



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Cannington Village Hall**

## Draft MINUTES

### Present:

**Parish Councillors:** John Addison, Mike Andison, Ian Dyer (also SDC District Councillor) Steve Pettitt, Jack Popham and Kym Wardhaugh

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**County and District Councillor:** Brian Bolt

**Deputy Clerk:** Aly Prowse

**Members of the Public:** 4

### Public Session

1. Although the concessionary bus passes are valid to use from 0930hrs, due to the change in the timetables the first available bus to use the bus pass is at 1015hrs. This could cause problems for people who have hospital and other appointments. It may also discourage use of public transport. Cllr Jack Popham will take this up through the Bus User Group and request the new timing to be reversed.
2. A long debate was held regarding the parking problems in Bowling Green, Church St and Mill Lane during the day. Whilst some of the parking was thought to be EDF personnel, when registration numbers are passed to EDF to check on its database, many are not listed; those that are, are ticketed. Whilst the parish council recognises the inconvenience to residents, as long as vehicles are taxed, the parking is not illegal. Those present were reminded of the free parking at the College (via the Rodway Hill entrance). A suggestion was made to look at 'limited parking time' in this area. The parish council will look into this, bearing in mind this could also inconvenience residents. Cllr John Addison will raise parking problems at the Transport Forum on 14.7.22. Relining the double yellow lines and zig zags in the High St opposite the SPAR shop is due to commence soon.

### Council Session

#### **01/07/22 Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of Member's Interests declared. However, Cllr Brian Bolt as Sedgemoor District Council (SDC) planning portfolio holder has an interest in agenda item 05/07/22.

#### **02/07/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lisa Evans, Shaun Ryall, Carole Taylor, Mike Caswell and Tina Gardener.

#### **03/07/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

#### **04/07/22 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes (not covered by separate agenda items).

#### **05/07/22 Planning matters**

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

##### **New planning applications**

1. **13/22/00009** – Change of use from agricultural livestock building to commercial use to include offices, light industrial and storage (Class E) at Withiel Farm. This was unanimously supported as proposed by Cllr Steve Pettitt and seconded by Cllr Ian Dyer.
2. **13/22/00010** – Listed Building Consent Internal works to the structure of dome, Clifford Hall, Cannington Court. This was unanimously supported as proposed by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and seconded by Cllr John Addison.
3. **13/22/00016** – Notice of proposed Agricultural Development application to determine if prior approval is required for the erection of a chemical spray plant at Hensfield Farm, Chads Hill. **Formal application not required.**
4. **13/22/00017** – Modification/discharge of Planning Obligation. Application to Vary Planning Obligation (Section 106 Agreement) dated 08.08.19 relating to planning application 13/18/00040 to amend the mortgagee exemption clause on Land to the north of Grange Farm, Main Road. This was unanimously supported as proposed by Cllr John Addison and seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt.
5. **13/22/00018** Works to trees in a Conservation Area. Fell 2 Eucalyptus located in Walled Gardens, Church Street. This was unanimously supported as proposed by Cllr Steve Pettitt and seconded by Cllr John Addison.
6. **SCC/3956/2022 and 13/22/00009** – The erection of 3 roundabout advertisement/sponsorship signs on the north roundabout Cannington Bypass/Rodway. This was unanimously objected to as proposed by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and seconded by Cllr Jack Popham.

##### **Planning decided**

1. **13/22/00006** – Conversion of garage into an annex at 10 Hawkers Close. **Permission granted**
2. **13/12/00014** – Fell 3 Alder trees in Jubilee Gardens for Cannington Parish Council. **Permission granted**
3. **13/22/00015** – Works to Oak Tree at War Memorial for Cannington Parish Council. **Permission granted**

#### **06/07/22 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues  
This was mostly covered in the Public Session. However, double yellow lining on Brook St in the vicinity of the bridge is

