



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at

7.00pm on Tuesday 8th March 2022 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 Dist Cllr)

Chair: Colin Allen

County and District Councillors Mike Caswell and Brian Bolt

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 4

01/03/22 Declarations of Members Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests

Public Session

- Chairman Colin Allen reminded everyone that the Parish Council elections will take place on 5th May 2022. The Clerk will advertise the elections on Facebook, the website and notice boards. Nomination papers can be returned to the Clerks by 30th March for checking before submitting to Sedgemoor District Council.
- A member of the public asked if the council had any plans to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A number of suggestions were put forward and a meeting has been arranged for 17th March 2022.
- A member of the public questioned the accuracy of the minutes for 8th February 2022

Council Session

02/03/22 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

03/03/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 8th February 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2022 were agreed

04/03/22 Matters Arising

There were no items not covered by separate agenda item

05/03/22 Planning matters

SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for this agenda item

New Planning applications

1. **13/21/00041** – Installation of solar panels at Yeo Valley. Further information and amendments to plans were received which enabled councillors to support the application.
2. **13/22/00003** – Retention of public house and reinstatement of cottage adjoining the public house at 30 High Street. This application arrived too late to go on the agenda for February 2022 meeting. It was discussed at the meeting and councillors were in support of the application subject to it being advertised on the notice boards and website for comment. The application was advertised and no comments were received.
3. **13/22/00005** – Works to Horse Chestnut at 27 Rodway. Cllr Ian Dyer proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously. After discussions Cllr Ian Dyer proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/21/00035** – Erection of a single storey convenience store on land off Main Road. **Permission granted**
2. **13/21/00036** – Outline application with all matters reserved, for the erection of 5 dwellings on land off Main Road. **Permission granted**
3. **13/22/00001** – Erection of a two-storey extension to the side (SW) elevation, single storey extension to the rear (NW) elevation and erection of a front porch at 9 Southbrook. **Permission granted**
4. **13/22/00002** – Erection of a first-floor extension to the side (SW) elevation and formation of porch at 24 Browning's Road. **Permission granted**

Planning other

1. SDC Planning Procedures and Delegated Powers.
 - Cllr Rob Morgan outlined the procedures for responding to planning applications. We are given 21 days to respond to an application, the options are: to support, object or have no observations. We must give valid planning reasons for our response. The applicant may make changes to the application to reverse our objections. If the Parish Council disagrees with the SDC case officer then the application will go to SDC Development committee for a decision.

06/03/22 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Bollards on High Street – still waiting for a response from Highways about the placement of no parking signs on the bollards. Highways will undertake to refurbish the road lining in the next financial year

- The parking enforcement team and the police are aware of our concerns and will issue penalty charge notices PCN where applicable
 - Mill Lane – There is on-going correspondence between Highways and John French.
2. Footpaths
 - A modification order has been received for various footpaths in the vicinity of Combnich Ponds (mostly in Cannington parish). Any objections need to be with Somerset County Council by 19th April 2022
 3. Neighbourhood Plan
 - The plan has been held up as we will be entering in to the period of purdah before the forthcoming elections
 - Implications from the Affordable Housing meeting held on 9th February 2022
 4. Cannington Court
 - Light sensors have been replaced on Rodway car park flood lights
 - Advise to be sought from SDC planners regarding the extension to the car park.
 5. Speed Indicator Device
 - The SID will be removed for the data to be downloaded
 6. Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 - As discussed in the public session a meeting has been arranged for 17th March 2022
 - We are unable to source an Oak tree so a Liquid Amber will be planted instead in the Jubilee Gardens.
 - Councillors were unanimous in agreeing for a budget of up to £650 to provide all primary school children with a commemorative coin.
 7. Meeting held with SDC Affordable Housing
 - Notes from the meeting held on 9th February 2022 will be circulated to councillors.
 - Items arose that may affect the Neighbourhood Plan
 - A lettings policy has been produced for the new housing development at Grange Meadows and local residents will have priority.
 - Anyone wishing to be considered will need to register on the Homefinder Somerset website.
 8. Pre-election training
 - The Clerk and Chairman attended the training earlier this evening and will be able to assist anyone completing their nomination papers.
 - The presentation from the meeting will be forwarded once received.
 9. Hinkley Point SSG held on 25th February 2022
 - This meeting was attended by Cllr Mike Phillips who has circulated his notes to councillors.

