



Cannington Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting held at
7.00pm on Monday 21st May 2018 in Cannington Village Hall

Present:

Colin Allen, Dawn Horrobin, Sara Jones, Hannah Jones, Ian and Ann Dyer, Andy Berry, Joan Salmon, Jan and Steve Pettitt, Andrew Vickery, Colin and Jean Fitzpatrick, Rob Morgan, Roger Annis, Alison Waters, Andrea Pimm, Mike Cotterill, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps, Ann Bown, John and Betty Edney, Lynne Fackrell, Geoff Parle, Kate Slade, Julie Nurton and Tina Gardener.

Apologies:

Kym Carpenter, David Greenslade, Angela Underwood, Jason Gunningham and Jan Hoss

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2017

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 22nd May 2017 were approved.

Colin Allen -Chairman's Report

A warm welcome to you all to our Annual Parish meeting. This will be the last Annual Parish meeting of this council as there will be elections in May 2019.

The budget (Precept) for 2018/19 was set at the Finance meeting held in November 2017 and will be retained at £40k. By 2019 we will have an agreed Reserve of £20k (50% of the Precept as recommended). Our receipts during the 2017/18 financial year were in excess of £60k with expenditure totalling £58k.

I will now review the activities of the last financial year: -

1. A new hedge was planted at the Cemetery. The yew trees have been trimmed and wires holding the foliage together have been tightened where necessary.
2. The Flood Alleviation Scheme was completed. The new relief channel was used several times. The Scheme cost was approximately £4m.
3. The Cannington / Sandford corner cycle path was completed.
4. The Park and Ride is complete. The official opening event is on 23 May at 2pm. It will be used 50% visitors and 50% staff.
5. The Black Poplar was removed at a cost of almost £2k. A plaque will be erected in its place. A Black Poplar sapling has been secured and will be planted in the vicinity (site to be confirmed).
6. The Playing Field surface has been renovated. The car park brings in an income from EDF of £15k per annum. Discussions are ongoing regarding the usage of the playing fields.
7. The Emergency Flood Committee has been renamed as the Emergency Committee and the 'four-man team's mobile number is displayed in the Cannington Target and notice boards.
8. The hedge in the Jubilee Gardens adjacent to Brook St has had a major reduction.
9. The Pack Horse Bridge surface will be renovated with a more traditional surface which is planned to start on 18 June.
10. Otters brook is almost complete and by September the entrance from Brook St should be complete with a kissing gate entrance. All work on this site was in accordance with SDC. The developers will maintain the public open space for 12 months but thereafter it will be handed over to the parish council which will receive £50k to maintain it in the future.
11. Cannington In Bloom will be taking a break from competition this year although they will be maintaining the floral displays to the usual high standard. Huge congratulations to CIB who last year won the South West in Bloom Gold Cup; Best large village and the Britain in Bloom Silver Gilt in the large village category.
12. Four new dwellings were completed in Gurney St.
13. The Youth Club continues and operates for 42 weeks per year. Currently there are 8-14 young people attending each week. There is an excellent team leader who not only organises entertainment for the youngsters but addresses educational aspects such as discussing health, drugs, alcohol and smoking concerns etc.
14. The Traffic Calming project has been an exhausting process. We finally obtained approval to use our CIM fund on 17.5.18; thus we have secured the £188k required to implement the scheme. The requisite Safety Audit and Traffic Orders etc have already commenced which precedes the construction works, due to commence August 2018. The work should be complete by the end of September, possibly October to consider any "snagging".
15. New Christmas lights were purchased which gave an excellent show. New lights will be purchased for the Christmas tree for this year.
16. The maintenance of the grass in the Churchyard has been added to our maintenance schedule at a cost of £2k.
17. Highways previously cut (and paid) for the grass in certain areas of the village 7 times per annum, whereas other areas are cut 14 times. We have upped the frequency of ALL areas to be cut 14 times, the difference in cost of £1.5k per annum is being met by us.
18. The Otters Brook footpath opened Easter 2018.
19. The consultation for the proposed diversion of part of the footpath BW 5/2 (flood alleviation scheme) closed on 11.5.18.
20. The draft copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is currently with Sedgemoor District Council. The final document will be subject to a parish-wide Referendum.
21. War memorial - The memorial has been cleaned and the plaque is being refurbished so that it looks its best to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of World War I.

The Parish Council will shortly be joining the 21st Century by using Facebook for the distribution of important information.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Blackmore Farm for the excellent refreshments provided this evening; the Parish, District and County councillors for all their hard work and help over the last year and the Clerks and Vice-Chairman for the work that has been carried out above and beyond their call of duty.

Child of Cannington Award

Alison Waters presented the award to this year's recipient Mike Phillips. Not only does Mike work tirelessly as Vice chairman for the Parish Council, Mike also makes a lot of items out of wood including flower planters, wheelbarrows and bird tables. All proceeds go to the Children's Hospice and St Margaret's Hospice. Mike also takes people to doctors and hospital appointments. He is always willing to help anyone and give a hand in times of need.

