



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Kym Wardhaugh, Steve Pettitt, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps, Graham Bell and Andrew Vickery.

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillors: Brian Bolt

County Councillor: Mike Caswell

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 4

01/12/19 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensations

There were no declarations of members interests or dispensation requests.

Public Session

Points raised in the public session include;

- A member of the public strongly objected to the removal of the hedge in Jubilee Gardens and replacing it with a wall - prefer a wildflower strip.
- The Parish Council should set aside a substantial budget to help fund a new village hall
- Good comments received on the recently planted trees in Otters Brook.
- One of the original trees in Otters Brook which was broken has still not been replaced.
- A tree in Jubilee Gardens is growing into the support post.
- Seasons greetings were exchanged.

Council Session

02/12/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ian Dyer

03/12/19 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th November 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019 were approved.

04/12/19 Matters Arising

1. **04/11/19** – Homes in Sedgemoor report outstanding from walk held on 19th June 2019. SDC are carrying out an option appraisal on the garages. A job card has been issued to inspect the service roads to the garages.
2. **04/11/19** – 75th VE Day commemorations on 8th to 10th May 2020
3. **04/11/19** – Adoption of BT phone box in Brook Street. The contract to adopt the BT phone box has been signed and once the telephone equipment has been removed the defibrillator can be ordered and installed.
4. **04/11/19** – Public open space – Toll House Road. The Parish Council's preference and a summary of the responses from residents has been sent to SDC for consideration.
5. **10/11/19** – ID cards for Councillors – ongoing.

05/12/19 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/19/00047** – Change of use from C2 use (Residential Institutions) to Sui Generis, to retain the existing use and add a visitor facility, commercial event use and extension of the existing ancillary office use at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington. This application was brought forward from last month and a meeting took place with EDF to raise our concerns with some aspects of the application, EDF agreed to the exclusions and their response has been circulated to Councillors. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed that these changes should be reflected in the planning application. This was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery, but the motion was not carried. Cllr M Phillips proposed to support the application on condition the exclusions were agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed by a majority.
2. **13/19/00050** – Hybrid (full and outline) application. Full application for the erection of one detached residential dwelling with detached double garage, access, turning and car parking provisions. Outline application for 2 no dwellings with details of access and all other matters reserved. On land at Park Lane, Cannington. This application was considered in two parts.
 - New build- we recognise that SDC policy D9 supports self-build in principle and that the application can still be considered against the valid planning grounds. After lengthy discussions it was proposed to oppose this application as it is too imposing on the ridge line, it will have an adverse impact on the street scene and hedgerow will have to be removed.

- Outline planning for 2 dwellings – After discussions it was proposed to oppose this application particularly given the sensitivity of the ridge line and no evidence that market conditions have been tested for this application, and there is already planning consent for 73 houses in Cannington.
 - These were proposed by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh, seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/19/00051** – Mulberry tree (T2) reduce crown by 50%, removing main stem and shortening back side limbs at The Red House, 28 High Street, Cannington. Cllr Kym Wardhaugh proposed to support this application, this was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.
 4. **96/19/00024/CR** – Request for discharge of requirement relating to PW18 Residential Amenity: information dissemination and complaints handling. NNB Generation Company.

Panning decisions

1. **13/19/00048** – Erection of front porch and single storey and two storey extensions to side and rear elevations and installation of dormer window to front elevation to accommodate second floor at 14 Rydon Crescent. **Permission granted.**

06/12/19 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Flooding issues at the High Street/Rodway junction. This is already under investigation by Highways, but it was noted that the flood water was across the road again this evening.
2. Cannington Neighbourhood Plan
 - Waiting a response from SDC
3. Traffic Calming
 - The double yellow lines on Rodway have been re-instated, consideration to be given to extend the zig-zags by the crossing
 - The flashing lights for the 20mph zone in Brook Street will be operational next week.
 - A traffic census will be carried out at the end of January 2020
4. Footpaths
 - The volunteers meeting for 14th December has been cancelled due to lack of interest
 - It was noted that there were over 90 miles of footpaths within the parish.
5. Otters Brook
 - The cherry trees were planted last week
 - Councillors agreed to a maintenance contract for the trees
 - Clean Surrounds will include the grass cutting from April 2020 in their maintenance schedule (14 cuts per year).
6. South West Cluster meeting
 - This was attended by the Deputy Clerk and minutes have been circulated to councillors
7. Transport Forum
 - This was attended by Cllr Rob Morgan and the minutes will be circulated once received

