



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Ian Dyer, Mike Andison, Shaun Ryall, Carole Taylor and Jack Popham

**Chair:** Colin Allen

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of Public:** 1

### **01/04/23 Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of members' interests.

### **Public Session**

Items raised include;

- 20mph speed limit for Cannington – delighted this is being considered. Wembdon and Kingston St Mary have recently had 20mph speed restrictions in their villages.
- It would be useful to receive a summary of the Speed Indicator Device data.
- Dutch delegation visit on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 (see minute 06/04/23 8.)

### **Council Session**

#### **02/04/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Steve Pettitt, Lisa Evans, John Addison and Kym Wardhaugh and County Cllr Brian Bolt.

#### **03/04/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved.

#### **04/04/23 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not covered by separate agenda item

#### **05/04/23 Planning matters**

##### **New Planning**

1. **13/23/00003** – Installation of 4 externally illuminated signs to the north elevation of The Globe Inn, 4 Church Street. Cllr Ian Dyer proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.

##### **06/04/23 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - The Clerk has written requesting a 20mph speed limit for Cannington village.
  - It was noted that parking has not improved in the Priory Close area and consideration will be given to additional parking.
  - A meeting is being arranged with interested parties regarding the parking problems in High Street.
  - Notice has been given by Somerset Council that there will be a £200 fee for temporary road closures, allowances may be made for closures for the Remembrance Day service.
  - A car crashed in to the wall at 1 Fore Street, the footpath is temporarily closed whilst it is being dealt with by the insurance company.
2. Footpaths
  - Leaflets have been produced for 4 village walks which have been revised. These will be distributed to establishments within the village and placed on the village website.
  - The condition of a footbridge on a permissive footpath on college grounds needs to be investigated and details forwarded to the College.
3. Speed Indicator Device (SID)
  - Discussions took place about purchasing a second SID. The Clerk will investigate the costs.
4. Defibrillator
  - The South West Ambulance contract for the defibrillator at Bus Shelter ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 and councillors unanimously agreed to renew it.
  - The monthly online checks to be completed
5. Village maintenance
  - Clean Surroundings has agreed to place a litter bin at the top of Rodway, the position needs to be agreed with the college.
6. Hinkley Point SSG
  - A consultation on the management of nuclear waste is open until 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023
7. EDF Transport Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023
  - This was attended by Cllr Shaun Ryall and the meeting notes will be circulated once received.
  - Items of interest were; car-sharing was relaunched in December 2022 and 28% of those arriving by car to a Park and Ride were car -sharers. It was confirmed that bus drivers do not need a banksman to reverse on the

highway. Statistics from the flyparking team reveal that of the 159 complaints received in the last quarter, 37 (23%) were flyparking. In the same quarter the flyparking team identified 233 bus passengers flyparking.

8. Dutch delegation visit to HPC on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

- Chairman Colin Allen represented the Parish Council on the tour of HPC. A delegation from Holland along with representatives from EDF and SDC started the day at Cannington Court before a site tour of HPC. This was a fact-finding mission and they were keen to hear of any concerns we had on the building of a nuclear power station.

**07/04/23 Neighbourhood Plan**

- No further progress has been made, awaiting comments from Somerset Council – North on screening opinions

**08/04/23 Capital/CIM fund projects**

- Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
  - Progress is being made with the Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP) exemption
- Pump track
  - At a meeting held with Cannington Court they were in agreement with the proposed alterations to the car park at Rodway to facilitate a new access to the proposed pump track. An architect will be engaged to submit a planning application on our behalf.

**09/04/23 Financial Matters**

- 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 2023	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services April 2023	DD	<b>£55.14</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox April 2023	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for March 2023 incl addit increment and £40 expenses	Tfer	<b>£1,164.60</b>
Aly Prowse	Deputy Clerk's Salary for March 2023 incl addit increment and £9.12 expenses	Tfer	<b>£526.44</b>
Sedgemoor District Council	Grounds maintenance contract for Rodway	3933	<b>£794.14</b>
A T Thorne	Replace 3 timber posts in Jubilee Gardens	3934	<b>£412.80</b>
Stuart Todd Associates	Consultancy for NHP	Tfer	<b>£513.58</b>
<b>Payments for approval:</b>			
D M Payroll Services Ltd	Payroll services for 2023/24	Tfer	<b>£132.00</b>
Cannington Target	Donation towards printing costs	Tfer	<b>£1,750.00</b>
Shaun Ryall	Wax and polish for War Memorial plaque	3935	<b>£30.44</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for March 2023	Tfer	<b>£1,871.10</b>

- The accounts for March 2023** had previously been circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record.
- The Budget Statement for March 2023** had previously been circulated to all councillors. The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 is £388,908.39 which includes reserves of £356,733.44
- EDF S106 Sports and Leisure Fund** – this fund was held by Sedgemoor District Council on our behalf and the balance of £159,207.11 has been transferred to the Parish Council.
- Report of Finance and Staffing Committee meeting** held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The draft minutes had previously been circulated to all councillors and the following was agreed:  
The surplus cumulative hours worked by the Clerks would be paid in this current financial year.  
After a review of the 2022/23 final budget statement, it was agreed to transfer £30,000 from Traffic Calming reserves and move £20,000 to Revenue reserves and £10,000 to Capital reserves.  
The draft budget for 2023/24 was amended to reflect increases in staff costs, the new grounds maintenance contract and electricity prices.  
The bank mandate has been amended to allow cheque signatories to make online payments (requires authorisation from 2 signatories)  
It was agreed to investigate a credit card for the clerks to use instead of having to be reimbursed for expenditure incurred
- Cannington URC** – a grant was received for equipment for the new children and family's worker. Councillors agreed to purchase the equipment requested. The council will retain ownership of the equipment as it is for 3-year term. The value of the request is £1,078.99

**10/04/23 Review of risk assessments**

The clerk has reviewed and updated the risk register for the office and financial procedures and will circulate to councillors for agreement.

**11/04/23 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

- Concerns raised about the brook being blocked to the north of the old bypass. This has been investigated by Cllr Shaun Ryall and a report sent to Somerset Highways.
- Concerns raised about the volume of traffic on Rodway. It was agreed to place the Speed Indicator Device on Rodway to record the volume of traffic.
- Target – deadline 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Faye Cross, Airband – A request has been received to attend a parish council meeting to present information about the project. Airband is commissioned and funded through the Connecting Devon and Somerset project. It was agreed to invite her to the Annual Parish meeting.
- Joshua Thornton, Nuclear Skills Alliance – Students based at the National College for Nuclear in Cannington are

available for volunteering projects in Cannington. There are 50 students and they are available one afternoon a term. The clerk will find out more details on the type of work that can be undertaken.

#### **12/04/23 Local Community Networks (Unitary Council)**

1. Somerset Council is now in operation from 01.04.23, District Councils no longer exist. When using the SDC and SCC websites you will automatically be directed to the new Somerset Council website. The phone number for SCC remains the same as does all direct dial numbers.
2. Draft Planning Enforcement Policy issued by Somerset Council has been circulated to councillors

#### **13/04/23 King's Coronation**

1. Update from meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023
  - All the plans seem to be going well with good support. The schedule for the day has been agreed and communications will be coming out soon. