



# Cannington Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Cannington Village Hall**  
**(held in the public session of the PC Monthly meeting)**

## **Present:**

Colin Allen, Steve Pettitt, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, Robin Phipps, Andrew Vickery, Ian Dyer, Mike Caswell, Elizabeth Lewis, Lynn Fackrell, Brandon Treloar, Claire Ridgment, Martin Ridgment, John Edney, Betty Edney, Rose Morgan, Sandra Anderson, Mary Ryall, Shaun Ryall, Angela Underwood, Alison Waters, Fi Palmer, Jan Pettitt, Kate Slade, Roy Pumfrey, John French, Mike Chillingworth, Catherine Nightingale, Steve Clifton, Susie Braley, Amie Hall, Alex Reed and Tina Gardener

## **Apologies:**

Jan Hossent, Peter Hossent, Jason Gunningham, Andy Berry, Emma Nurse, Mike Phillips, Graham Bell, Kym Wardhaugh and Brian Bolt

## **Colin Allen –Chairman’s Report**

A warm welcome to you all to our Annual Parish meeting. Due to COVID the last meeting was held in May 2019.

We will start off the meeting with the Child of Cannington Presentation. I will now hand you over to our Vicar to present the award to a worthy recipient, Ann Webber.

I will now give a brief statement of some of the things that have been done by the Parish Council.

1. The financial position of the Parish Council is very healthy. The precept for the Parish has remained the same for nine years. I anticipate when the Finance and Staffing Committee meet next week that they will recommend for the Precept to remain the same once more.
2. Over the last few years, we have planted over 40 substantial trees (Otters Brook, Jubilee Gardens, Bowling Green and Folly Close) and we will continue to plant more trees.
3. The new wall in Jubilee Gardens is now complete after a difficult process to satisfy, planning, conservation and highways.
4. A new bus shelter has been erected in Brook Street (and the old one found a new home as someone’s greenhouse).
5. An additional defibrillator has been installed in Brook Street Phone Box by Jubilee Gardens.
6. A training date has been arranged for 11.00am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall. We would like as many people as possible to come along and familiarise yourself with the defibrillator and give you extra confidence to use it in an emergency.
7. We were extremely disappointed about the theft of the defibrillator in the High Street, which the Ambulance service has replaced.
8. The pavilion on Rodway Playing Fields has been completely refurbished and in the near future we intend to hold a public meeting to discuss better use of the facility.
9. We are extremely proud of Cannington Bloom’s achievements in this year’s competition, winning the gold award.
10. The traffic calming has reduced the volume and speed of traffic by over 20%.
11. A meeting has been arranged with SCC and their contractors for next week to discuss possible improvements to the traffic calming on Rodway.
12. We have purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and a trial run took place in Jubilee Gardens last week. It was very noticeable how many vehicles slowed down when their speed was flashed up in front of them. The SID will be moved around the village and will also be put up at the top of the High Street and Rodway.
13. Volunteers are required to help organise a celebration for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee next year during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact councillor Robin Phipps or the Clerks if you are interested.
14. Due to the introduction of a unitary council for Somerset, there will be elections next May. The Parish Council elections are being brought forward by a year so they take place at the same time. The next Parish Council will serve for a period of 5 years.
15. The NHP is now in the final stages and we are hopeful that the referendum will take place at the same time as the council elections next May.
16. I would like to comment on how lucky we are to have a flood alleviation scheme costing in excess of 4 million pounds, so we will no longer have any repetitions of the flooding in 2012.
17. The appeal for the planning application 13/19/00043 from Gladmans for 165 dwellings off Oak Tree Way is currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate. At the time of the application a consultant was employed by the Parish Council and a robust response was submitted. The Parish Council decided not to attend the hearing as there was nothing further to add.
18. We were very disappointed that the bus shelter in the High Street had been vandalised, 27 tiles on the roof were broken and graffiti on the internal walls and roof.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Blackmore Farm for the excellent refreshments provided this evening and to thank the councillors and clerks for all their hard work

## **Angela Underwood – Cannington Bellringers**

The bellringers were unable to meet for over a year, but met on a virtual bellringing site which was no substitute for the real thing but kept the group together. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the church tower will be open from 10.00am to 12.30pm

**Betty Edney – Cannington WI**

The WI have just enjoyed their first cream tea after 20 months of not being able to meet. They now meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. They have a variety of speakers and arts and crafts. In 2023 the WI will be celebrating 100 years.

**Lynn Fackrell – Cannington Brownies**

There are currently 28 brownies in the pack and they kept in contact during the lockdown with various activities. They are very grateful to the Parish Council for the grant awarded earlier in the year. They recently held a party at the school which encompassed summer, Easter and Christmas all in one. There is a currently a list of girls waiting to join and the group is moving onwards and upwards.

**Kate Slade – Cannington Village Hall**

The village hall shut its doors in March 2020 as the Government advised and took advantage of the Government grants to offset costs. The Pantomime will not be held this year. New stage curtains have been made and the guttering is being replaced. The house has been refurbished and relet. The hall is in a strong financial position.

**Alison Waters – St Mary’s Church**

As with many organisations the Church had to close its doors but they reopened as soon as they could with social distancing measures in place. Online worship took place and the services are still be screened via zoom for those unable to attend. The church received no financial support from the Government and has suffered financially with no income from services, weddings and christenings. Fundraising has restarted and a Christmas tree festival next month. The tower needs repointing and the stonework buttresses need refacing. It was anticipated the costs would be around £100k and the cheapest has come in at £250k. The yew arch leading in to the garden of rest is to be removed as it is riddled with ivy and alder, it will grow back eventually.

**Steve Pettitt Cannington in Bloom**

The lockdown badly effected fundraising. They managed to continue with the planting and weeding whilst maintaining social distancing. Brymore School grew on all the plants and also planted the containers. In this years RHS SW in Bloom competition they were awarded Gold in the Champion of Champions. Blackmore Farm and the Walled Gardens also won Gold in their categories. They are hoping to replace the planters later in the year. The Parish Council was thanked for always being supportive of what they do.

**John Edney**

It would be very remiss not to say thank you to the Chairman, who despite having an operation has worked tirelessly during this very difficult time.

As there were no other speakers the Annual Parish meeting concluded and the monthly meeting commenced. The Chairman said that those who wished could leave as there was no obligation to stay for the PC meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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