



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Kym Wardhaugh, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Graham Bell, Andrew Vickery and Ian Dyer (also District Councillor)

Chair: Colin Allen

County and District Councillors: Mike Caswell (until 7.50pm)

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 2

01/06/21 Declarations of Members Interests

SDC Cllr Ian Dyer declared an interest in planning application 13/21/00017

Public Session

Items raised included;

- A member of the public congratulated the Chairman on his excellent letter in response to the questions raised regarding the traffic calming scheme.
- NHP Consultation – no mention of Brownies, Scouts or Army Cadets in the plan
- Court House – concerns raised about the condition of the building
- Speed Indicator Devices – progress on the purchase and SCC agreement

Council Session

02/06/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Steve Pettitt and Robin Phipps and SDC Cllr Brian Bolt.

03/06/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May 2021

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2021 were approved

04/06/21 Matters Arising There were no items not covered by a separate agenda item

05/06/21 Planning matters

New planning applications (SDC Cllr Ian Dyer left the room for this item)

1. **13/21/00017** – Erection of a cover over existing manure store at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/21/00008** – Removal of hedge and erection of wall to match existing at Jubilee Gardens, Brook Street.
Permission granted.
2. **13/21/00014** – Erection of building, modular classroom and ancillary unit at Bridgwater College, Rodway.
Permission granted.
3. **13/21/00015** – request for discharge of requirement relating to C9 fencing at Combwich Wharf. **HPC – granted/sufficient detail**

06/06/21 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Concerns were raised about the parking in the vicinity of the Spar shop and Indian takeaway. Notices to be put up on notice boards and sent to businesses reminding of the use of the College carpark during the evenings and weekends.
 - It was noted that a vehicle parked in the layby had received a parking fine
2. Footpaths
 - It was noted that a number of footpaths needed strimming
3. Otters Brook
 - A Tree survey has been undertaken and a quote has been requested for the items highlighted in the report
 - The ties for the cherry trees are too tight. Clean Surrounds will be contacted to rectify this (under contract)
4. Neighbourhood Plan
 - Copies of the NHP have been ordered for members of the public to borrow
 - All Statutory bodies have been notified of the Regulation 14 consultation
5. Traffic Calming
 - The final invoices have been received for payment; £49,900 from the CIM fund and £5,148 Parish Council contribution. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed that these payments should be made. This was seconded by Cllr Ian Dyer and supported by a majority (one councillor abstained).

- Nb the Parish Council robustly and routinely expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction to SCC about the way this scheme was run and in particular, the lack of accurate financial cost information prior to the commencement, and for the duration, of the scheme. It is noted that SCC was the only 'Body' that could undertake the work on behalf of the PC. This left the Parish Council no option but to progress these invoices for payment.
 - The Safety audit for phase 1 is outstanding and we are chasing for a date for this to be carried out.
 - The next stage is to obtain the cost for a feasibility study for phase 2 of the traffic calming scheme
6. Village enhancements
- Teals Acre – ownership of grass area not established
 - Garages and rear entrances to Grange Close, Priory Close and Northbrook
 - Grange Close and Northbrook garages are under review by SDC and may be redeveloped
 - Priory Close will be inspected and any works scoped and raised for completion
 - High Street bus shelter – contract issued for cleaning and redecoration
 - East and West Roundabouts – are now being temporarily maintained every 3 weeks by Greenslades Grounds Maintenance on behalf of the Parish Council.
7. The EDF Community Forum was held on 20th May 2021, the minutes will be circulated to all councillors once received.

07/06/21 Correspondence and issues to discuss

1. A couple of concerns have been raised that emergency vehicles are still travelling through the village instead of using the bypass. This will be investigated.
2. Brymore School – A request for funding from the S106/CIM fund has been received for solar panels for their swimming pool. Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of using solar panels to heat an outdoor pool. There was also need to be a guarantee of the extent of public use of the pool. Chairman Colin Allen is also in discussions with Bridgwater and Taunton College regarding this.
3. An email was received regarding speeding vehicles on Main Road which nearly resulted in an accident. The police and Hinkley Point have been informed.

08/06/21 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Rodway Pavilion refurbishment
 - Kitchen equipment outstanding
2. Projector and screen for Village Hall
3. Wall at Jubilee Gardens
 - Planning permission has finally been approved
 - Work scheduled to commence in July 2021
 - Residents will be notified in advance of the works starting
4. East and West Roundabouts to maintain the roundabouts
 - Progress is being made with SCC regarding the Parish Council taking over maintenance.
5. Speed Indicator Devices
 - The Speed Indicator Device has been ordered
 - Information required to complete an agreement with SCC has been supplied
6. Trees
7. Brook Street Bus Shelter
 - SCC has agreed to issue a licence for the bus shelter (unable to locate a licence for the previous bus shelters). The fee will be £120.
 - Requests to tender for the removal of the existing bus shelter and the replacement of a new bus shelter with similar dimensions to existing have been made. The return date for the tenders is 2nd July 2021.

09/06/21 Financial Matters

1. **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 June 2021	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services April 2021	DD	£55.02
BT	Phone & Broadband services May 2021	DD	£53.40
Colin Wilkins	Fitting new glass panels to Brook Street phone box	3683	£125.00
EDF	Electricity supply for Xmas lights Jubilee Gardens	3684	£245.91
Blackmore Farm	Watering, weed spraying and grounds maintenance	3685	£132.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary plus expenses (£176.78)	3686	£975.75
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary plus expenses (£14.39)	3687	£381.58
The following payments are due:			
GeoXsphere	Parish Online subscription	3688	£63.00
Water2business	Pavilion	3689	£14.32
Sedgemoor District Council	Emptying dog waste bin	3690	£752.54
Stuart Todd Associates	Consultancy for NHP	3691	£549.97
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract plus east and west roundabouts for April	3692	£2341.94
Somerset County Council	Traffic Calming phase 1 - £49,900 contribution from CIM fund plus £5,148 PC contribution	3693	£55,048.00

2. **The accounts for May 2021** have previously been circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record.
3. **The Budget statement for May 2021** had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The balance as at 31st May was £310,100.77, including restricted reserves of £229,339.55.
4. **The Audit Return 2020/21**
 - The audit return has been sent to the external auditors and published on the PC website.
 - The notice of public rights has been displayed on the notice boards and website.

10/06/21 Annual reviews

1. Standing Orders – these were reviewed and no amendments were required.
2. Financial Regulations – to be deferred to the next meeting
3. Risk Register - this has been reviewed and updated and circulated to councillors
4. Code of Conduct – no amendments have been notified. SALC are offering training to councillors on 8th July 2021 and any councillors who haven't attended a course previously are obliged to do so.

11/06/21 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - A village walk will take place on 14th June 2021 with Cllr Steve Pettitt, Chairman Colin Allen, Cllr Ian Dyer and the Clerk to identify areas within the village that need attention.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
 - It was noted that students are waiting for buses inside the college grounds
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
 - A stake is required for the black poplar
 - The fir tree isn't look healthy
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
 - North Petherton FC used the playing fields on 5 occasions whilst their own pitch was being reseeded.
 - A birthday party is being held on the field on 13th June 2021
 - An open day will be arranged in September to consider the future use of the field
 - There may be an opportunity to extend the car park
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

12/06/21 Matters of Report

1. Hinkley Point SSG meeting to be held on Friday 25th June 2021

13/06/21 Items for the next meeting

1. Tenders for new bus shelter in Brook Street
2. Review of financial regulations

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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