



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at
7.00pm on Tuesday 14th December 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

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 15

01/12/21 Declarations of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members interests

Public Session

Cllr Brian Bolt left the public session whilst planning applications 13/21/00035 & 36 were discussed.

Phillip Holdcroft from Landmark Estates gave a short presentation on planning applications 13/21/00035 & 36 and answered questions from members of the public. Comments that were made included; another store was not required, access, parking spaces could be abused by HPC contractors, noise, opening times and deliveries.

Other concerns raised in the public session included;

- Cars parking on the footpath opposite the Spar shop in High Street.
- Double yellow lines on the junction of Bowling Green and Mill Lane are not always being observed.
- Parking on local roads by visitors to the HPC visitor centre in Cannington Court.

Council Session

02/12/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from SCC Cllr Mike Caswell

03/12/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th November 2021

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

04/12/21 Matters Arising not covered by separate agenda item

1. 07/11/21 Beacon for Queen's Jubilee. St Mary's Church is unable to place a gas beacon on the church tower, alternative lighting will be considered.
2. 07/11/21 Somerset Bus Partnership. A response has been made to the consultation.

05/12/21 Planning matters

Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for this agenda item

New Planning applications

1. **13/21/00035** – Erection of a single storey convenience store with external ATM formation of new access and parking with dedicated external servicing and delivery bay on land off Main Road. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Ian Dyer and agreed by a majority. Councillors supported the idea of a shop but were concerned about the access being close to the traffic calming measures. At the time of this meeting County Highways hadn't given a response to this application.
2. **13/21/00036** – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 5 dwellings on land off Main Road. After discussions Cllr Rob Morgan proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt and agreed by a majority. As with the application above concerns were raised with access.
3. **13/21/00038** – SCC/3894/2021 & SCC/3895/2021 application to extend Castle Hill Quarry in to the Old Golf Course Extension. Councillors deferred a decision until a site visit could be arranged.
4. **13/21/00039** – Reduce height and spread by up to 2m back to the previous pruning points of willow tree (T1) at 1 Fore Street. *(Cllr Steve Pettitt left the room whilst this application was discussed)*. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/21/00024** – Erection of agricultural building to cover existing cattle yard at Blackmore Farm. **Permission granted**
2. **13/21/00020, 26, 27, 28** – Erection of agricultural buildings to cover existing slurry pit at Blackmore Farm. **Permission granted.**

Planning appeal

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the appeal from Gladmans regarding planning application 13/19/00043 for 165 houses off Oak Tree Way.

06/12/21 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Parking on grass verge on Main Road. Letters had been placed on 2 vehicles politely asking them to be moved, but they are still in situ. The police will visit the vehicle owners.
 - Access to Friendly Spirit. County Highways will be conducting a site visit shortly. A request for double yellow lines on the Turnpike Bridge was considered a reasonable request on the grounds of safety.
 - The Visual Management Activation (VMA) sign on Sandford Corner has a spelling error which has been reported to Highways.
 - The PCSO has recently ticketed 2 cars for parking on the pavement opposite the Spar shop in High Street.
2. Footpaths
3. Neighbourhood Plan
 - The amended NHP has been sent to Sedgemoor District Council for consideration.
 - The Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation statement also need to be sent to SDC.
4. Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial
 - This was extremely well attended and the PA system recently purchased worked well.
5. HPC Workforce Uplift Forum held on 18th November
 - The main points from this briefing were that the peak workforce will increase from 6200 to 8210 and only a small proportion of these will be home based. Accommodation on the campuses will increase by 499 and private rentals increase by 1090. The capacity at many of the Park and Ride sites will be increased. A total of £4.94 million mitigation is being put in place
6. Traffic Calming meeting held on 25th November 2021. The main points are;
 - To convert cushion numbers 1, 3, 5, and 7 on Rodway into table top humps, filling in the centre channels, but leaving the gaps on either side to allow for cyclists and drainage.
 - To install 2 new table top humps above and below the layby just up from the college entrance.
 - This will be subject to a design scheme, safety audit and costs.
7. Cannington Court meeting held on 25th November 2021
 - To discuss additional parking on the playing field at Rodway, this will be subject to planning permission (if required) and costs.
8. EDF Transport Forum meeting held on 25th November 2021 was attended by Cllr Rob Morgan and his notes have been circulated.
9. Defibrillator training held on 27th November 2021.
 - Although it was only attended by 12 people it was very well received.
 - An additional training session will be arranged next year.
10. Hinkley Point Policing team meeting held on 30th November 2021.
 - Discussions took place about the implementation of speed cameras on the Bypass and/or C182. Post meeting after reviewing data from Somerset County Council and Avon and Somerset Police it was concluded that this wouldn't resolve the problems.
11. Somerset Waste Partnership Briefings held on 6th and 8th December 2021
 - The roll out of Recycle More will be commencing in Sedgemoor on 28th February 2022
 - There will be enhanced collections of plastics (a blue bag will be issued), small batteries and small electrical appliances.
 - The rubbish bins will be collected every 3 weeks.
 - All households will be informed of the new arrangements prior to implementation and will be issued with a yearly calendar of collection dates.
12. Speed Indicator Device (SID)
 - Issues have arisen with the collection of data from the device.
 - Councillors agreed to install the device whilst these problems were being overcome.

