



Cannington Parish Council

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

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MINUTES

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Mrs Lynda Laird, Mrs Sheila Allen, Brian Stother, 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 and Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 9

The meeting commenced with a minute silence to remember those brave men and women who fought and died for their country over the years.

Public Session

A resident of East Street required if there had been any progress with the drainage problem in East Street. The drains have been jetted in East Street/Marsh Lane which has improved the situation. There is still an issue over ownership of a section of the drain in Marsh Lane.

Concerns were raised about Hanson lorries travelling to and from Hinkley Point C in convey. EDF assured that they set off at intervals. The ANPR's record vehicle registrations but do not record the time. All lorries should have a HPC sign in the front of their vehicles for identification. At present there are about 50 lorries a day although the maximum per day is 750 lorries and 400 buses. If you wish to report any lorries then you need to have the registration number, date time and location before any action will be taken by EDF.

The installation of the Speed Indicator Devices has been delayed due to the legal issues by SCC. Roy Pumfrey registered his extreme disappointment at the delay.

Police Report by Georgina Long

The police are trying to locate the registered keeper of the crashed vehicle on the Cannington Bypass. They can't enforce the removal as it is not on the highway.

There was a significant break in at Bridgwater College over October half term when a number of chainsaws were stolen.

There have been a number of break ins at Wollens and the Police are making a high number of visible patrols.

No parking signs will be made available for the Xmas fayre on 6th December 2014.

The Police will be making early morning patrols along Mill Lane to deal with the parking issues.

Georgina was thanked for the police presence at the Remembrance Day service and for the wreath from the police.

Council Session

01/11/14 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons.

02/11/14 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of members' interests.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2014 were approved.

04/11/14 Matters Arising

1. 04/10/14 Establish procedures for requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998.
2. 04/10/14 Parish notice boards –
3. 04/10/14 Lengthsman.
4. Public Session – Drainage in East Street – This was discussed in the public session.
5. 10/10/14 Playing Fields Sharks Lane – no further update; to be included on the next agenda.

05/11/14 Planning matters

New Planning applications

1. **13/14/00052/LE** – Erection of horse walker at Equestrian Centre, Bridgwater College, East Street, Cannington for Bridgwater College. The council supports this application as there is no visual prominence and is within the curtilage of the existing Equestrian Centre.
2. **13/14/00053/JAB** – 1. Sycamore prune to give 2m clearance from roof and walls. 2. Yew remove lower (east facing) branch to provide 2m clearance from building and crown lift by 2m. 3. Fell Sycamore at the Friendly Spirit Inn, Brook Street, Cannington for Mr M Andison. The council supports this application as it is essential works.
3. **13/14/00054/RM** - Request for discharge of Requirement CB7 Cannington Bypass – Lighting for EDF Energy.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/14/00048** - Erection of lamp post and street sign on land at the War Memorial, High Street, Cannington for EDF Energy. **Permission Granted.**
2. **13/14/00049** - Reduce extended lateral branches from 2 no Oak Trees T7 and T8 by 3-4 metres on the public open space at Oak Tree Way, Cannington for Sedgemoor District Council. **Permission Granted.**

SDC Development Committee – 25th November 2014

1. **13/14/00030** - Erection of 16 dwellings, formation of access and associated works on land to east of Main Road Cannington for Hawkins and Fear. There is uncertainty as to whether this application is now going to committee as the SDC planning website invites comments until 9th December 2014. The Clerk will confirm with the SDC Planning Officer.

06/11/14 Neighbourhood Plan

At the last meeting held on 3rd November it was agreed to hold a further consultation on Saturday 29th November. It will be a repeat of our Housing and Recreation consultations but will also include commercial and emphasis on youth. Leaflets and posters are being produced for this event. The website is progressing well and should be live within a couple of weeks. An online questionnaire for businesses will be ready shortly and all businesses will be notified. Dave Tomaney the chairman of the S106 steering group has been approached to reconvene the group to look at leisure and recreation on behalf of the NHP steering group. Dave would like a brief on what is expected of the group. It was agreed to hold a joint Neighbourhood Plan/Parish Council meeting prior to the draft report.

