



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Steve Pettitt, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps, Andrew Vickery and Ian Dyer (also Distr Cllr)

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**County and District Councillors** Mike Caswell

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of the public:** 14

### **01/11/21 Declarations of Members Interests**

Cllr Steve Pettitt declared an interest in agenda item 10/11/21 c.

### **Public Session**

Chairman Colin Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

*The public session was extended to incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting (postponed from May 2021) and presentation of the Child of Cannington Award. This is recorded in separate minutes.*

- Concerns have been raised once again about parking on the grass verge at the entrance to the village, also on the pavements in the vicinity of the Spar and Kings Head.
- A question was asked about the parking arrangements for the new visitor centre at Cannington Court.
- Members of the public asked why the Parish Council didn't attend the hearing for the planning appeal for application 13/19/00043 and thought their absence showed a lack of interest. The Parish Council had employed a consultant who helped provide a robust objection to the application and there was nothing further the Council could add.
- The landlord of the Friendly Spirit reported that a number of deliveries and collections to and from the pub have been stopped by vehicles parked along the turnpike bridge and access road to the pub which blocks the access for lorries. This will be taken up with the police and highways.
- The editor of the Target requested that the Target magazine should be put on the village website. This will be taken up with our website provider.
- A member of the public attended the Somerset Bus Partnership (SBP) on behalf of the Parish Council. Minuted under 07/11/21 2.

### **Council Session**

#### **02/11/21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike Phillips, Graham Bell and Kym Wardhaugh and SDC Cllr Brian Bolt

#### **03/11/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved after a few minor amendments.

#### **04/11/21 Matters Arising**

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

#### **05/11/21 Planning matters**

##### **New Planning applications**

There were no new planning applications.

##### **Planning decided**

1. **13/21/00031** – Tree works in conservation area – Walled Gardens and Bridgwater College Campus. **Permission granted**
2. **13/21/00032** – Fell Leylandii, Conifers, Elm, Sycamore, Ash and Willow at The Priory, 7 Fore Street. **Permission granted.**
3. **13/21/00034** – Crown lift Red Oak to 3m above ground level and remove lowest limb at Bridgwater and Taunton College, Cannington Centre. **Permission granted.**

##### **06/11/21 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - Parking on grass verge on Main Road (as mentioned in public session)
  - Denmans Lane used to be swept regularly by the road sweeper, this has been reported to Clean Surroundings and the Clerk will chase for a response.
2. Footpaths
3. Otters Brook
4. Neighbourhood Plan
  - The amended NHP and updated table of comments from the Reg 14 consultation were circulated to all councillors. No additional amendments were noted.

5. Traffic Calming
  - A meeting is being arranged for early next week with SCC and the Highway's contractor to discuss additional improvements to the scheme.
6. Hinkley Point SSG held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021
  - This was attended by Cllr Mike Phillips and his notes of the meeting has been circulated to all councillors.
7. Speed Indicator Device
  - The SID was put up in Jubilee Gardens for a trial run and it had a noticeable effect on traffic speed.
  - The settings will be adjusted before its is put up, rotating between 5 locations.
  - The Parish Council would like to thank David from Greenslades Grounds Maintenance for making his staff available to erect the SID, change locations and batteries.
8. Defibrillator
  - Batteries replaced in High Street defibrillator cabinet

**07/11/21 Correspondence and issues to discuss** (SCC Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8.25pm)

1. Defibrillator training has been arranged for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 11am in the village hall. It will be advertised on the notice boards, website and Facebook.
2. Somerset Bus Partnership
  - An ambitious bid of £163M has been put into the Government's Bus Back Better Initiative. The Parish Council will support this by writing to the Minister for Roads, Buses and Places
3. Queens's Platinum Jubilee
  - The cost of purchasing a gas beacon is £490.
  - The church tower was suggested as a suitable location for it.