07/12/21 Correspondence and issues to discuss

1. Roy Pumfrey – Trees and hedges in Park Lane
 - The trees along Park Lane are very tall and over hang the road. Following the recent high winds when a tree fell across the road, the owners and Highways will be contacted.
2. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – Community Risk Management Plan Consultation
 - The online survey closes on 14th January 2022.
3. Somerset County Council Carbon Literacy Training for Parish Councils
 - Training dates; 17th & 25th January and 9th February 2022
4. New Somerset Council
 - The next Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Board meeting will take place on 16th December 2021
 - The elections for the new Somerset Council councillors are intending to take place on 5th May 2022 and there will be 110 councillors. The new council will be vested on 1st April 2023

08/12/21 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Projector and screen for Village Hall
 - Installation to commence on 21st December 2021
2. Wall at Jubilee Gardens
 - The plaque will be erected
3. East and West Roundabouts to maintain the roundabouts
4. Trees
5. Replacement of High Street Notice board
 - A S171 notice from Highways to be completed and agreed before work can commence.
6. Office furniture
 - To replace existing tables with 4 desks and pedestals
 - New office chairs
 - Storage cupboard for PA system

09/12/21 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) December 2021	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox December 2021	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services December 2021	DD	£58.00
A W Taylor	Supply and fit vandal proof light to bus shelter	3751	£202.94
Water 2 Business	Water rates for Rodway	3752	£20.85
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (November) plus office expenses £160.27	3753	£906.11
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (November) plus office expenses £46.31	3754	£413.79
The following payments are due:			
A T Thorne	Replace timber post in Jubilee Gardens	3755	£103.20
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance and roundabouts for October and November, incl arrears	3756	£3018.32
Sedgemoor District Council	Dog waste bin emptying Oct 21 to Mar 22 £752.54 Addit cuts to SCC maintenance Apr to Sep 21 £499.20	3757	£1251.74
Mike Phillips	Replacement padlock for Cemetery	3758	£19.98
Cannington PCC	Christmas Tree Festival entrance fee	3759	£15.00

- 2. The accounts for November 2021** had been circulated to all councillors and were agreed
- 3. The Budget statement for November 2021** had been circulated to all councillors. The balance at 30th November 2022 is £233,539.62 including restricted reserves of £160,955.74.
- 4. Report on Finance and Staffing meeting** held on 15th November 2021.
 - The minutes of the meeting have been circulated to all councillors.
 - **Precept for 2022/23** – Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to set the precept at £40,000. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed unanimously. It was noticed that this was the 9th year that the precept had remained at £40,000.

10/12/21 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - The annual rent letters have been sent out.
 - There are currently 5 allotments available and with 11 people on the waiting list these will soon be taken up
 - Concerns have been raised about a number of trees on the boundaries and professional advice will be sought.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Brook clearance
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - The winter planting has been carried out in the barrier baskets and tubs
 - Request for the hedging to be cut back to the edge of the barrier baskets in Jubilee Gardens
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
 - A report from Cllr Rob Morgan was circulated to all Councillors
 - A response was made to National Association Local Councils (NALC) Survey
 - Following the above survey, we have calculated the cemetery has capacity for 75 to 100 years, based on the current level of use.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
 - The Annual meeting with the College was held on 1st December 2021 and councillors found it very useful
 - The college car park has only had limited public use in the evenings and weekends
 - The boundary wall of the Walled Grounds will be surveyed
 - The boundary between the allotments and the college will be discussed in the New Year
 - A site visit will take place in Court Orchard regarding the possibility of allotments
 - Monthly meeting held on 6th December 2021
 - An urgent inspection of the Walled Gardens boundary wall is required, loose stones from the top of the wall have fallen on to the footpath.
 - A number of Pine trees are to be felled on Main Campus
- f. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
 - The moles are still active in the Jubilee Gardens and brook area, this will be followed up with the environmental services contractor
- g. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
 - The New Year's Day charity football match will be going ahead
- h. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
 - The AGM due to be held on 22nd November 2021 was postponed and will now be held in January 2022
- i. Youth- Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

11/12/21 Matters of Report

1. Office closure for Christmas – 24th December 2021 to 5th January inclusive
2. Phone box in High Street - missing/loose panels have been reported to BT
3. St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival from 14th December 2021
4. The Annual Parish meeting held was held on 9th November 2021 in the public session of the monthly meeting and was well attended. It included the presentation of the Child of Cannington for 2021 to Ann Webber who everyone agreed was a worthy winner. The notes of the meeting have been circulated to all Councillors. The next Annual Parish Council meeting will take in May 2022 after the Parish Council elections.

12/12/21 Items for the next meeting

13/12/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th January 2022

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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