07/11/14 Cannington Bypass Update

The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with EDF and its Contractors on 3rd November 2014 and the following points were made; until the end of the year work is only being done on the southern end of the roundabout, minor works on Rodway will commence in the new year and the roundabout will be built off line, works in Sandy Lane will commence in May 2015, 5 sets of dust and noise monitors have been installed and automated alerts will go to SCC Environmental Department, there will always be vehicular access to Brymore School and a permanent access is targeted for Christmas. Discussions also took place on traffic issues; during the next three months there will be a maximum of 159 deliveries per day, a batching plant will be in place for mid-December, there will be abnormal loads through Cannington over the next four weeks and a major outage of Hinkley Point B is scheduled to start on 7th January 2015 and last for 100 days.

08/11/14 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

In reply to the Clerk's letter Nick Gupta, Area Manager, Wessex, Environment Agency has replied that the EA are committed for the scheme to be in place for the winter of 2015, they are currently focusing on land agreements, channel and route details and the A39 crossing. This letter has been copied to all bodies requested at our last meeting minute 06/10/14. The Chairman also spoke to Dan Boswell whose response was similar to Nick Gupta's. Cllr Brian Stother proposed that we invite a senior member of the Environment Agency to the next meeting to give an update on the Flood Alleviation Scheme. This was seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and agreed unanimously. Last week it was noted that surveying work was being undertaken on the route of the new bypass. Mr Sutton has produced a report on the flooding that occurred in November 2012 and a retired DEFRA engineer gave his views on the report and identified many inaccuracies and a produced a summary of his views. These views were agreed by the Flood Advisory Group who said that we should not be influenced by it. A copy of the report will be circulated to all Councillors for comment. A copy of the report has also been sent to Dan Boswell, Environment Agency.

09/11/14 Highways

De-icing material is available at no cost from the Sedgemoor Area Highways Depot at Dunball on Saturday 22nd November 2014. Cllr David Greenslade kindly offered to collect it.

The hole in the grass verge adjacent to 31 Brook Street has reappeared this has been reported to Highways who have placed barriers around the hole. The problem has occurred due to a redundant pipe upstream of the manhole, arrangements will be made to rectify this problem.

A request for the application of anti-skid surfacing on the corner of Fore Street has been forwarded to Lawrence Hackling at Somerset Highways.

10/11/14 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
Courtyard Press	NHP – Leaflet printing	002856	£155.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	September grounds maintenance contract	002857	£914.03
Mrs Tina Gardener	October Salary	002858	£679.89
Mrs Patricia Villis	October Salary	002859	£306.28
BT Direct Debits	Phone calls and rental 15/07/14 to 31/12/14	DD	£72.64
The following payments are due: -			
Tina Gardener	NHP – Refreshments, cups, A1 colour map & travelling £64.57. Hi Vis waistcoats, batteries, stationery, stamps and coffee £71.00	002860	£135.57
Sedgemoor DC	Quarterly lease of Sharks Lane	002861	£125.00
Nether Stowey PC	Quantock Cluster Admin Fee 2014/15	002862	£30.00
Mike Phillips	Timber for stakes	002863	£32.36
Royal British Legion	Wreath and donation	002864	£100.00
Mike Phillips	Payment for Bugler for Remembrance Sunday	002865	£40.00
Cannington URC	NHP – Hire of hall for consultation on 29 th October 2014	002866	£30.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	October grounds maintenance, clearance of footpaths and additional work at the cemetery	002867	£2975.39

2. **The accounts for October 2014** have been circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **The Budget statement for October 2014** has been circulated to all Councillors.
4. **Budget 2015/16** Councillors were asked to forward all budget requests for 2015/16 to the Clerk in time for the next meeting.

11/11/14 Black Poplar – Jubilee Gardens

The felling of the Black Poplar on 29th October 2014 had to be aborted due to an electrical fault at the Old Vicarage which was identified when the standby generator was connected, which meant that Western Power had to reconnect the power supply. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed that we should try and recover the costs incurred by the Parish Council from Somerset County Council owners of the Old Vicarage. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird and agreed unanimously. A new date for felling the tree would be arranged as soon as possible.

