



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 9th February 2021 via Zoom

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Steve Pettitt, Graham Bell, Rob Morgan, Kym Wardhaugh, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps and Ian Dyer (also District Councillor)

Chair: Colin Allen

County and District Councillors: Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 5

01/02/21 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensations

There were no declarations of members' interests and dispensations

Public Session

Items raised included;

- HPC workforce uplift
- Oak Tree Way – planning inspector not yet allocated for appeal (13/19/00043)
- Various footpaths in the village need attention
- Drainage issues on Rodway
- Stressed importance of keeping drains clear of leaves
- A request for LED lights in Portland Close and East Street
- Highways issues can be reported on www.fixmystreet.com
- Street lights not working can be reported on 01823 345687.

Council Session

02/02/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Vickery

03/02/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021 were approved.

04/02/21 Matters Arising there were no matters arising.

05/02/21 Planning matters (SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for the duration of this agenda item)

New planning applications

1. **13/20/00029** – Change of use and extension of outbuilding (barn 6) to a dwelling at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington. After discussions Cllr A Beasley proposed to **support** the application as it is suitable for conversion as per Section 6: 6.1 of planning guidance note on Conversion of Agricultural/rural buildings. This was seconded by Cllr R Phipps and agreed by a majority.
2. **13/20/00030** – Change of use and extension of outbuilding (barn 5) to a dwelling at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington.
3. **13/20/00031** – Change of use and conversion of outbuilding (barn 3) to a dwelling at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington.
4. **13/20/00032** – Change of use and conversion of outbuilding (barn 4) to a dwelling at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington.
Applications 13/20/00030, 31 & 32 above. After discussions Cllr A Beasley proposed to **object** to these applications as they were not considered to be suitable for conversion as per guidance note as 1. Above. This was seconded by Cllr G Bell and agreed by a majority.
5. **13/21/00001** – Request for discharge of requirement relating to C19 operational noise monitoring scheme at Combwich Wharf for EDF Energy. For information only
6. **13/21/00002** – Erection of a garage/store to front (south) of the property at 37 East Street, Cannington. After discussions Cllr M Phillips proposed to **object** to this application as it is outside the planning line of adjacent properties. This was seconded by Cllr K Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.
7. **13/21/00005** – Erection of a single storey side extension and formation of widened vehicle access and parking at 29 Main Road, Cannington. After discussions Cllr I Dyer proposed to **support** this application as it is a small extension and there would be no impact on neighbours. This was second by Cllr S Pettitt and agreed unanimously.

For Information only

39/20/00013 – Major application in Combwich. Outline planning permission, with some matters reserved, for the erection of up to 60 dwellings, a community hall, car parking, public open space, and other associated infrastructure. Brookside Road, Combwich. Councillors were concerned that as a neighbouring parish we hadn't been consulted on this major application. It was unanimously agreed to notify SDC of our **objection** to this application as it is outside of the development boundary in open countryside and on a significant slope.

06/02/21 Reports (as applicable) (SCC Cllr Brian Bolt re-joined the meeting)

- Highways and Parking Issues
 - Concerns were raised about a 'near miss' early one morning on the pedestrian crossing in Brook Street. Although this is of great concern it was realised that we cannot force traffic to use the bypass. It was agreed;
 - for this matter to be raised at the next Hinkley Point SSG meeting
 - to expediate the purchase of a speed indicator device
 - to arrange a meeting with SCC regarding phase 2 of the traffic calming. District and county councillors agreed to attend this meeting along with parish councillors
 - The recurring problem with flooding on Rodway Hill has been highlighted again.
 - Also recurring problem with flooding on A39 Sandford Hill/Corner. Cllr I Dyer agreed to arrange a meeting with Highways.
- Footpaths
 - As per item raised in the public session Highways will be requested to inspect the footpaths in the village.
 - Signs have been erected on the recently diverted footpath (BW 5/7) by the quarry.
 - Issues with footpath BW 5/2 are still on-going.
- Otters Brook
 - Dog bin has been moved and the open-topped waste bins have been removed and replaced with a single enclosed bin.
 - The brook bank has been strimmed and the footpath weeded.
- Neighbourhood Plan
 - An initial meeting took place with the consultant on Friday 15th January. There were a few issues that needed completing/clarifying and these have been done.
 - We are waiting for the final version of the plan to be agreed before the consultation process can begin.
- The EDF Community Forum meeting was held on 21st January 2021 and attended by Cllr S Pettitt, his notes have been circulated to all councillors.
- EDF held a Workforce Uplift presentation on 28th January 2021 which was also attended by Cllr S Pettitt.
 - EDF wish to raise the maximum workforce from 5,600 to 8,500 for a temporary period (when safe to do so).
 - With the impact of a reduced workforce (went down to 3,000 workers) because of COVID the project is now behind schedule.
 - It is being questioned whether this is a material change to the DCO.
 - Additional accommodation will be required although it is anticipated that the majority will be home based workers.
 - There will be an impact on Cannington (as it is one of the preferred places to live). EDF have no control on where their workers live.
 - There should be no significant increase in the number of buses.
 - The presentation has been sent to all councillors and there is an opportunity to ask questions on a zoom meeting to be held at 6.00pm on 11th February.