- due to be carried out soon. The temporary use of cones in this area is working well.
2. Footpaths  
It was noted that some of the footpaths are in need of some urgent attention; this is being addressed by the parish council. The dog bin for Chad's Hill has been ordered and is planned to be installed soon.
  3. Cannington Court  
Following the meeting with EDF on 11.7.22, it was confirmed that the proposed planning application to temporarily extend the car park at Rodway will need to be prepared and paid for by the parish council. EDF will pay for the work to be carried out.
  4. Speed Indicator Device  
Due to illness and holidays, the meeting with Wembdon Parish Council will be re-arranged. It was noted that the battery time on our device is not very good; solar powered devices seem to be more successful. Other devices available include double sided that flash vehicle registrations if exceeding the speed limit. The parish council will revisit the suitability of its device and consider acquiring additional units with other features.
  5. Traffic Calming – Rodway  
The scheme to improve the traffic calming on Rodway has been ordered from SCC Highways. We are awaiting a date for the works to start.
  6. Village maintenance
    - The Withiel Drive bench was re-painted and the bench at the High St bus shelter was rubbed down and oiled. Our thanks to the volunteers who did both benches.
    - The High St phone box had two broken glass panels. One has been replaced, but the other needs to be fixed.
    - As a safety issue (for pedestrians to step off the road to allow vehicles to pass) the grass verge and hedge on Chad's Hill requires cutting back. Cllr Ian Dyer said there are also a few other areas in the village that require cutting. Cllr Brian Bolt advised that hedge cutting is due to be completed in September. Cllr Ian Dyer suggested we could hire a hedge cutter for a day at our cost to address the safety and visibility priorities. This was agreed unanimously, as proposed by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and seconded by Cllr John Addison.
  7. Hinkley Point SSG held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
A report of the meeting was previously circulated to members. After 47 years of generation, the B Station Reactor 4 was shutdown. Reactor 3 will be shutdown August 2022. Thanks were expressed to Mike Phillips for the report and attending the meeting as our representative.

#### **07/07/22 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Carole Taylor is in the process of pulling together the summary sheets. It has taken time to gather all the information.

#### **08/07/22 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. Replacement of High Street Notice board. Suppliers and quotations are being sought.
2. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area. It was agreed on safety grounds (a second exit for the play area and the potential to avoid using the main road for access) to proceed with this project. £10000 will be set aside from the Hinkley Point Leisure Fund to pay for it. Galvanised steel may be the preferred option as it will be less maintenance.

#### **09/07/22 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) July 2022	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox July 2022	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & Broadband Services July 2022	DD	<b>£58.02</b>
Cannington in Bloom	Front Garden competition	3832	<b>£225.00</b>
Blackmore Farm	Watering and weed spraying	3833	<b>£456.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's Salary June 2022	3834	<b>£847.08</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's Salary June 2022	3835	<b>£382.31</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
Somerset Playing Fields Association	Annual subscription	3836	<b>£15.00</b>
Sedgemoor District Council	Election costs	3837	<b>£2,630.09</b>
SALC Ltd	Councillor training	3838	<b>£170.00</b>
On The Level	Repairs to gates	3839	<b>£25.00</b>

2. **The Accounts for June 2022** were previously circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record.
3. **The Budget Statement for June 2022**, was previously circulated to councillors. The balance at 30.6.22 was £251079 which includes reserves of £211766.
4. **Transfer of funds from Cannington Flower Show.** It was agreed that these 'third party' funds will be held in the accounts, until and in case the group starts up again.

#### **10/07/22 Review of risk assessments**

The annual risk assessment schedule requires to be checked.

#### **11/07/22 Review of Procedures**

- Standing Orders – it was agreed that the use of pronouns (he/she/they) will be referenced at the start of the document rather than change the document throughout.
- Financial Regulations – the financial regulations as updated 14.9.21 were approved.
- Code of Conduct – it was agreed to wait until this document was adopted by SDC in September. We could then tailor it to our needs or adopt the document in full.