07/12/19 Correspondence

1. Mendip Community Transport – donation request. Councillors agreed to a donation of £100
2. URC Luncheon Club – Request for volunteer drivers to help the less abled attend lunch on Tuesdays
3. Climate Emergency drop-ins – the nearest one is at SDC offices from 10.00am to 4.00pm on 8th February 2020

08/12/19 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Rodway Pavilion refurbishment
 - Funding has been agreed for the project
 - Western Power Distribution (WPD) due to commence the installation of a new electricity supply on 27.01.20
 - Pavilion refurbishment will commence the second week of February
2. Jubilee Garden wall – no progress
3. College car park
 - The fencing is completed and the locks will be installed the first week of January
 - It should be operational by the end of January.
4. Capital Projects steering group
 - A meeting to be arranged in January and consideration to be given to kerbing in Jubilee Gardens and a screen and projector for the village hall.

09/12/19 Financial Matters

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

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) December 2019	S/O	£250.00
HeartInternet	Exchange mailbox December 2019	DD	£12.00
Aly Prowse	2no Union flags	3510	£98.16
Post Office Ltd (EDF)	Electricity supply for Xmas lights	3511	£82.92
BT Payphones	Adoption of Brook Street phone box	3512	£1.00
Western Power Distribution	New power supply at Rodway	3513	£7,543.19

Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for November 2019 plus additional hours	3514	£842.76
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for November 2019	3515	£343.52
The following payments are due;			
SDC	Emptying dog bin at Otters Brook	3516	£53.60
Water 2 Business	Water supply Rodway pavilion	3517	£31.15
Joe Wigley	IT support	3518	£40.00
Tina Gardener	Stationery, stamps and software	3519	£74.78
Aly Prowse	Stamps	3520	£7.32
Kerris Network	Camera for college car park	3521	£1668.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance contract for November and reinstatement of Jubilee Gardens where works compound was	3522	£1057.94
Mendip Community Transport	Donation	3523	£100.00

2. **The accounts for November 2019** had previously been circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record. The balance at 30th November 2019 is £84,472.54, including reserves of £39,220.00
3. **The budget statement for November 2019** has been circulated to all councillors
4. **Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on 4th December 2019**
 - **Staffing hours** –to be reviewed in March 2020
 - **Forecast 2019/20** – a predicted balance of £73,357 to carry forward at 31.03.20. This includes allocated reserves of £32,343.00 and precept reserves of £20,277.00
 - **Precept 2020/21** – a draft budget for 20/21 had been drawn up. It was noted that the income received from the Rodway car park rental generates a saving of £20.00 on the average band D. It was proposed by Cllr Rob Morgan to maintain the precept at £40,000. This was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettit and agreed unanimously.

10/12/19 War Memorial Plaque

Concerns were raised about the state of the plaque which was only refurbished in August 2018. The contractor had been contacted and accepted no liability for the current state of the plaque. Advice had been sought from another contractor and it was also agreed to seek advice from SDC before a decision was made.

11/12/19 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk. The water supply has now been turned off and thanks were given to Mr Berridge for doing this. There are currently no plots available. Two allotment holders had been written to regarding the state of their allotments otherwise everything is in order. The rent letters for 2020 have been sent out.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt. CiB made £200 from the Christmas Fayre
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer. We are waiting for a quote for the re-tensioning of the Yew trees.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. The college are currently unable to maintain the roundabouts as their students do not have Chapter 8 certificates.
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh. The AGM was held on 25th November 2019 and was attended by Chairman Colin Allen and Cllr Andrew Vickery. The village hall is hoping to replace the tables.
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

12/12/19 Matters of Report

1. SDC planning training held on 19th and 28th November 2019
2. Parish Council office closure for Christmas and New Year. The office will close on Monday 23rd December 2019 and re-open on Monday 6th January 2020
3. Community Forum to be held on 23rd January 2020
4. The Cannington Christmas was a great success and was well attended. Dave Tomaney, Chairman of Cannington in Bloom switched on the Christmas lights.
5. Police report – There have been a number of burglaries recently including the Friendly Spirit and the Walled Gardens. Regular meetings are being arranged between the Parish Council and PCSO Jason Wyatt.

Chairman Colin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

13/12/19 Items for the next meeting

14/12/19 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2020

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed Date