



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th September 2020 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Colin Allen

Deputy Clerk: Aly Prowse

Members of the public: 2

Chairman Colin Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending in these unprecedented times. He felt the parish council had coped well during the lockdown period and thanked the clerks for their efforts.

01/09/20 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensations.

Public Session

- Photographs of the damage to the furniture in the Community Orchard at the end of May were passed to councillors
- A member of the public identified a report of discharges into Cannington Brook within the "Is my river fit to play in" publication. This was passed to Cllr Dyer
- The parish council was asked not to forget the damage to property and pavements in Mill Lane
- A member of the public asked if the parish council could write to both Cannington In Bloom and the Cannington Health Centre to thank them for their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic
- A member of the public asked if councillors are aware of the impact a district councillor could have when serving as both a parish and district councillor regarding planning applications/Development Committee. The Chairman advised that councillors are aware.
- Cllr Bell confirmed he had reviewed the re-routing of footpath BW5/7 and was happy with it
- The Chairman explained the £50000 commuted sum is for ongoing ground maintenance obligations at Otters Brook

Council Session

02/09/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr B Bolt

03/09/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2020 were approved.

04/09/20 Matters Arising not covered by separate agenda item

The Chairman said a meeting will be held shortly to discuss nominations for this year's Child of Cannington award.

05/09/20 Planning matters

New planning applications

None

Planning decisions

13/20/00017 – Single storey extension to the east elevation to form an attached garage on site of existing (to be demolished) at 23 Mill Lane. **Permission granted.**

Planning decisions by Cannington Parish Council made under the Business Continuity motion at a meeting held on 21st March 2020 can be found in Appendix 1.

06/09/20 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - SCC has been asked to include the 'road narrowing' near the Southbrook/Main Road junction in its safety audit. EDF will be asked to review potential fly parking of vehicles at the junction, believed to be staff using the park and ride, as it could be dangerous.
 - Street lights along the footpath from the village hall to the church have been fixed.
 - Parking on the pavements opposite the Spar shop is a continuing problem. Cllr Dyer suggested erecting bollards or planters on the pavement to prevent it. The Chairman said 'illegally' parking on the roads adds to the problem. Agenda item for the next meeting.
2. Footpaths
 - Diversion of part of BW5/7 (vicinity of Cannington Quarry). The parish council supported the diversion in its response to SCC.
3. Otters Brook
 - The Land transfer to the parish council has been completed together with the £50,000 commuted sum.
4. Hinkley Point SSG. An extraordinary meeting was held on 31st July 2020. The minutes have been circulated.
5. EDF Transport Forum meetings held on 26 March and 16th July 2020. Cllr Morgan said that all the major projects are now complete. The Forum mainly concentrates on vehicle monitoring, which is now carried out by GPS thus enabling more accurate reporting and the resolution of problems. He is therefore not sure how long the Forum will continue. The minutes have been circulated.

- EDF Community Forum meeting held on 14th May 2020. The minutes have not yet been circulated.

07/09/20 Correspondence

- Alison Waters, Cannington Volunteers requested financial assistance to cover volunteers' mileage expenses during the Covid-19 pandemic. The request is supported and we await an invoice.
- Sedgemoor CAB – donation request. It was generally thought that more people may be in need of advice and support because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, it was proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Wardhaugh that we donate £500, an increase of £100 from last year. This was unanimously supported.
- SDC – Public Space Protection Orders. It was highlighted that Jubilee Gardens is an alcohol-free zone. It was agreed that we should erect signage to inform people of this.
- The proposed replacement of the light controlled pedestrian crossing on Brook Street with a Zebra Crossing was unanimously objected to by councillors. SCC will be advised of this by the due date of 11.9.20.
Cllr Morgan asked what is happening with phase two of the works in the vicinity of the Village Hall. The Chairman said we will arrange a meeting with SCC for a progress update.
- One Somerset/Stronger Somerset. Cllr Dyer reported that SDC is totally opposed to SCC's proposal of a unitary council, believing that there will be no local democracy. Ultimately the decision will be made by the Secretary of State.
- NALC – Consultation on Transparency and Competition (Land Control). This addresses the arrangements for virtual meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- NALC – Consultation on Planning for the future white paper. For both this document and item 8 below, councillors who had read the documents said they were incredibly complex and required specialist knowledge to understand them. This was also the view of Cllr Phillips on behalf of the planning sub group who proposed no further action. This was agreed.
- NALC – Consultation on Changes to the current planning system. See item 7 above.
- Brook Street issues with clothes recycling bin and parking. The SDC Conservation Officer in conjunction with SCC Highways will attempt to resolve this matter.
- The flood relief channel, east of Yeo Valley is badly overgrown with vegetation. The parish council has written to the Environment Agency who will address as part of its autumn maintenance regime, or as an emergency if required.

