



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom**

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**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

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