



Cannington Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting held at
7.00pm on Monday 22nd May 2019 in Cannington Village Hall

Present: Colin Allen, Kym & Ray Wardhaugh, Claire & Martin Ridgement, Ian Dyer, Hannah Jones, Sra Jones, Tara Chevalier, Mike Phillips, Geoff Parle, John Edney, Mike Fackrell, Robin Phipps, Alan Beasley, Rob Morgan, Kate Slade, Rose Morgan, Sandra Anderson, Kathryn Storry, Andrea Pimm, Alison Waters, Sue Wand, Catherine Nightingale, Graham Bell and Tina Gardener.

Apologies:

Steve Pettitt, David Eccles, Colin Fitzpatrick, Peter & Jan Hossent, Andrew Vickery, Andy Berry and Jason Gunningham

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 21st May 2018 were approved.

Colin Allen -Chairman's Report

A warm welcome to you all to our Annual Parish meeting.

The (budget (precept) was set at the Finance meeting in November 2018 and retained at £40,000, it has been this level since April 2012. Receipts during 2018/19 was £65,668.

The budget has been set for 2019/20 and it was agreed for a reserve of £20,000.

I have to say that it has been a frustrating year, trying to achieve our objectives. I will now review the activities of the last financial year.

1. The War Memorial plaque was restored and the memorial cleaned by specialist contractors. This work was carried out before the 100-year commemoration of the end of World War II.
2. Cannington Christmas was a great success and the new Christmas tree lights completed an excellent show.
3. The packhorse bridge footpath is being refurbished by South West Heritage at no cost to the council and it is anticipated the work will be completed by the end of July.
4. The refurbishment of the Bus Shelters is in progress. The roof in the High Street bus shelter has been replaced and the Brook Street shelter metalwork has been repainted. The shatterproof Perspex has still to be replaced.
5. Unfortunately, the Youth Club was disbanded due to a lack of members. Strenuous efforts were made for it to continue.
6. Disappointedly there was not a Parish Council election as only 10 nomination papers were received for 10 councillor positions. Myself as Chairman and Mike Phillips as Vice-Chairman were re-elected by the Parish Council. We said a sad farewell to Dawn Horrobin, Jack Popham and David Greenslade (who served the Council for 12 years). We welcome 3 new Councillors; Graham Bell, Steve Pettitt and Ian Dyer (who was also re-elected as our District Councillor along with Brian Bolt who has replaced Ann Bown)
7. You may be aware that the outline planning application for 72 dwellings on the outskirts of Cannington, south of the roundabout has still not been approved. As part of SDC's Local Plan, Cannington has to have a minimum of 160 houses by the year 2032.
8. In June the Neighbourhood Plan will be approved by Councillors and the consultation process will then begin. It's important that the plan is completed as it will guide the future development of Cannington. The Council will also receive 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy instead of 15% we receive now. This levy is put on new developments/extensions in excess of 100sqm of floorspace. With 72 houses in the pipeline this is a significant amount of money for the Parish Council. The barn conversion at the bottom of Rodway attracted CiL of over £1,300 for example.
9. Traffic Calming
10. Fly parking. HPC has a number of wardens patrolling Bridgwater and the surrounding villages. They are doing their best to make sure their employees abide by the rules for parking, a number of employees have been cautioned for not abiding to HPC rules. There are currently 144 HPC employees living in Cannington. Any concerns about HPC employees parking can be reported to the clerk who will forward the information to HPC.
11. The college has agreed to allow their Rodway car park to be used for public parking during evenings and weekends. An application is being made to the CIM fund for fencing. This need to be erected to keep the car park separate from the College grounds, for the safeguarding of their under 18 students.
12. Otters Brook – The land to be given to the Parish Council is now in a 12-month maintenance period (ends March 2019) prior to being handed over to the Council. A commuted sum of £50,000 will also be given to the Council for future maintenance. The Parish Council has already installed a dog bin and plan to plant an avenue of trees in the Autumn.
13. Highways – Improvements to the road and pavements at Priory Close was completed. The access road to Northbrook garages needs urgent repairs and this has been reported to Homes in Sedgemoor. An inspection of the village with Homes in Sedgemoor will take place in June.
14. Last Friday I was invited to attend the topping-out ceremony for the student accommodation for the National College for Nuclear. Topping out is the structural completion of the building. It will house 67 beds all en-suite and will be completed by October this year.
15. The Council are looking to replace the defibrillator on the High Street and it is hoped that a demonstration will take place at our July meeting. We would also like to place a further defibrillator in the village at some point.
16. Roadworks at Greenways Garage
 - Work on the highway is due to commence on 10th June and will last for 16 weeks
 - There will be a 30mph speed limit for 300metres
 - Between 7pm and 7am there will a 10mph limit with escort.
 - Full details were published in the Mercury on 14th May
17. Donations of £3,350 have been made during the year.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Blackmore Farm for the excellent refreshments this evening. Also thank you to the Parish, District and County Councillors for all their hard work. Last but not least I would like to thank the Clerks for all their hard work during the year.

