Planning application 13/14/00010 to be considered under planning for works to the Oak Tree.
7. 04/02/14 Layby at Rodway – This was discussed in the public session and there is no possibility of the layby being reinstated at present.
8. 04/02/14 Website update – The clerk is pursuing this and it is hoped that it will be complete by 31st March 2014.
9. 04/02/14 Terms of reference for committees; Brook Committee, Jubilee Committee and Personnel Committee. These were circulated prior to the meeting and alterations were suggested. The clerk will distribute the amended versions for adoption at the next meeting.
10. 04/02/14 Brook - Renewal of sluice gate. It will need to be replaced by 8mm galvanised steel and a quote is being obtained.
11. 04/02/14 Jubilee Gardens – Works to be carried out on the Black Poplar. Two quotes have been received for the crane hire and it was agreed to accept the lowest quote of £1,045 per 8 hour day and additional hours at £135 per hour (this quote is dated 4th October 2013 and may be revised). The clerk will contact the contractor and ask for the work to commence as soon as possible.
12. 04/02/14 Playing Fields Car Park. The outstanding invoices have now been agreed for payment and a regular payment schedule will follow.

05/03/14 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/14/00007/CJA** – Erection of agriculture building at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington, TA5 2NE for Dyer & Co. The council supports this application as it is appropriate of design, detailing and materials and there is no visual impact.
2. **13/14/00008/CJA** – Erection of agriculture building, manure store and access track at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington, TA5 2NE for Dyer & Co. The council supports this application on the proviso there is an adequate slurry handling system. It is appropriate of design, detailing and materials.
3. **13/14/00009/NM** – Erection of single storey extension to north elevation of Willow Cottage, partly on site of lean-to structure and garage (to be demolished), reroofing store building and part of existing roof of Acton Cottage at Willow Cottage and Acton Cottage, Withiel Drive, Cannington, TA5 2LY for Mr R Morgan and Mr Phillips. The council supports this application as it is appropriate of design detailing and materials.
4. **13/14/00010/JAB** – Oak Tree (T1) prune back by approximately 0.5m to clear the street light adjacent to the War Memorial on land at the junction of High Street/Fore Street, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. The Council supports this application as it is essential works.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/14/00003/LE** – Change of use, conversion and extension of car sales building and forecourt to Fish and Chips takeaway (use Class A5) at 31 Main Road, Cannington, TA5 2JN for Mr T Caglar. **Application withdrawn**
2. **13/14/00004/JAB** – Copper Beach Fagus Sylvatica Purpurea Crown lift to 6m over the road and footpath to reduce the overall height and spread by 1-2m by removing branches of 1.5 – 2.5m in length and making pruning cuts of no larger than 4cm in diameter to improve balance and form. Remove the small amount of deadwood from the crown at Conway House, 19 Fore Street, Cannington for Mrs Tomaney. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/14/00001/SH** – Erection of part two storey, part single storey extension at 41 Brook Street, Cannington, TA5 2HP for Mr & Mrs L Tolchard. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/14/00002/NM** – Formation of external training areas comprising flat slabs and trenches. Formation of access track and 2 no. covered storage racks at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre, Cannington TA5 2LS. **Permission granted.**

06/03/14 Flooding

A meeting was held with the Environment Agency on Monday 24th February 2014 to discuss the method of collecting the grants awarded for the flood alleviation scheme.

07/03/14 Street Trading Consent

An application has been received by SDC for a street trading consent from Mr Steve Maloney to sell fish and chips from a purpose adapted vehicle from 17.00hrs to 20.00hrs on Saturdays and Sundays only in Brook Street near the phone box. The Council supported this application.

08/03/14 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques were 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
Post Office Ltd	EDF Electricity for pavilion	002774	£71.99
Cannington URC	Grant for Youth Club	002776	£1200.00
Tina Gardener	February Salary	002777	£532.80
Patricia Willis	February Salary	002778	£303.48
The following payments are due: -			
Phillip Zech	Painting the bus shelter & bench, High Street	002779	£486.00
Tina Gardener	Admin expenses	002780	£47.98

2. **The accounts for February 2014** had already been circulated and were approved.
3. **Internet banking** it was agreed to give the clerk a delegate registration for the Council's bank accounts to allow the clerk to check on the bank balances.
4. **Additional bank account** to consider a dedicated bank account for donations to the Cannington Flood Alleviation scheme. It was agreed to set up a separate bank account to collect monies for the flood alleviation scheme.