**08/11/21 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. Projector and screen for Village Hall
  - Councillors unanimously agreed the quote received for additional sound equipment.
  - Approval given for funding from the S106 Leisure Fund.
2. Wall at Jubilee Gardens
  - A plaque has been ordered
3. East and West Roundabouts to maintain the roundabouts
4. Trees
5. Brook Street Bus Shelter
  - Bus timetable frame – a quote has been requested
6. Replacement of High Street Notice board
  - The notice board is in a poor state of repair and needs to be removed as soon as possible
  - The preferred location for a replacement would be a freestanding noticeboard to the right of the bus shelter.
  - Quotes and funding will be sought.
7. Office furniture
  - It was proposed by Cllr Ian Dyer, seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously to replace existing tables and chairs with 4 desks, chairs and pedestals and a storage cupboard for the PA system, at an estimated cost of £1,500 to £2,000

**09/11/21 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) November 2021	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox November 2021	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services November 2021	DD	<b>£58.00</b>
EDF	Electricity supply to the pavilion	3737	<b>£129.90</b>
Tina Gardener	PAYE for July to September 2021	3738	<b>£429.03</b>
Mr N Fursland	Weed clearance	3739	<b>£225.00</b>
Blackmore Farm	Watering contract	3740	<b>£210.00</b>
EDF	Electricity supply to Jubilee Gardens	3741	<b>£62.27</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (October) plus office expenses £160.27	3742	<b>£996.24</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (October) plus office expenses £46.31	3743	<b>£428.42</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
RT Signs	Plaque for Jubilee Gardens	3744	<b>£54.00</b>
A T Thorne	Repairs to stone arch and wall at Cemetery	3745	<b>£264.00</b>
Quantock Computing	Email and computer issues	3746	<b>£100.00</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance and roundabouts for September	3747	<b>£1171.94</b>
Sedgemoor District Council	Grounds maintenance Rodway Jul-Sep £110.21 Otters Brook – remove vegetation and weed kill £537.60 Otters Brook – grass cutting and watering Jul-Sep £972	3748	<b>£2609.81</b>
Apollo Environment Services	Remove wasp nest from Cemetery	3749	<b>£60.00</b>
Royal British Legion	Donation	3750	<b>£200.00</b>

2. **The accounts for October 2021** have been circulated to all councillors and were agreed
3. **The budget statement for October 2021** had been circulated to all councillors. The balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> October is £225,100.01 including restricted reserves of £148,830.91.

**10/11/21 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
  - Two tenants will be relinquishing their allotments at the end of the year
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Brook clearance. The Environment Agency has been contacted and a licence needs to be obtained to carry out the work.
- c. Cannington in Bloom (CiB) – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
  - Replace existing planters. Councillors unanimously agreed for CiB to replace a number of planters in the village
  - A grant application has been received for £1,088.67 to replace the planters on the War Memorial. Cllr Ian Dyer proposed to support this application, this was seconded by Cllr Robin Phipps and agreed unanimously. *(Cllr Steve Pettitt declared an interest and left the meeting for this item)*
  - Bulbs received from Clean Surrounds
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
  - The Wasp’s nest in the cemetery has been removed.
  - Pointing is required to the Cemetery walls. This is a major project and will need to be completed over a number of years. Quotes for the work will be obtained so that a programme of works can be agreed.
  - DEFRA has sent out proposals for an increase in the size of the burial plots
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
  - The latest meeting was held on 2nd November 2021 and among items discussed were;
    - Leaves to be regularly swept on the path/gutter outside the College adjacent to the War Memorial.
    - A meeting to be arranged to discuss the possibility of using part of Court Orchard for allotments.
    - The marshalling of students waiting for the buses is working well
  - The Annual meeting to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 5.30pm, agenda items were discussed.
- f. Emergency Planning
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
  - It was agreed that the fir tree needs to be replaced with a more suitable tree.
  - Moles have returned to Jubilee Gardens
  - The Black Poplar still requires a larger stake.
  - A bollard adjacent to Denmans Lane has been knocked over and will be replaced.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
  - The Car Park is being well used by Cannington Court and on occasions the parking has over-spilled on to the field. This is being monitored closely.
  - A public consultation will be arranged for the Spring to consider future uses.
- i. Somerset Association Local Councils - Clerk
- j. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
  - The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021
- k. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

**11/11/21 Matters of Report**

1. Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The church service will take place at 9.30am followed by a service at the War Memorial at 10.45am. All Councillors are requested to attend.
2. Finance and staffing meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021
3. HPC Workforce Uplift Forum to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Cllr Ian Dyer agreed to attend.
4. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Cllr Rob Morgan will attend.
5. The switching on of the Christmas lights will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021. There will also be a Carol service and refreshments will be served.

**12/11/21 Items for the next meeting**

1. DEFRA proposals for the Cemetery
2. Cemetery capacity
3. Mill Lane
4. Fir tree in Jubilee Gardens

**13/11/21 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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