



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Mike Phillips, Kym Wardhaugh, Steve Pettitt, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps, Graham Bell, Andrew Vickery and Ian Dyer (also Distr Cllr)

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**County and District Councillors:** Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of the public:** 4

### **01/10/21 Declarations of Members Interests**

Cllr Ian Dyer declared an interest in agenda item 05/10/21 re planning application 13/21/00030

### **Public Session**

Phillip Holdcroft from Landmark Estates gave a presentation for a forthcoming planning application on land off Main Road to the south of Irvines garage. The proposal is for a Co-op convenience store and 5 detached dwellings. The initial application will be a full application for the convenience store with an outline application for the 5 dwellings. *(SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for this presentation).*

Chairman Colin Allen reported the sad death of Lillian Cartwright a former district councillor for Cannington. Tributes were paid for the tireless work and support she gave to Cannington. A minute's silence was held in her honour.

Planning appeal date for 13/19/00043 (development on land off Oaktree Way) has been set for 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Will the Parish Council be represented? This hasn't been decided yet as the information was only received today.

When will the Speed Indicator Device be installed? Hopefully in the next 2 weeks.

A resident of Chads Hill has complained to the College regarding noisy parties going on until 5.00am.

A four-car collision took place near the War Memorial on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 just before 7.00am

### **Council Session**

#### **02/10/21 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **03/10/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved. SCC Cllr Mike Caswell gave his late apologies for not attending this meeting as he was unavoidably delayed.

#### **04/10/21 Matters Arising** not covered by separate agenda item

The Clerk will contact Coln Residential about removing the yellow signs put up for Otters Brook development

#### **05/10/21 Planning matters** *(SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for this agenda item)*

### **New planning applications**

*(Cllr Ian Dyer left the meeting for the discussions on planning application 13/21/00030)*

1. **13/21/00030** – Erection of new agricultural workers dwelling on land at The Granary, Blackmore Lane. After discussions Cllr Kym Wardhaugh proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/21/00032** – Fell Leylandii, Conifers, Elm, Sycamore, Ash and Willow at The Priory, 7 Fore Street. After discussions Cllr Kym Wardhaugh proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/21/00034** – Crown lift Red Oak to 3m above ground level and remove lowest limb at Bridgwater and Taunton College, Cannington Centre. After discussions Cllr Ian Dyer proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

### **Planning decided**

1. **13/21/00009** – Erection of a dwelling with garden and access at The Red House, High Street. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/21/00013** – Conversion of a barn to a dwelling at Knoll Green, Oatley Lane. **Permission granted**
3. **13/21/00022** – Change of use of existing garage to holiday accommodation and 2 storey extension at Manor Farm, Gurney Lane. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/21/00029** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for change of use of agricultural building (barn 1) to 4 dwellings and associated works at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane. **Prior approval approved.**

## **Planning appeal for 13/19/00043**

### **06/10/21 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - It was noted that disabled parking bays will only be issued to Blue Badge Holders who have to complete an application form.
2. Footpaths
  - Concerns raised about the condition of footpaths in Clifford Park and in the High Street near the Cadet Hut.
3. Otters Brook
  - A contract has been let to
4. Neighbourhood Plan
  - NHP Regulation 14 Consultation – a meeting was held with consultant on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Amendments were made to the Reg 14 comments record and NHP where required.
  - These will be sent to Councillors for approval.
  - A timeline was produced and it is anticipated that the NHP will go to referendum in May 2022 at the same time as the Unitary and Parish Council elections take place.
5. Cannington Court – meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021
  - The car park is being well used and on occasions the field had also been used. This will be monitored closely.
  - It is hoped to mark the spaces to maximise use.
  - The new visitor centre is open in Cannington Court and there are 6 allocated parking spaces.
  - The Clerk will arrange a tour of HPC for councillors.
6. Traffic Calming
  - The traffic monitoring survey took place in September 2021 and will be published on the website
  - A meeting with SCC was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the main points are;
    - To modify some of the existing cushions on Rodway
    - A table-top at the Brook Street crossing was not possible due to the close proximity of the bus stop. Other locations in Brook Street may be more suitable.
    - Phase 2 (in Brook Street by the village hall) would appear too costly and complex for little gain.
    - The phase 3 safety audit identified very few issues.
  - It was suggested that if the pedestrian crossing in Rodway was made in to a table-top this would significantly reduce traffic speed and volume. This will be taken up with SCC Highways.
7. Community Forum held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021
  - This meeting was attended by Cllr Robin Phipps and his notes have been circulated to all councillors
8. Somerset Unitary Town and Parish Conference held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021
  - This conference was attended by the Chairman and Clerk and the notes and presentation slides have been circulated to all councillors
  - A draft Structural Change Order (SCO) should be published in a couple of weeks. It will start its progress through Parliament in early 2022 and the order made in March 2022 and the Unitary Council elections held in May 2022.
  - Letter received from John Roberts of Nether Stowey PC seeking to arrange a meeting of the old 'Quantock Cluster' to discuss the Unitary reorganisation. Councillors felt it was too soon to get into detailed discussion.