07/02/21 Correspondence and issues to discuss

- Cannington Brownies – Thank you card received for the grant of £800 awarded. Also thanking the council for the provision of the defibrillators in the village, which gives piece of mind in an emergency.
- Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) consultation on vacant, derelict or underutilised public sector land.
- SCC – survey of data layers preferred by the Parish Council
- Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. Celebrations are due to take place from Friday 3rd to Monday 6th June 2022. It was agreed to put an article in the next edition of the Target to gauge interest in celebrating this event.
- Dog bins – It has been noted that some of the bins have been overflowing. Clean Surroundings have been contacted.

08/02/21 Capital/CIM fund projects

- Rodway Pavilion refurbishment
 - Kitchen equipment outstanding
- Projector and screen for Village Hall
- Wall at Jubilee Gardens
- East and West Roundabouts
 - Unable to proceed as SCC not available to process application
- Defibrillator
 - Refurbishment of Brook Street phone box
- Speed Indicator Devices

09/02/21 Financial Matters

- The Payments** - 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)	S/O	£250.00
HeartInternet	Exchange mailbox February 2021	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services February 2021	DD	£50.58
EDF Energy	Electricity supply for Xmas lights	3646	£200.04
EDF Energy	Electricity supply for Rodway Pavilion	3647	£151.32
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for January, including expenses £31.12	3648	£865.82
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for January, including expenses £28.78	3649	£367.19

Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Contract for December and January	3650	£1815.88
The following payment is due;			
SDC	Grounds maintenance – Rodway Oct to Dec 2020	3651	£1057.20

2. **The accounts for January 2021** have been previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as a true record.
3. **The budget statement for January 2021** had previously been circulated to all councillors. The balance at 31st January 2021 was £300,931.34 including reserves of £232,696.95.
4. **Scribe accounting package.** The clerk had circulated information to all councillors prior to the meeting. Further information to be sought.

10/02/21 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - Concerns regarding trees along the west boundary – Clifford Estates to be contacted
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - SDC has been contacted regarding clearing the brook/bank adjacent to the play area. Need to determine if the brook is still a Critical Ordinary Watercourse (COW). If so the maintenance falls to the Environment Agency.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt.
 - The watering rota for 2021 has been forwarded to the clerk.
 - Committee meeting to prepare for Spring.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
 - The annual maintenance of the Yew trees was completed on 8th February 2021.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
 - Very few staff over all sites
 - Driving Range fence- needs to be raised
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
 - The Black Poplar is budding
 - The pest controller has been contacted regarding the mole activity.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
 - Not currently being used for football
 - The park and ride for Cannington Court is operational
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

11/02/21 Matters of Report

1. Christmas lights – agreed to continue until end of February 2021
2. EDF HPC Workforce uplift virtual drop in events to be held at 10-11am on 9th February and 6-7pm on 11th February 2021
3. Hinkley Point SSG to be held on 26th February 2021
4. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 18th March 2021
5. Village resident Mary Fackrell celebrated her 100th Birthday on 4th February 2021. A card and flowers were sent to Mary from the Parish Council.

12/02/21 Items for the next meeting

13/02/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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