



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 12th December 2017 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Jack Popham, Robin Phipps and Andrew Vickery

Chair: Mike Phillips

Somerset County Council: Mike Caswell

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 6

Public Session

A member of the public requested that the parish council purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to monitor the traffic pre- and post the traffic calming scheme being implemented to check the effect of the scheme.

Welcome signs were requested for the village.

Three residents of Southbrook Close have not had their complaints with the ombudsman of the Otter Brook development upheld.

Concerns were raised about the increase in HGV movements for the construction of HPC reported in the media.

Dave Tudor thanked the Parish Council for their hard work during the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Session

01/12/17 Apologies for Absence were received from Chairman Colin Allen, SDC Cllr Ann Bown, Parish Cllrs Dawn Horrobin, Kym Wardhaugh and David Greenslade and Aly Prowse

02/12/17 Declarations of Members Interests there were no declarations of members interests.

03/11/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th November and 29th November 2017

The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 14th November and Wednesday 29th November 2017 were approved.

04/12/17 Matters Arising

1. 15/11/17 – Traffic Calming. The CIM fund application has to be received by WSDC by 1st February 2017. Cllr Robin Phipps proposed that the Parish Council should make a contribution of £5,000 towards the scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
2. 04/11/17 - Otters Brook development. The Enforcement Officer of SDC stated that the developers are compliant with the conditions of the use of the temporary road access onto Main Road.
3. 04/11/17 – Future use of Rodway Playing Fields. A meeting will be arranged for January and the college has expressed an interest in being involved.

05/12/17 Planning matters

New Planning applications

1. **13/17/00040** Request for discharge of requirement relating to CP12, surface and foul water, associated with Cannington Park and Ride. (For information)
2. **13/17/00041** 1 no Eucalyptus (T1) and 2 no Sycamore (T2) reduce by 25% and shape. 1 no Sycamore (T3) and 2 no Conifer (T4&5) fell to ground level at Henrietta Cottage, 9 Fore Street, TA5 2HQ. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Vickery and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/17/00042** 4 no trees crown lift, 2 no trees fell, 1 no tree crown reduce and group of pittosporum crown reduce at Bridgwater and Taunton College, Cannington Centre. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application on the grounds of safety. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.

Other Planning matters

1. Non-material amendments. The Clerk has requested that the Parish Council is notified of all application types received by SDC.
2. Electronic Consultations on planning applications. After discussions it was agreed to view planning applications at the next meeting using the projector and screen. SCC Cllr Mike Caswell stated that Hinkley Point SSG would provide a grant up to £500 if it was necessary to purchase a new projector.

06/12/17 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques were approved for payment

| 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) November 2017 | S/O | £250.00 |
| Getmapping plc | Parish online – renewal of subscription | 3253 | £54.00 |
| EDF Energy | Electricity for Pavilion, Rodway Playing Fields. Aug–Nov 2017 | 3254 | £121.43 |
| Tina Gardener | HMRC Tax & NI 06/07/17 to 05/10/17 | 3255 | £242.73 |
| Choice Stationery | Computer ink | 3256 | £111.54 |
| Greenslades Grounds Maintenance | Grounds maintenance contract for October 2017 | 3257 | £1,116.90 |
| Tina Gardener | Clerk's Salary – November 2017 | 3258 | £653.33 |
| Aly Prowse | Deputy Clerk's Salary -November 2017 | 3259 | £297.89 |
| The following payments are due; | | | |
| Kitchen & bathroom features | Plumbing work carried out at the Pavilion, Rodway Playing Fields | 3260 | £383.00 |
| Mike Phillips | Hire of lighting tower for Cannington Christmas and storage for Christmas lights | 3261 | £118.52 |
| Water2business | Pavilion, Rodway Playing Fields June to November 2017 | 3262 | £46.62 |
| Aly Prowse | Stationery and postage | 3263 | £34.70 |
| A W Taylor | Work on electricity supply in Jubilee Gardens | 3264 | £28.00 |
| Greenslades Grounds Maintenance | Grounds maintenance contract for November 2017 | 3265 | £1,116.90 |
| Mendip Community Transport | Donation (approved after min. 07/12/17 4.) | 3266 | £100.00 |
| Seed of hope | Donation (approved after min. 07/12/17 1.) | 3267 | £1,500 |