12/11/14 Website

Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird proposed that we should abandon the current website and look for a new website. This was seconded by Cllr Brian and agreed unanimously. Cllrs Mrs Lynda and Brian Stother agreed to look into the possibilities of a new website.

13/11/14 EDF S106 Update

The new play area is currently out to tender and it is hoped to be completed by Spring 2015.

14/11/14 Help and advice across Sedgemoor (HAAS) One Stop Shop

It was agreed that the Clerk would attend one session per month at Cannington United Reformed Church for a trial period. It was also agreed that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk would take part in the Info Hub training provided by HAAS to be better informed to assist with queries from members of the public.

15/11/14 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey. The annual brook walk took place on 28th October 2014. The Environment Agency has agreed to clear the brook between the two road bridges and under the main bridge during November 2014. They will also clear the brook at the rear of Southbrook Close once access has been established. It was suggested that the brook walk should take place in September next year
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported that CiB are working hard planting spring bulbs. Bridgwater College are donating 50 pence from the sale of each hot drink sold in the Walled Gardens Tearoom from November 2014 to January 2015 to CiB.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported that the additional maintenance and hedge planting agreed at the last meeting has been completed. The gate hinge is in need of repair, Cllr Alan Davey agreed to look into it. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be installing a plaque on the Cemetery gates
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen reported that the College will now pick up at the farm. The annual meeting with Bridgwater College has been arranged for Monday 24th November 2014 at 6.30pm at the new farm centre.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen. The clerk will put together a list of keyholders for the village in the event the hall is used for an emergency rest centre.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported; that whilst the cars were cleared in Brook Street for the felling of the Black Poplar the Grounds Maintenance Contractor was able to cut back the hedge apart from one section where the car owners didn't remove their cars. We are waiting for Bridgwater College to take down the third Hornbeam Tree. The Clerk will contact SCC regarding the road/bank subsidence by the Turnpike Bridge. The knotweed treatment has been very successful and another treatment will be required in the spring. The village map is being sanded down before being re-oiled. The Poplar on the south side of the brook needs to have an annual report along with the Oak tree on the War Memorial.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey. The licence to occupy the car park by Kier Construction has been extended until the end of February 2015. The Clerk will chase SDC regarding the siting of another storage container. The proposed area for the container will be marked out.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother reported there had been 12 speedwatches in October with 91 speeders recorded from 2638 vehicles. It was noted that the number of vehicles travelling through the village had increased.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that a multi-faceted application was being processed through the Community Impact Mitigation Fund.
- l. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade. A meeting was held on 6th November 2014 with SYRP and Jo the youth volunteer. The numbers attending were improving. It was more difficult to manage the children with just one worker and Jo, it was agreed to advertise for volunteers to help in the kitchen. Noise was a factor and there is little that could be done to reduce the noise owing to the acoustics in the hall. The WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month and they would try to keep the noise down when they are upstairs and remind the children that they are not to go upstairs. It was agreed to run the youth club in term time only and during the lighter evenings to make use of the playing field and pavilion at Rodway.

16/11/14 Matters of Report

The Community Forum meeting was held on 16th October 2014 at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre and attended by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird. The minutes have been circulated to all Councillors and are available from the Clerk.

The Hinkley Point SSG meeting was held on 31st October 2014 and was attended by Cllr Mike Phillips who reported that on A Station the clean-up of R2 ponds is now complete and sealed and work to clean the walls of R1 ponds was progressing well. The dismantling of the turbine hall is scheduled for 2018/19 although they wish to bring this forward; Cllr Mike Phillips requested that this wasn't done until the new bypass was completed.

The Somerset Library Service is holding a consultation which started on 3rd November 2014 and lasts for 10 weeks. The mobile service for Cannington is not affected at the moment but would be kept under regular review. At the present there are only 18 registered borrowers.

The new dog bins have now been installed at the junction of Lonsdale Road with Main Road and at the bottom of East Street. Chairman Colin Allen reported that the Christmas lights would be put up on Saturday 6th December 2014 and taken down on 10th January 2015 and asked for volunteers to assist.

Bob Child reported that he has noticed damage to the War Memorial; Chairman Colin Allen volunteered to investigate.

17/11/14 Items for the next meeting

18/11/14 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th December 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed Date