



Cannington Parish Council

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

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Steve Pettitt, Graham Bell, Rob Morgan, Kym Wardhaugh, Alan Beasley, Andrew Vickery, Robin Phipps (from 7.40pm) and Ian Dyer (also District Councillor)
Chair: Colin Allen
County and District Councillors: Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell (until 8.30pm)
Clerk: Tina Gardener
Members of the public: 5

01/03/21 Declarations of Members Interests and Dispensations

There were no declarations of members' interests and dispensations

Public Session

Items raised included;

- Speed Indicator Device
- HPC Workforce uplift
- Traffic Calming
- Nextdoor App
- Progress on Cannington's Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)
- Vehicles parked on grass verges and pavements (opposite Kings Head)
- Speed cushions on Rodway – different opinions on effectiveness

These items were noted and discussed under the agenda where appropriate.

A member of the public gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman, councillors and staff for carrying out a wonderful job during difficult circumstances. The comment was appreciated by all.

Council Session

02/03/21 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies received

03/03/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021 were approved.

04/03/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by a separate agenda item

05/03/21 Planning matters

SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the zoom meeting for this agenda item.

New planning applications

1. **13/21/00003** – Change of use from agricultural to use Class E (G)(iii) at The Oaks, Blackmore Lane. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/21/00004** – Erection of a storage building (Use Class E (g)(iii)) for use in conjunction with groundworks business at The Oaks, Blackmore Lane. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/21/00006** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of a agricultural building at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Cannington. For information only.
4. **13/21/00007** – Yew tree (T1) reduce height of tree by 30-40% and spread by 20% to previous pruning points at 12 Brook Street, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Andrew Vickery and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/20/00027** – Temporary change of use of land for three years for a site compound at Hensfield Farm. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/20/00033** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 4 no dwellings at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane. **Prior approval refused**
3. **13/21/00002** – Erection of a garage/store to front (south) of the property at 37 East Street, Cannington. **Withdrawn**

Planning application **13/21/00008** submitted to SDC by Cannington PC for the new wall in Jubilee Garden.

Planning application **13/20/00026** (land to the north of Grange Farm). The Clerk will chase the planning officer for progress and reiterate our original objections.

SDC Cllr Brian Bolt and Cllr Robin Phipps joined the meeting at this point.

06/03/21 Reports (as applicable)

- Highways and Parking Issues
 - The Duke Avenue pavement has been resurfaced by SCC
 - The chairman and clerk completed a walk around part of the village noting the condition of the pavements. A second walk is planned to cover the remaining village. Once completed a report will be sent to Somerset Highways.
 - A number of concerns have been raised about vehicles parked on the grass verge between the roundabout and Longstones Garage This isn't the only area of concern and an article will be placed in the next issue of the Target asking vehicle owners to park more responsibly.
 - A request has been received to alter the pavement at the top of Clifford Park so the dropped kerb was closer to the junction. After discussions it was agreed not to pursue this.
- Footpaths
 - An email was received from SALC re rights of way issues
- Otters Brook
 - After the grass bank was cut back it has highlighted the brambles along the bank. It was agreed to remove the brambles and consider further landscaping of the brook.
- Neighbourhood Plan
 - The alterations to the plan had been circulated to councillors and were agreed.
 - Our planning consultant will update the plan and include photographs where appropriate.
 - Cllr Mike Phillips and Steve Pettitt offered to proof read the plan once completed.
- The latest Hinkley Point SSG meeting was held on 26th February 2021 and attended by Cllr Mike Phillips. His report has been circulated to councillors. It was noted that last month was the 45th anniversary of Hinkley Point B first generating electricity. It was also noted that Hinkley Point B will cease generating next year.
- Traffic Calming
 - A meeting has been arranged with SCC for 18th March 2021

07/03/21 Correspondence and issues to discuss

- Mrs Fackrell – A thank you card received for the card and flowers for her 100th birthday
- National Grid – Work on the temporary compound at Hensfield Farm should have commenced
- Nextdoor app – A number of residents have received details of a new app that can be downloaded about local information
- Remote meetings – current legislation expires in May 2021
- Somerset Day 11th May 2021 – there was no wish to purchase a Somerset flag for this occasion. It was agreed that the union flag, help for heroes, NHS and Cannington in Bloom flags only would be flown.

08/03/21 Capital/CIM fund projects

- Rodway Pavilion refurbishment
 - Kitchen equipment outstanding
- Projector and screen for Village Hall
- Wall at Jubilee Gardens
 - The hedge has now been cut down (to comply with bird nesting season)
 - The line of the new wall has been agreed with Highways
 - The sample wall has been agreed with SDC Conservation Officer
- East and West Roundabouts
 - Unable to proceed as SCC not available to process application
- Defibrillator
 - Refurbishment of Brook Street phone box
- Speed Indicator Devices
 - The preferred option is an EVOLIS model and the Clerk will get advice from another PC which has already installed this device.
 - SCC will need to be contacted to confirm sites for the SID
- Trees
 - Cemetery project
 - South brook and Teals Acre possible future projects.
- Bus Shelters
 - High Street shelter needs refurbishing
 - Brook Street shelter needs replacing

Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at this point

09/03/21 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 March 2021	DD	£51.29
Ben Jarvis	Yew tree maintenance at Cemetery	3652	£350.00
Daren Marshall	Erection of 2 sample walls and cut down of hedgerow	3653	£1,896.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for February, including expenses £61.88	3654	£860.25
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's salary for February including expenses £526.88	3655	£526.88

The following payments are due;			
Sedgemoor District Council	Grounds maintenance	3656	£1257.60
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for February	3657	£907.94

2. **The accounts for February 2021** had previously been circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **The budget statement for February 2021** had previously been circulated to all councillors. The balance at 28th February 2021 was £304,429.91 including reserves of £232,696.95.
4. **Scribe accounting package.** Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase this package. The initial set up fee is £297 and the ongoing monthly fee is £39.

10/03/21 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk. There are currently 10 people on the waiting list
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - The Environment Agency (EA) has confirmed that the brook is still classified as a main river.
 - Request a site visit with EA to advise on the maintenance of the brook in the area of Jubilee Gardens and the Children’s Park.
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - Weed killing – it is anticipated that Clean Surrounds will carry out the first weed spraying in April.
 - Strimming back weeds and general tidy up – this will be considered as and when required.
 - Repairing/replacing edging on school path – this will be carried out shortly
 - Edging at Clifford Park – need to confirm with Highways if this is feasible.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
 - The grass area along the edge of the new path requires seeding
 - The Vestry requires cleaning
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
 - The students are now back on campus
 - COVID testing is in place
 - Concerns raised about the condition of Court House
- f. Emergency Planning
 - The garage in Southbrook is no longer required and any items that need to be kept can be stored at Rodway playing fields
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
 - Work to remove the moles has commenced
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
 - There may be a new football team wishing to play based at the Friendly Spirit
 - A skip had been placed in the car park by Cannington Court
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

11/03/21 Matters of Report

1. The Christmas lights in Jubilee Gardens will be switched off on 27th March 2021

12/03/21 Items for the next meeting

1. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 18th March 2021. Cllr Rob Morgan agreed to attend.

13/03/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th April 2021

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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