### **12/07/22 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

1. Extra Christmas lights – Cllr Mike Andison said he will have all the information required by the end of August.
2. Christmas festive decoration competition – this was unanimously agreed to go ahead. There will be 2 or 3 prizes including one for businesses; possible a hamper(s) and Cllr Mike Caswell previously offered to provide a turkey. Judging will be held on 17.12.22 by Cllrs Mike Andison, Jack Popham and John Addison. This item will be included in our report for the forthcoming Target, with more details included in the November Target.
3. War Memorial Plaque – a new brass plaque has been ordered at a cost of £641.50 plus VAT. The plaque will be removed to use as a template whilst the new one is being made. This will be done at the end of July.
4. Tree Planting
  - Two trees will be replaced in Otters Brook by the parish council.
  - Cllr John Addison has spoken to residents in Northbrook and will arrange to replace the tree.
  - The Women's Institute would like to plant a further tree to commemorate its Centenary. This could be the third replacement tree for the three Alders that are being felled.
  - There are 3 or 4 trees that require replacing in Teals Acre and Southbrook. Cllr John Addison said he could do this with students. He was advised that there are a lot of bulbs in Teals Acres to be replanted if possible (if unearthed).
5. Annual Parish meeting – this will be held on 9 August at 7.00pm and will include The Child of Cannington award.
6. SDC – Consultation for charity street collections – it was agreed that this was not applicable to the parish.
7. SCC – Road Traffic Order for double yellow lines in Brook Street – this has been advertised in the Bridgwater Mercury.
8. Road traffic accidents on A39 near Oatley Lane – a resident wrote to the parish council concerned at the number of accidents occurring along this stretch of road. Cllr Brian Bolt said that K Tyson (SCC Highways) is aware and he was meeting her on 14.7.22 to discuss the situation. The Clerk will write a letter to K Tyson outlining the concerns.
9. Target – deadline for submission, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – items will include the festive Christmas decoration competition, annual parish meeting, SDC Keeping 'Sedgemoor Tidy' awards, parish council elections, Cannington in Bloom, allotments and to request suggestions for use of the playing fields. Cllr Wardhaugh will write a paragraph on the meeting held with the school to discuss opportunities for youth activities.

### **13/07/22 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Shaun Ryall and Mike Andison. The proposed sign advising vehicles will be prohibited from the allotments during the winter period was approved and an order will be placed.
- b. Brook – There are concerns regarding the massive growth of vegetation in the floor relief channel. Cllr Ian Dyer will contact the Environment Agency to try and arrange a site visit to discuss the problem.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham was unable to attend the last meeting. There was a poor turn-out and consideration will be given to amalgamate future meetings with the Transport Forum. He will however write with our concerns including the concessionary bus times, the routes and timings for the village, including a request for a bus after the last one leaves the village at 4.15pm.
- d. Cannington in Bloom (CIB) South West in Bloom judging
  - The Chair commented on the fabulous job done by the CIB team, volunteers and helpers; the village looked at its absolute best. Thank-you letters will be written as appropriate. Cllr Steve Pettitt thought the village looked really good and was very pleased how the village got involved. The judges were very complimentary and seemed to be impressed. The results will be known in October.
  - Cllr Steve Pettitt said that CIB would like to put a business plan together to present to the parish council in October. There is an appetite amongst the team to become more professional and they would like to become more proficient in planning and budgeting, albeit they do the best they can with existing resources.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison. Work to trim the Yew trees will commence week beginning 3.10.22
- f. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
  - Allotments in Community Orchard. Following an assessment of costs associated with the provision of allotments such as security, ground clearance, water supply, plus there is only one person on the waiting list, it was decided not to go ahead with this project. Instead, we will discuss with the college if some of the land could be cleared, more fruit trees planted and to keep the area as a green space to promote wildlife and the environment.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison said the strip of lights need to come down for testing. A hoist or platform will be required to do this. It may be possible to coordinate the work when the Alder trees are felled.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Lisa Evans and Jack Popham
  - It was decided to ask for suggestions from residents for the future use of the playing fields in the forthcoming Target. Consideration would then be given to hold an open day, perhaps later on in the year.
  - The football pitch will be ready week commencing 25.8.22.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
  - New plastic chairs have been purchased for the lower hall.
  - The committee is still without a Chair
- j. Youth - Cllrs Kym Wardhaugh and Lisa Evans held a meeting with the school to try and determine what the youth would want in terms of activity. It was suggested to split activities into various age groups.

*Cllr Ian Dyer left the meeting at 9.05pm.*

### **14/07/22 Matters of Report**

1. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### **15/07/22 Items for the next meeting**

No items were identified.

### **16/07/22 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 August 2022. Following this, the next full parish council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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