09/03/14 Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group meeting was held on 5th March 2014. Alex Reed gave a brief overview of the meeting including the need to create a separate identity for the group away from the Parish Council. The steering group would be looking at obtaining its own logo, website and email address. The group were progressing well with their work and are establishing links with other parishes who have already completed their Neighbourhood Plans. A request was made that the steering group be given a budget for incidental expenditure. Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed a budget of £200 be allocated; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird and agreed unanimously. Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird reported that she had resigned from the steering group.

10/03/14 Lengthsman This will be discussed at the next meeting.

11/03/14 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. We are in the process of drawing up new terms and conditions for the allotment holders. A policy for the allotments is also being drawn up.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey. A request has been received to hold a duck race in the brook at the Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 12th April 2014. It was unanimously agreed for this event to go ahead.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird. The clerk reported that we had insurance cover for the new bowsers it was agreed to purchase for use by Cannington in Bloom. The clerk will go ahead and purchase the bowsers. Comments were received that the planters and troughs were all looking nice.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley. A request had been received from a resident to place a bench in the cemetery. This was agreed unanimously.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen reported that planning permission was not required for the notice board on the walled gardens; the clerk has confirmed this with the Enforcement Officer at SDC. Also the Brymore Academy sign didn't need permission as it was replacing an existing sign. Works is due to commence shortly on renovating the wall along the footpath beside the village hall to the church. There may be a possibility that the footpath has to be closed, the village hall committee have been informed of this. It was reported that the wall opposite Priory Cottage has water seeping from it; this will be taken up with the college.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding
- g. Highways – The wall at Court Orchard has finally been rebuilt. Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen reported that the W.I. obtained over 430 names on their petition for a 20mph speed restriction in Brook Street and Fore Street.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird. The debris from the brook will be removed shortly. The W.I. has requested to hold a cream tea in the Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 8th June to commemorate World War 1. This was agreed unanimously.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey. Cannington School PTA has withdrawn their request to use the playing fields. The timer for the floodlights needs to be altered.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks. The next meeting of SALC will take on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at Woolavington Village Hall.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother. There have been seven speed watches on Rodway with 28 speeders out of 1,104 vehicles.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that Village Hall committee would like more information on using the village hall as an emergency rest centre. It was suggested to approach Westfield URC for advice.
- m. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade reported that there were 14 children at the last youth club with a regular core of 10. A grant of £3,430 has been received from Somerset Youth and Community Service. The clerk is in the process of applying to Awards for All for another grant.

12/03/14 Matters of Report and items for the next meeting

The Transport Forum meeting was held on Thursday 27th February 2014 at Puriton Village Hall and was attended by Cllr Alen Beasley and Chairman Colin Allen. A full report has been circulated to all councillors including a report on the Cannington Bypass.

The Hinkley Point SSG meeting held on 28th February 2014 was attended by Cllr Mike Phillips who updated on the processing of waste from Hinkley Point A. A planned outage on Reactor 3 at Hinkley Point is underway and is on programme. A full report has been circulated to all councillors.

Campaign to Protect Rural England – It was proposed by Cllr Alan Beasley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons and agreed by a majority to become a member of the CPRE at a cost of £29.00 per year.

Members Interest Forms – The clerk had sent the return to SDC although there were two councillors outstanding.

Consultation on Local Audit Accountability Act – This will be discussed at the SALC meeting on 18th March 2014.
World War 1 remembrance medals – It was agreed not to purchase any of these medals but to consider a donation to the production cost of a World War 1 commemoration booklet. This will be included on the next agenda.

Flood Relief Fund administered by the Royal Bath & West Society. A fund has been set up to accept donations towards the cost of dredging the rivers on the Somerset Levels. Leaflets have been placed in Cannington Post Office if anyone should want to make a donation.

An application to divert part of BW5/15 footpath at Ashdown farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington has been received. The clerk has responded to this after liaising with the Footpath Liaison Officer.

A Pre-Submission Minerals Plan consultation by SCC is taking place between 3rd March 2014 and 14th April 2014. A summary report of the consultation can be accessed via www.somerset.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

Concerns were raised about the untidiness of the grass verge from the Cannington Millennium Stone to the roundabout. It was agreed to get a quote for this to be cut regularly. This will be included on the next agenda.

13/03/14 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.47pm

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