Child of Cannington Award

Alison Waters presented the award to this year's recipient Lynne Fackrell. A well-deserved winner who works tirelessly for the young in our community. Twice she has been instrumental in restarting the brownies, she runs the Sunday Club at St Mary's, in the past she helped lead a cub troop, led the playgroup, is a valued teaching assistant and has been a bellringer since the age of 10.

The chairman then asked for reports from those present;

Alison Waters – St Mary's

Maintenance works required to the church following an inspection. The junior choir is doing well and a holiday club took place at Easter with Cannington URC. The drinking and drugs issues in the Garden of Rest have stopped since the large hedge was removed, new planting will be taking place.

Alison Waters – Cannington Combined Charities

Linda Annis has been appointed Clerk. The charity has given financial support to a number of people, including help with heating costs, school uniforms and trips. Every application is treated entirely confidentially and please spread the word that there are funds available to help those with a financial need.

Andrea Pimm – Cannington PTA

Last year's events raised £3,000 which has been put towards school trips, library and a trip to the pantomime

Kathryn Storry – Cannington Pre-School

It has been an exciting year working with WWT on a beach project collecting rubbish and sorting plastic for recycling. Encouraging children to understand about the need for recycling, starting with their lunch boxes! The Pre-School now has an allotment to encourage children to learn where plants and vegetables come from. Various initiatives are being explored to get eco-school status.

Geoff Parle - Target

Editor for the last time! A volunteer is required to take on the role of editor for the Target. Geoff thanked Kate Slade for all her hard work, and she has agreed to continue. Also, thanks to all the distributors. Chairman Colin Allen thanked Geoff for all his hard work and wished him success in his move to Cornwall.

Kate Slade – Village Hall

There are 6 or 7 regular user groups of the hall, mostly in term time. We are proud to have the pantomime. The Bridge Club, which has been here for donkey years has moved premises to Wembdon as there was no longer anyone from Cannington attending. The walls have been given a fresh coat of paint and a hearing loop has been installed.

Mike Fackrell – St Mary's Bell ringers

The highlight has been ringing for Armistice, the bells were rung at 12.00pm and a commemorative certificate was awarded. There are currently 7 bellringers and 1 learner, more people are welcome and we meet on Tuesday evenings. The bells and frames have been inspected and all is well. The ringing chamber has been redecorated and replastered with lime mortar.

Tara Chevalier – Bridgwater & Taunton College

The college is helping to ease the parking issues in Cannington with the use of the college car park during the weekends and evenings. Looking in to passes for students to use the gates. The first OFSTED inspection has taken place since the merger and the college was given a Grade 2. We take pride in the college and hope it enhances the college.

Catherine Nightingale – Open Gardens

This has been running for 2 years and this year there will be 7 gardens to visit and 3 of these will have cream teas available.

Sara Jones – Cannington Pantomime

This year's performance for Beauty in the Beast received 12 nominations in the Somerset Drama Awards. They value the support from the village. Auditions are taking place this week and they have a good junior take up. Next year's production will be Treasure Island

Sue Wand – Cannington in Bloom

We didn't enter the South West in Bloom competition last year as we wanted a breather and look at a longer-term plan. This year the judging will be on 15th July. A lot of new activity has been going on including a herb border at Dukes Avenue, wildflowers in the church yard, new planter on corner of East Street, an increase in bug hotels and bird boxes and purchase of new tools. A scarecrow competition is taking place and entries need to be displayed before 17th August, also a planted wheel barrow competition and entries need to be displayed by 15th July. An action day will take place on 1st June from 9.30am followed by a BBQ. The AGM will take place on 3rd June. Weedy Wednesdays and Sustainable Saturdays are continuing and more volunteers are required.

Claire Ridgement – Flower Show

This year's show will take place on 17th August in the village school. Attended a school assembly to encourage upils to take part. Thank you to the Brownies who have submitted loads of entries. I am backed by a small but fabulous committee.

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

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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