2. **The accounts for November 2017** were previously circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record. The current balance is £76,144.43
3. **The Budget statement for November 2017** was previously circulated to all Councillors
4. **Jubilee Gardens – hedge.** The Jubilee Garden will discuss the options for the hedge at a meeting to be held in the new year.
5. **Finance & Staffing meeting held on 30th November**
 - Staffing levels- agreed to review in April 2018.
 - The 2017/18 forecast was agreed with an anticipated underspend of £7,225. It was also agreed to reduce Jubilee Gardens budget by £2,000 and Contingency budget by £2,500 and transfer to Christmas lights.
 - A budget provision for 2018/19 was put together and it resulted in an excess of expenditure over income of £7,550, this excess can be accommodated by reserves. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed that the precept for 2018/19 should remain at £40,000. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously.
 - Change of use of bank accounts. The council currently has 3 bank accounts. Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to close the account previously used for flood funds, maintain the Treasurers account for day-to-day transactions and use the Business Bank Instant account for earmarked reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously.

07/12/17 Correspondence

1. Grant application from Seed of Hope. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to donate £1,500 towards the improvements to the Garden of Rest. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed by a majority.
2. Somerset Cadet Battalion (The Rifles) ACF. A request for support and match funding for a CIM Fund bid has been received and Cllrs were happy to support the application. Cllr Robin Phipps proposed to contribute £500. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.
3. Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments for 2017/18.
4. Mendip Community Transport – a funding request has been received. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to donate £100. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.

08/12/17 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Clerk. The rent requests for 2018 have been sent out and about 25% has been paid. The Clerk is still monitoring a few allotments which need attention. The boundary fence running along the lane will need replacing.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade. The Brook walk has been cancelled for this year.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk. CIB will not be entering South West in Bloom in 2018 but will carry on with their work around the village. Busy planting the winter bedding and bulbs. The colour scheme for summer 2018 is red, white and blue, this is to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. Ray Wardhaugh as resigned as Chairman and leaving the group.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. Including report on Annual meeting held on 28th November 2017. The College is looking in to providing carparking spaces for the public, is in support of the traffic calming scheme for Cannington and would like to be involved with discussions regarding the future use of Rodway playing fields.

- f. Seed of Hope – Cllr Robin Phipps
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- j. Somerset Association Local Councils
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring and Speed Indicator Device (SID)- Clerk. In November there were 11 speed watch outings. Out of 1,638 vehicle movements there were 51 speeders. The top speed recorded was 62mph. After discussions it was agreed not to purchase a SID at present but the clerk will ask SCC to carry out traffic census pre-and post the traffic calming scheme being implemented to monitor its effectiveness.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham. The youth club is closed for December.

Other Report

- 1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Temporary road closure on A39 for 2 nights from 18th December between Nether Stowey and Holford
 - 30mph signs for private dustbins. After discussions Councillors agreed that the Council would not purchase any signs as most bins are only out overnight.
 - Road markings on west roundabout approach to Cannington from Minehead. It was agreed that the road markings are confusing and the wrong lanes are being used. The clerk will contact Highways.
 - SCC proposes to make an order to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the C182 from the end of the 40mph north of the roundabout on Rodway in a westerly and northerly direction for 5,310m.
- 2. Cannington Park and Ride is progressing well and is due to be complete April 2018. Work has started on the cycle path from the P&R to the east roundabout.
- 3. The latest Sedgemoor SW Cluster meeting was held on 28th November 2017 and was attended by Cllr Rob Morgan. Most of the issues related to Highways and it was agreed that this will be addressed at the next Transport Forum meeting. A pre-meeting will be arranged to coordinate the presentation from the cluster group.
- 4. Cannington Christmas was a great success. It was commented that the Christmas tree lights now look dull compared to the new lights around Jubilee Gardens.

Matters of Report

09/12/17 Items for the next meeting

10/12/17 Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed Date