



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at

**7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Mike Phillips, 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

### **01/04/22 Declarations of Members Interests**

There were no declarations of members' interests

### **Public Session**

Chairman Colin Allen welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the current council. The elections will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and three of the current councillors will not be standing for re-election. 17 candidates have come forward for election and it will be the first Parish Council elections since 2011.

- A member of the public thanked the 3 retiring councillors on behalf of the public
- A reminder that the no parking signs in Brook Street have not been replaced.
- Other items raised (which are included on the agenda) included; traffic calming, bollards on the high street and the speed indicator device

### **Council Session**

#### **02/04/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kym Wardhaugh and Steve Pettitt

#### **03/04/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were approved after a few minor amendments.

**04/04/22 Matters Arising** there were no matters not covered by separate agenda items

#### **05/04/22 Planning matters**

*SDC Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting for this agenda item*

#### **New Planning applications**

1. **13/22/00004** – Non-material amendments for Grange Farm development, confirmation that the layout and house type drawings will take primacy over the inaccurate street scene drawings will not materially alter the character of the approved scheme. For information only. **Permission granted**

#### **Planning decided**<sup>1</sup>

1. **13/21/00031** – Erection of dwelling at The Granary Blackmore Lane. **Refused**
2. **13/21/00041** – Installation of solar panels at Yeo Valley. **Development Committee deferred decision**
3. **13/22/00003** – Retention of public house and re-instatement of cottage at 30 High Street. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/22/00005** – Works to Horse Chestnut at 27 Rodway. **Permission granted**

Following recent press coverage of new developments removing the affordable housing provision once planning permission has been granted, SCC Cllr Mike Caswell emphasised the need for a robust S106 agreement to deliver the affordable housing and a local lettings agreement is vital.

#### **06/04/22 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - Bollards on High Street. We are still waiting a response from Highways; we are also in discussions with the Police as to the best way to resolve the on-going parking issues
  - Mill Lane. Highways will carry out an inspection of the existing road lining and signs to see whether anything requires refurbishing.
  - Concerns have been raised that there is a need for additional/larger dog bins. It was agreed to put a bin at the top of Chads Hill and to review the existing locations.
  - Traffic Calming. Plans have been received for the upgrading of existing speed cushions with table tops and additional ones on Rodway. The costings for this project are still to be finalised.
  - Discussions previously took place with South West Heritage to look at new and refurbished traditional style finger posts for Cannington. This will be followed up by the clerk.
2. Footpaths
  - The gate at Gurney Street end of the public footpath running alongside the school needs attention.
  - A bridge on the Parrett Way footpath is in a dangerous state. This is a permissive path on land owned by the College.

3. Neighbourhood Plan
  - This must be included on every agenda and needs to be the number one priority for the new council.
4. Cannington Court
  - We are still waiting for a response from SDC planners regarding the car park extension at Rodway.
5. Speed Indicator Device (SID)
  - The downloading of the data has still not been resolved.
  - It is hoped that when the new council is formed in May that a subgroup can be responsible for the SID
  - A request for the criteria for a permanent SID has been made to Highways
6. Queen's Platinum Jubilee
  - Celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
    - ✓ Notes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April have been circulated to all Councillors and the arrangements for the day are coming together.
    - ✓ It was agreed for the celebrations to start at 2.00pm.
    - ✓ Details of the event will be advertised in the Target due out at the beginning of May. Further advertising will take place nearer the time.
    - ✓ It was strongly stated that fireworks would not be allowed in Jubilee Gardens
    - ✓ A drumming group is available on 4<sup>th</sup> June. It involves audience participation, the costs are £250 for 1hr or £350 for 2hrs. Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to book the group for 1hr, this was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed by a majority.
  - The new flagpole for Jubilee Gardens has now been received and will be erected shortly.
  - 200 Platinum Jubilee coins have been ordered for all Primary School age children
7. Transport Forum held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  - Cllr Rob Morgan attended this meeting; his notes have been circulated to councillors and there was nothing of concern to report.
8. Parish Council and Unitary elections
  - As stated in the public sessions these are taking place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022
  - SCC Cllr Mike Caswell said it had been an absolute joy working with the councillors at Cannington. Cllr Mike Phillips had been a stalwart of the Hinkley Point SSG meetings and has always asked the right and in some cases difficult questions
9. Somerset Bus Partnership
  - The latest meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and was attended by Roy Pumfrey
  - On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Government announced its Bus Strategy. Its central aim is to get more people travelling by bus.
  - Somerset says it will continue to work with operators to maintain services and is seeking £163 million from the Government compared with its current £3million spend
10. Police Report
  - There were 6 crimes in Cannington over the past 28 days, these were 2 drug offences, 2 public order offences, 1 criminal damage and 1 crime related incident (this is a report of a crime that turns out not to be a crime).

