



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th January 2020 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

District Councillors: Ian Dyer (also Parish Councillor)

County Councillor: Mike Caswell (left the meeting at 8.00pm)

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 4

01/01/20 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Ian Dyer declared an interest in planning application 13/19/00063 (agenda item 05/01/20)

Public Session

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the transport of residents with mobility issues to the Tuesday lunch club at Cannington URC. A mini bus/taxi would be required. Suggestions included approaching; Transporting Somerset (SCC) and Bridgwater and Taunton College for use of their mini buses. It was also suggested to approach Cannington Combined Charities for financial assistance.

Council Session

02/01/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Robin Phipps and Rob Morgan and SDC Cllr Brian Bolt.

03/01/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th December 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019 were approved after a minor amendment to the public session notes.

04/01/20 Matters Arising

1. **04/12/19** – 75th VE Day commemorations on 8th to 10th May 2020
2. **04/12/19** – Adoption of BT phone box in Brook Street. Still waiting for the telephony equipment to be removed. The phone box will need to be refurbished. Once this has been done a new defibrillator will be ordered. Defibrillator awareness training has been arranged for Saturday 24th April 2020 at 10.0am in the village hall.
3. **04/12/19** – Public open space – Toll House Road. John Addison (Bridgwater & Taunton College) has been approached for a planting plan.
4. **04/12/19** – ID cards for Councillors. All the information has been sent to SDC and we are waiting for the cards to be printed.
5. **10/12/19** – War Memorial Plaque. Fine Memorials has been approached for quotes to refurbish the plaque.

05/01/20 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/19/00054-62** – Various requests for discharge requirements relating to Comwich Wharf for EDF.
2. **13/19/00063** – Outline planning with all matters reserved for the reconstruction of a former mill building to be used as a café/farm shop at Blackmore Farm, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.
(Cllr Ian Dyer left the room for this item).

Planning decisions

1. **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. **Permission granted**

06/01/20 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Waiting for jetting of the drains at the College, High Street entrance
 - The College is wary of their students using the Rodway Crossing when vehicles are parked on double yellow lines.
 - Ongoing issues with vehicles parked on the pavements and ziz zag markings outside the Kings Head and Spar.
 - Reduce speed sign on the western approach to Cannington has now been moved.
2. Cannington Neighbourhood Plan
The plan has been returned by SDC and we are currently working through the issues. Councillors agreed to use our planning consultant where necessary.

3. Traffic Calming
Monitoring of the traffic to see the effectiveness of phase 1 will be carried out early February.
Phase 2 will concentrate on the widening of the footpath outside the village hall. Alterations to the layby in Brook Street will not now go ahead.
4. Footpaths
SCC now has a new co-ordinator for volunteers.
The River Parrett Trail is being improved by South Somerset District Council and partners. A survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RPTcommunity2019>
5. Otters Brook
All the necessary paperwork has been given to our solicitors in order for the agreement of the transfer of land and commuted sum to be drawn up.

07/01/20 Correspondence

1. Mendip Community Transport – a thank you letter has been received for the £100 donation
2. The Target deadline was extended for the Parish Council until 15th January so any items arising from this meeting can be included.

08/01/20 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Rodway Pavilion refurbishment
The installation of the new power supply will commence on 27th January, followed by the refurbishment of the pavilion on 10th February.
2. Jubilee Garden wall
There has been a lot of false information on Facebook regarding the possibility of the existing hedge in Jubilee Gardens to be replaced by a wall. No decision has yet been made by the Parish Council.
3. College car park
The signage has still to be agreed.
4. Future projects
 - Projector and screen – the Clerk is currently getting quotes.
 - Kerbing and footpath for Jubilee Gardens – to be discussed at the next Jubilee Gardens committee meeting.
 - Footpath for new part of Cemetery – Cllr Ian Dyer agreed to measure width of existing footpath and length required.

09/01/20 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) January 2020	S/O	£250.00
HeartInternet	Exchange mailbox January 2020	DD	£12.00
Mike Phillips	Hire of lighting tower	3524	£100.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for December 2019 plus additional hours	3525	£842.56
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for December 2019	3526	£343.72
The following payments are due;			
Stuart Todd Associates	Consultancy fees for NHP	3527	£210.00
SDC	Grass cutting to compliment SCC maintenance programme	3528	£1497.60
Mike Phillips	Mileage allowance to Wellington and return	3529	£13.50
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for December 2019	3530	£907.94
Ben Jarvis	Maintenance of yew trees in Cemetery	3531	£350.00

2. **The accounts for December 2019** had previously been circulated to all Councillors and were agreed as a true record. The balance at 31st December 2019 is £88,494.60, including reserves of £39,220.00.
3. **The Budget statement for December 2019** has been circulated to all Councillor.

10/01/20 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable (Cllr M Caswell left the meeting at this point)

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. There is currently one allotment available.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer. The Flood Alleviation scheme has been activated once so far this winter.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt. Concerns regarding the maintenance of the roundabouts. A maintenance schedule for all areas in Cannington needs to be drawn up. The watering contractor will be the same as last year. Cllr Ian Dyer agreed to research a larger pump to aid the watering.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer. The clerk will check the maintenance contract regarding the treatment of old graves.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. The exterior of Court House will be painted and the garden tidied.
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery. Concerns once again raised about moles. This will be discussed at the next Jubilee Garden committee meeting.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips. The traditional New Year's day football match took place and £930 was raised for charity.
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

11/01/20 Matters of Report

1. Community Forum to be held on 23rd January 2019
2. College no parking signs required for Bowling Green.
3. Somerset County Council and District Councils possible reorganisation

12/01/20 Items for the next meeting

13/01/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2020

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed Date