



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Dawn Horrobin, Kym Wardhaugh, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Jack Popham, David Greenslade, Robin Phipps and Andrew Vickery

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Ian Dyer and Ann Bown

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 9

Public Session

- Kris Scotting and Alison Waters gave a brief update on work to improve the Garden of Rest in the Churchyard. The work has already commenced. Some of the hedge has been removed by College students, the border will be replanted and a barrier put up, there will be floral decorations, seating and outdoor place for worship, a gate is being considered for the Yew hedge. It is hoped that members of the congregation will assist. Funding for the project is from grants from SDC and the Parish Council; further fundraising still needs to be completed.
- Catherine Nightingale made a request for the remaining trunk of the Black Poplar to be retained and used as a seat as it is a significant landmark in Cannington. A member of the public suggested putting up a plaque detailing the tree's history.
- A member of the public thanked Ian Dyer for clearing snow around the village, it was greatly appreciated. Other Councillors had also been helping within the village.

Council Session

01/03/18 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Aly Prowse and SCC Cllr Mike Caswell

02/03/18 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr Rob Morgan minute 05/03/18 new planning applications.

Cllr Mike Phillips minute 05/03/18 new planning applications 2.

03/03/18 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th February 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2018 were approved.

04/03/18 Matters Arising

1. 04/02/18 – Traffic Calming – CIM application. Aly Prowse, Chairman Colin Allen and Cllr Mike Phillips will be attending the POB meeting at WSDC on 5th April 2018.
2. 04/02/18 – Footpath BW5/2 – SCC will be issuing a notice regarding the planned new route of part of BW5/2 shortly.
3. 04/02/18 – Otters Brook - Footpath BW5/1 should be open at Easter and the workforce should be leaving site in 8 to 10 weeks.
4. 07/02/18 5. – Tree Report. A number of minor issues were raised which the Clerk will attend to. Consideration should be given to removing the existing tree stock (excluding the Yew trees) in the Cemetery and planting new trees. This will be a future agenda item.

05/03/18 Planning matters

New Planning applications

Cllr Rob Morgan left the meeting from 7.45pm to 7.50pm for all the new planning applications

1. **13/18/00006/LE** – Erection of a dwelling at 45 Brook Street, Cannington for Mr & Mrs D Tudor. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously on the following grounds; a low profile construction which uses an existing access to Brook Street. It offers no significant visual or environmental impact on adjacent dwellings

Cllr Mike Phillips left the meeting from 7.47pm to 7.48pm for planning application 13/18/00009

2. **13/18/00009/DRT** – Erection of an outbuilding for storage, on site of existing garage/shed (to be demolished) for Messrs Morgan and Phillips. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously on the following grounds; a non-contentious development to an existing residence, sympathetic to adjacent properties. It offers no visual or environmental challenge to the immediate locale.
3. **13/18/00010/LE** – Conversion of loft to living accommodation to include extending the existing dormer windows and the replacement of existing hanging tiles with timber effect Cedral cladding at 3 Portland Close, Cannington for Mr Francis. This application was received too late to be included on the agenda. Notices of the application will be posted on the notice boards and website.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/18/00001/STP** – Erection of six semidetached dwellings with detached garages and the creation of access, turning and car parking provision on Land at Park Lane, Cannington. **Withdrawn**
2. **13/18/00002/STP** – Retrospective application for the retention of a greenhouse on land opposite 1 Belvedere Close. **Permission granted.**

3. **13/18/00003** – Formation of vehicle access and provision of off road parking and turning area at 11 Main Road, Cannington. **Permission granted**
4. **13/18/00007/RM** – Request for discharge of requirement relating to CP5 (Construction Hours) at Cannington Park and Ride for EDF Energy. **HPC – granted/sufficient detail**
5. Although not one of Cannington’s application **51/17/00016** redevelopment of Greenways Garage. **Permission granted**

06/03/18 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) March 2018	S/O	£250.00
Tina Gardener	HMRC payment for period 6/10/16 to 05/01/18	3280	£223.35
Post Office Ltd	EDF Energy – Pavilion Aug 2017 to Feb 2018 Jubilee Gardens June 2017 to Feb 2018	3281	£233.53
Tina Gardener	Clerk’s Salary – February 2018	3282	£653.33
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk’s Salary –February 2018	3283	£297.89
The following payments are due;			
Youth Unlimited	Youth Club services Nov 2017 to Feb 2018	3284	£2,031.14
Cannington URC	Hire of room for February 2018 Parish Council meeting	3285	£30.00
Sedgemoor District Council	Annual grass cutting to compliment SCC maintenance April to October 2017	3286	£1,497.60
Paul Allen	IT Maintenance contract for March 2018	3287	£50.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for February 2018	3288	£1,116.90

2. **The accounts for February 2018** were previously circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record. The current balance is £67,066.82.
3. **The Budget statement for February 2018** was previously circulated to all Councillors
4. **The Grounds Maintenance Contracts** commencing on 1st March 2018 have been awarded and accepted as follows; Grounds Maintenance Contract (excl Playing Fields) awarded to Greenslades Grounds Maintenance and Rodway Playing Fields awarded to Clean Surroundings SDC.