*SDC Cllr Brian Bolt and SCC Cllr left the meeting at 8.10pm*

#### **07/04/22 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. East and West Roundabouts
2. Trees
  - The first phase of the planting at the Cemetery has now been completed
  - Any further tree work will take place next winter
3. Replacement of High Street Notice board

#### **08/04/22 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) April 2022	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox April 2022	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services April 2022	DD	<b>£55.25</b>
SDC	March grounds maintenance for Rodway, Otters Brook and additional SCC maintenance	3791	<b>£200.00</b>
Starboard Systems Ltd	Accounts package subscription 2022/23	3792	<b>£561.60</b>
R Popplewell	Cannington & NHP website hosting and domain name	3793	<b>£440.00</b>
A T Thorne	Replace post in Jubilee Gardens	3794	<b>£124.80</b>
Chew Valley Trees	2 trees for cemetery	3795	<b>£192.00</b>
Colin Allen	Flag pole from Hampshire Flags	3796	<b>£301.33</b>
Stuart Todd Associates	Consultancy for NHP Oct 2021 to March 2022	3797	<b>£4,173.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (March)	3798	<b>£843.89</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (March)	3799	<b>£382.31</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
Tina Gardener	PAYE for January to March 2022	3800	<b>£304.40</b>
Clifford Estates	Allotment rent for 2022/23	3801	<b>£40.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Expenses	3802	<b>£201.94</b>

2. **The accounts for March 2022** were previously circulated and agreed as a true record

3. **The budget statement for March 2022** was previously circulated to all councillors. The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 is £213,955.50 including reserves of £188,029.49
4. **Finance and Staffing meeting to be arranged** before the next Parish Council meeting in May.
5. **Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal donation.** At our meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Councillors approved a payment of £200.00 to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal in good faith. We have since learnt that we did not have the power to make a payment to an overseas charity.

#### **09/04/22 Correspondence**

1. Somerset Wildlife Trust – Wildlife in churchyards and burial grounds
2. The District and County Councils coronavirus helplines closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022
3. Environment Agency – Regulation of Hinkley Point power stations invitation to ‘meet the regulator’ engagement meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
4. South West Heritage - In this Platinum Jubilee year the Somerset Archives and Local Studies Service, part of the South West Heritage Trust, are putting out an appeal to send portraits of our parish, something which will mark our parish’s place at this unique moment in history and to provide future generations of Somerset with information on our communities. They would like a snapshot of our parish today, a celebration of what makes our parish special in 2022.
5. The District and County Councils have agreed a mitigation package with EDF regarding increase of workers at Hinkley Point C

#### **10/04/22 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
  - There are a number of trees that need attention
  - There are currently 4 people on the waiting list for allotments.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Brook clearance
- c. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
  - The new signs for the village entrances have been ordered at a cost of £755.50
  - Watering of the barrier baskets and containers has commenced.
- d. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Alan Beasley and Ian Dyer
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
- f. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr Andrew Vickery.
  - Discussions took place as to whether kerbing should be installed in front of the newly built wall. Concerns were raised that this would reduce the width of the road. This would be a matter for Highways.
- g. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips
- h. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- i. Youth - Cllr Kym Wardhaugh

#### **11/04/22 Matters of Report**

1. EDF Community Forum to be held on 19th May 2022
2. The clerk and one of the trustees for the Almshouse have resigned and they are looking for replacements
3. Cllr Ian Dyer is looking in to the possibility of demolishing some of the garages in the Northbrook and Southbrook are owned by Sedgemoor District Council and using the space for additional car parking.

#### **12/04/22 Items for the next meeting**

#### **13/04/22 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 16th May 2022

Chairman Colin Allen thanked the three retiring councillors for their valued contribution to the Parish Council over a number of years. Mike Phillips has been an outstanding Vice-chairman and will be greatly missed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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