*SCC Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting.*

### **07/10/21 Correspondence and issues to discuss**

1. Parish Council elections – the preferred option of Parish and Town Councils that responded to the survey is to bring forward to May 2022 to bring in-line with Somerset Unitary Council elections.
2. Target submission – topics for the article include; the defibrillator, bus shelter, Jubilee Gardens wall, Traffic Calming, Community Payback Service, Cannington in Bloom, Queen's Jubilee and Remembrance Day.
3. Remembrance Day – everything is in place for the service to be held at the War Memorial on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
4. Queens Jubilee – The Clerk will make enquiries about purchasing a beacon for the occasion.
5. COP26
6. SCC – Carbon literacy training for Town and Parish Councils. Details of the training have been circulated to Councillors.
7. Annual Parish meeting – It was agreed to hold a longer public session at the November meeting and invite groups along and present this year's Child of Cannington Award.

### **08/10/21 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. Projector and screen for Village Hall
  - A new quote has been received which was cheaper than the one received last year. Councillors unanimously agreed to go ahead with the purchase and installation and to source funding from our EDF S106 Fund.
2. Wall at Jubilee Gardens
  - The wall has been completed and everyone was very pleased with it.
  - Highways will need to be contacted regarding the drainage issues.
  - It was agreed for a plaque to be put on the new wall.
3. East and West Roundabouts to maintain the roundabouts
4. Speed Indicator Devices
  - As reported in the public session the SID is now ready to be installed.
5. Trees
6. Brook Street Bus Shelter
  - The bus shelter was erected on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the old shelter was claimed by a resident for a greenhouse.
  - A frame will be ordered for the bus timetable.
7. Replacement of High Street notice board

*SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting.*

## 09/10/21 Financial Matters

1. **The Payments** - The following cheques were approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
<b>Additional payments made since the last meeting: -</b>			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) October 2021	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
HeartInternet	Exchange mailbox October 2021	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services October 2021	DD	<b>£43.76</b>
Daren Marshall	Stage payment for Jubilee Gardens Wall	3728	<b>£7200.00</b>
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance and roundabouts for August	3729	<b>£1,171.94</b>
Daren Marshall	Final payment for Jubilee Garden Wall	3730	<b>£9,864.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (September)	3731	<b>£835.87</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (September)	3732	<b>£382.31</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
A W Taylor	Annual test and inspection at playing field pavilion	3733	<b>£85.75</b>
Externiture Ltd	Bus shelter in Brook Street	3734	<b>£6916.12</b>
Stuart Todd Associates	Consultancy work for Neighbourhood Plan	3735	<b>£719.09</b>
Ball Fire Protection	Annual service of fire extinguisher in pavilion	3736	<b>£65.40</b>

2. **The accounts for September 2021** have been circulated to all councillors and were agreed
3. **The budget statement for September 2021** had been circulated to all councillors. The balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was £224,551.14 including restricted reserves of £152,848.44
4. **Finance and Staffing meeting** to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
  - The college is still looking at the possibility of having allotments at Cannington Orchard.
  - An allotment holder has raised concerns about trees along the western edge
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Brook clearance. Cllr Ian Dyer will contact the Environment Agency for advice
- c. Cannington in Bloom (CiB)– Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
  - After receiving a Gold award in 2019 CiB were entered in to the Champions of Champions this year and came away with Gold. Chairman Colin Allen led the congratulations for this wonderful achievement. CiB were presented with a flag which will be flown after Remembrance Sunday.
  - Blackmore Farm won Gold for Business and Tourism
  - The Walled Gardens won Gold for Best Business Floral Display
  - The Clerk will order a bag of daffodils from Clean Surrounds
  - Work to remove the weeds around the Walled Gardens is still outstanding.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
  - The stone has been replaced on the archway.
  - The archway and all the boundary walls of the cemetery need repointing. This is a major job which will need to be planned over several years.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
  - Incident reported of underage drinking by college students
  - The Driving Range fence has been fully repaired and adjustments made to the booths to stop balls being hit towards the allotments.
  - Court House -the future is being considered.
  - Annual meeting to be arranged for next month
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
  - Fir tree – still being monitored and may need to look for an alternative.
  - Somerset Heritage will be carrying out repairs to some broken slabs on the Packhorse Bridge
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

## 11/10/21 Matters of Report

1. Hinkley Point SSG meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021
2. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021
3. Christmas Lights/Fayre 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The Christmas Fayre will not be taking place this year. Instead, it is hoped to arrange a Carol service and refreshments.
4. The Clerk will arrange defibrillator training for a Saturday.

## 12/10/21 Items for the next meeting

### 13/10/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed ..... Date.....