The chairman then asked for reports from those present;

Andy Berry – Bridgwater and Taunton College

The village gives the College a warm welcome. It has now been 13 years since the merger. The farm has a 300 strong dairy herd and has a contract with Wiseman Dairies to supply milk. Starling prevention netting has been installed and a slurry lagoon built. The Animal Care Centre continues to develop and with the Paignton site closed and the Yeovil site closing it is looking to introduce other animals to Cannington including Marmoset monkeys. The gym is now open and is available to members of the public.

Julie Nurton – Youth Unlimited

Julie reported that she had a challenging group of young people attending the youth club they had 28 enrolled with the club. They were awarded a £1,000 grant which is being used to purchase equipment. They cover many topics including drug abuse, sexual behaviour and self-harming. They also do youth work out in the village to try and reach those that don't attend the club.

Geoff Parle - Target

The Target is still thriving and is self-sufficient and solvent. Geoff thanked Mike Phillips for giving him copy for the next issue of the Target.

Jan Pettitt – Cannington in Bloom (CiB)

In 2017 we achieved Silver Gilt in the Britain in Bloom, Gold in SWiB regional and the Cox cup for best large village in the southwest. They had fantastic support from the Parish Council and the villagers. CiB have decided to take a break from competitions this year. The Community Action Day will take place on Saturday 16th June.

Sara Jones –Cannington Pantomime

Sara reported that this year's pantomime was a sell-out. They received nine nominations in the Cinderella Awards. Sara thanked the Parish Council for their recent grant. They are looking to build a large wardrobe in the room adjacent to the stage.

Alison Waters – St Mary's Church

Alison reported that Colin Fitzpatrick and Jan Hossent have stood down and Mike Fackrell is joining as a Church warden. The work on the roof has been completed and there is work to be done on the tower. There is a technical hitch with the clock. Work is going to be carried out in the Garden of Rest and John Addison has worked incredibly hard to clear the garden. The church fete and preschool duck race will take place on 14th July.

Alison Waters – Combined Charities

Grants are available and it is totally confidential, the only criteria is that you must live in Cannington. Grants can be used for equipment for the disabled, emergency funds etc. Betty Evans has stepped down as Clerk and has done so much over the last 18 years. Linda Annis will be taking over as Clerk.

Roger Annis – St Mary's Bell ringers

Roger reported that they have nine members and they practice on a Tuesday evening. They ring the bells for weddings and will also ring them for wedding anniversaries. Their outing to North Devon will be on 7th July.

Jean Fitzpatrick – Cannington WI

Jean reported that they have 30 members and meet on the second Monday of the month. This year they celebrated the 95th birthday of the WI. They have had a busy year; making Xmas boxes for the homeless at YMCA, knit and natter evenings making squares for baby blankets for Yeovil hospital, Quantock carol service, outings, speakers, skittles and Xmas dinner. They were invited to Brownies to the Big Brownie Club where they made bookmarks for Mother's Day.

Colin Fitzpatrick – Childrens Hospice South west

Colin reported that he looks forward to receiving Mike's donations. Over the years the New Year's Day football organised by Colin Allen has raised £32,000. The Hospice gives a variety of care including: palliative care, family respite, sibling care, afterlife care and bereavement care.

Lynne Fackrell – Cannington Brownies

Lynne reported that there are other leaders and 29 Brownies in their pack. They get involved in community projects including the Flower show and WI. A Brownie Bake Off and coffee afternoon raised £649. Designing wedding dresses from bin bags, a Gruffalo hunt and sandcastle competition are a few of the activities undertaken by the Brownies.

Joan Salmon – Flower Show

Joan reported that the committee has increased in numbers to improve the running of the show. Valued support has come from the Brownies and John Addison. Plenty of classes to enter into and craft stalls to enjoy.

Kate Slade – Cannington Village Hall

Kate reported that built in cupboards were completed last year and they are building up funds to replace the tables, install a hearing loop and a projector and screen. Although the house provides a good income it does come with landlord responsibilities. There is a very small dedicated group managing the hall and more are welcome to join.

Andrea Pimm – Cannington Preschool and Primary School

Andrea reported that the preschool has been running for 50 years, having started in the village hall, before moving to the primary school. It is now open from 8.00am to 5.30pm. The family fun day raised £1,600, there will be holiday fun club at the school for 3 weeks. Other events include a duck race and curry night.

There will be an arts week at the school in July and the children have been on trips including a Christmas Pantomime. The PTA will be holding a Christmas Fayre.

Mike Cotterill – Bridge Club

Mike reported that the bridge club meet on a Thursday evening, they have 40 members and 20 play regularly

Ann Bown – Sedgemoor District Council

Ann said that she is always there if needed and will help in a personal way. Ann gave thanks to the work Colin does for the village and people do not realise how many hours he puts in.

Chairman Colin Allen said that he was impressed with the upbeat reports and this makes the village what it is.

As there were no other speakers the meeting closed and refreshments were enjoyed.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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