07/03/22 Correspondence and issues to discuss

1. Additional flagpole for Jubilee Gardens
 - It was agreed to purchase a flag pole for Jubilee Gardens (subject to any planning permission required). We currently have a flag pole on the War Memorial which will now only fly the Union Flag and The Help for Heroes flag.
2. Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau – Thank you received for our donation of £200.
3. South West Heritage – Local heritage list project
 - The scheme will give locally listed status to distinctive and noteworthy buildings, sites and monuments.
 - It was suggested that the Packhorse Bridge should be considered.
4. Somerset Bus Partnership
 - The Parish Council petitioned the Government to continue with the bus subsidy. The funding has now been extended to October 2022.
 - Somerset has put in a bid of £163 million to a £3 billion Government fund for Bus Back Better, National Strategy for Buses for England. This fund has been seven times oversubscribed.

08/03/22 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. East and West Roundabouts
2. Trees
 - Planting at the Cemetery – The hedging has been completed in the new part of the Cemetery, there are still a few trees to be delivered. This work has been carried out by John Addison and his students at Bridgwater and Taunton College and we are very grateful to them. A large slab of concrete was found buried beneath the grass which had to be removed.
3. Replacement of High Street Notice board

SDC Cllr Brian Bolt and SCC Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8.30pm

09/03/22 Financial Matters

1. **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) March 2022	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox March 2022	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services March 2022	DD	£56.69
Cotswold Hardy Plants Ltd	Hedge plants for cemetery	3784	£44.80
Amberol Ltd	Replacement planters	3785	£2297.71
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (February) plus expenses £109.86	3786	£950.93
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (February)	3787	£382.11
The following payments are due:			
Chew Valley Trees	2 additional trees for cemetery	3795	£192.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for February 2022	3789	£935.39
Tina Gardener	Donation to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	3790	£200.00

2. **The accounts for February 2022** have been circulated to all councillors and were agreed
3. **The Budget statement for February 2022** had been circulated to all councillors. The balance at 28th February 2022 is £215,601.68 including reserves of £188,216.49
4. **Consider financial donation to Ukraine Appeal.** Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to donate £200, this was unanimously agreed.
5. A cheque has been received for £2,000 from Cannington in Bloom towards the cost of the planters.

10/03/22 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - There is currently a small waiting list
 - A number of trees along the boundary hedge needs some attention.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Brook clearance
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - We are awaiting costings for the new signs for the village entrances.
 - The new planters have arrived and will not be put out until the summer bedding is ready.
 - There will be a plant sale at Cannington URC on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 10.00.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
 - The Yew trees may need some attention. We will seek advice and then obtain some quotes for any necessary work
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
 - Progressing with the sale of Court House
 - A meeting will be arranged with the College to see if part of the Community Orchard can be used as allotments
- f. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
 - A wooden post besides Denman Lane needs replacing
- g. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
 - Due to the soaring costs of electricity, a suggestion was made to consider installing Solar panels on the pavilion roof.
 - An open day still needs to be arranged to discuss the future use of the playing fields.
- h. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
 - New guttering has been installed on the village hall
- i. Youth - Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
 - The Brownies were given a donation of £800 from the Cannington Flower Show committee

11/03/22 Matters of Report

1. EDF Transport Forum on 17th March 2022
 - Concerns were raised about the number of HPC buses going through Cannington, a request to be made to EDF for a timetable.
2. Somerset Council and Parish Council elections to be held on 5th May 2022
 - Deadline for candidate nominations 5th April 2022
 - Deadline to register to vote 6th April 2022
 - Consider publishing the forthcoming election on Cannington Now

12/03/22 Items for the next meeting

13/03/22 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed Date.....