07/03/18 Correspondence

1. RLT2/3 Funds – There is a balance of £4,638.00 in the RLT2 fund specifically for Cannington and £68,190.17 in the RLT3 funds for the Quantock Cluster area.
2. Nether Stowey Parish Council – Library service. Looking for donations from neighbouring Parishes towards the running costs of the library in Nether Stowey. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Bridgwater Carnival Traffic Management Team – Has offered to organise the Remembrance Day road closure for 2018, which was accepted.
4. Environment Agency – Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Project. A presentation will be held in the public session of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 10th April 2018.
5. James Lloyd – Following the recent bad weather a request for an emergency team of helpers.

08/03/18 Bridgwater Mercury article regarding £440,000 payment by EDF

Councillors were extremely concerned to learn that a £440,000 payment had been made to SDC relating to the number of contractors residing in Cannington. The Parish Council learned of this from the media rather than SDC. After lengthy discussions it was agreed a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive of SDC and copied to the leader of SDC expressing our concerns.

A meeting took place this morning with SDC who explained the following; There is a fund of £70,000 ring fenced for Cannington, some of this money will be spent on a housing needs survey and feasibility study. We will also have access to a £1.03million fund if the survey identifies a need and suitable land can be sourced.

09/03/18 Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Neighbourhood Plan for Cannington will be submitted to Nick Tait, SDC for an initial scrutiny before the consultation starts.

10/03/18 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Clerk. During the recent cold weather the water supply to the allotments froze causing one of the tops to blow off and a large water leak occurred. The supply has been turned off and a plumber will be contacted. We should consider the water supply off each winter to avoid a repetition.
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade. Concerns have been raised about the amount of flow in the brook and at what point the water will flow over into the flood alleviation scheme.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk. CIB are considering the possibility of planting the triangle of ground outside of Jubilee Gardens (opposite end to telephone box). Ian Dyer suggested planting bulbs along the new cycle path on Cannington Straight. Ian will chase the new village sign and signs for CIB.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley. A mole catcher has been employed and 6 moles have been caught to date. The Yew trees need attention and the contractor will be contacted.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. There was no meeting with the College this month. They have requested to use Rodway playing field car park for Lambing Sunday on 18th March 2018.

- f. Seed of Hope – Cllr Robin Phipps
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding. In light of the recent snow it was agreed that the members of this team would also be available during other emergencies. It was noted that the emergency flood phone was no longer operational. Cllr Mike Phillips agreed for his mobile number to be used in the interim.
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery. The mole catcher has also been in operation in Jubilee Gardens and has so far caught 2 moles. A request has been made for the bench and village map in Jubilee Gardens to be treated and the electricity supply box to be painted green. Following the request from Catherine Nightingale for the metre high stump of the Black Poplar to be retained and turned into a seat, Councillors discussed this in some detail. It was unanimously agreed to continue with the removal of the Black Poplar and to put a plaque in its place. We are awaiting the infill of the hedge recently cleared. It is anticipated that work will commence on the Packhorse Bridge in the summer, necessary footpath closures and other consents need to be agreed. This work will be carried out by South West Heritage Trust and will be funded through an EDF Heritage Fund. A quote will be given for providing kerbstones to the area outside Putsoms Cottage.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips. It was agreed to set up a working party to discuss the future use. Cllrs Mike Phillips, Jack Popham, Rob Morgan, Dawn Horrobin and David Greenslades volunteered. A meeting will take place shortly.
- j. Somerset Association Local Councils
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring and Speed Indicator Device (SID)- Clerk. In February there were 6.5 speed watch outings (one cut short due to bad weather). Out of 888 vehicle movements there were 24 speeders. The top speed recorded was 49mph.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade reported that the Village Hall were replacing the back door to the garden.
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham reported that the Youth Club has been spending their £1,000 grant recently received. The Youth and Community Services has awarded £3,500 grant for youth provision for 2018/19. The Clerk will look into obtaining DBS checks for Chairman Colin Allen and Councillors Mike Phillips and Jack Popham.

Other Reports

- 1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Letter of complaint re road works after 8.00pm
 - Cemetery layby – some resurfacing will be carried out.
 - Remedial works took place over the weekend to Sandford Corner roundabout
 - SCC has issued a notice of an order to prohibit right turns on the bypass for the Park and Ride site. Any objections to be sent to SCC by 3rd April 2018.
 - Western Power is dealing with the problems with street lights not working properly in Brook Street.
- 2. Cannington Park and Ride. There was no meeting this month due to bad weather. The next meeting will take place on 4th April 2018 on site.
- 3. The Transport Forum presentation from the meeting held on 1st February 2018 has been circulated to all Councillors. The concern raised by this Parish Council was that the Cemetery layby was being used as a parking and waiting area by SPS buses, who have now been directed to avoid stacking vehicles prior to commencement of services and schedules are being revised to avoid the need to pre-position vehicles.
- 4. The EDF Community Forum meeting was held on 15th February 2018 and minutes will be circulated as soon as they are received
- 5. The Hinkley Point SSG meeting was held on 23rd February 2018 and attended by Cllr Mike Phillips, his report has been circulated to all Councillors
- 6. The Joint Sedgemoor Parishes Cluster meeting was held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 and attended by Cllr Rob Morgan

Matters of Report

11/03/18 Items for the next meeting

12/03/18 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th April 2018

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed Date