08/09/20 Capital/CIM fund projects

- Rodway Pavilion refurbishment. Cllr Phillips advised that the electrical appliances have been installed and only the furniture and kitchen equipment is outstanding. He said once the refurbishment is complete, and subject to Covid-19 restrictions, he would like to hold an Open Day to obtain resident's views of the facilities and how best they might be utilised.
- Projector and screen for Village Hall. This project has been delayed due to Covid-19, but it is hoped it can now progress.
- Cemetery
 - The contract has been issued for the new footpath in the new part of the cemetery.
 - A quotation is being sought for tarmac repair works at the entrance of the cemetery.
- Kerbing for Jubilee Gardens
 - The tenders have been received but the work is on hold as the contractors were unable to source the correct stone and their suggested alternatives were unacceptable. We are awaiting confirmation from South West Heritage who may be able to supply us with the stone from their stock.
- Wall at Jubilee Gardens
 - The contract for this work has been awarded. The funding request from the S106 Leisure fund for £30000 has been approved.
- East and West Roundabouts
 - SCC has advised it is hoped to have staff available to process this request within the next four weeks. Cllr Dyer is carrying out the maintenance at the moment and not the College. The Chair said if we get permission to take on the responsibility for grounds maintenance, he will discuss with the College.
- Defibrillator
 - Councillors unanimously approved the new application form designed for future funding applications from the CIM fund which will be administered by the parish council.
 - Councillors unanimously approved the funding application from the CIM fund for £1200.
 - The new defibrillator will be installed into the BT phone box at Brook St on 15.9.20. Once it has been installed, the phone box will need repainting and perhaps some other minor maintenance.

09/09/20 Financial Matters

- Payments made under the Business Continuity Motion agreed at a meeting held on 21st March 2020 can be found in Appendix 2 –
- Payments - The following cheques were approved for payment: -

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
The following payments are due;			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) September 2020	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox September 2020	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services September 2020	DD	£49.44
EDF Energy	Electricity supply for the Christmas Lights	3602	£75.60
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for August 2020 plus expenses	3603	£814.15
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for August 2020	3604	£348.52
Mr M Phillips	Cleaning materials for pavilion	3605	£24.97
A T Thorne	Remove concrete posts in Otters Brook	3606	£335.00
Tina Gardener	Tables and chairs for pavilion refurbishment	3607	£1,235.04

- The accounts for April to July 2020 had been previously circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record. The balance at 31.7.20 was £279817.07, including Restricted Reserves at £238258.59.
- The budget statement for July 2020 has been circulated to all councillors.

4. The Audit return for 2019/20 has been submitted to the external auditors.
5. The £20,000 Government Business Support grant has been received.
6. The SDC Small Business Relief rebate applied for against the Pavilion (2017 to 2021) was received for £2081.10.

10/09/20 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk. There is currently 6 people on the waiting list.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer. The skimmer will be installed within the next two weeks.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt. The volunteers are working when possible. There are certain areas around the village where weeds are growing; Cllr Dyer will try and get the weeding done by the autumn. The Chair said he has received lots of positive comments at how nice the village looked and how proud people are of it, so he recorded a vote of thanks to Cannington in Bloom for all of their efforts and hard work.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer. See minute 08/09/20 item 3, above.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen. Now that the College is back after summer recess, a meeting will be arranged. Cllr Dyer did advise the College of the damage to the furniture in the Community Orchard during May. The College will try and keep on top of the situation and neighbours are also keeping an eye on it. The Chair will discuss the situation at the meeting. Cllr Wardhaugh advised that Court Orchard residents had been contact by Sanctuary Housing to bring their boundaries back into line.
- f. Emergency Planning. The garage will be kept for now. Cllr Dyer volunteered to collect the winter grit.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery. We have requested advice on the ‘apparent’ dead tree; a black poplar sapling from the original tree will be planted in the autumn in the same location.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips. See minute 08/09/20 item 1, above.
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils – Clerk. Nothing to report.
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh. Nothing to report.
- k. Youth - Cllr Kym Wardhaugh reported that the Scouts are not meeting at the moment but the Brownies may start back after October half-term. The pre-school workers are struggling for funds. Councillors said they would support a grant funding application. A grant application form will be sent to them. The Chairman confirmed there are no plans to resurrect the Youth Club.

11/09/20 Matters of Report

1. From September the Community Room will be open on Mondays and Thursdays (10am -12noon).
2. Community Forum to be held on 24th September 2020.
3. Defibrillator training to be held on 26th September at 10.00am, although there is some doubt about this regarding Covid-19 considerations.
4. Remembrance Day Service on 8th November 2020. The road closure plans, bugler and the wreath have all been arranged but again, it is uncertain what form of service can take place because of Covid-19 considerations.

12/09/20 Items for the next meeting

1. Cannington Christmas. Cllr Phillips will go ahead and book a lighting tower.
2. Child of Cannington.
3. Risk assessment survey.
4. Traffic Calming Scheme (including High St).

13/09/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2020

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed Date.....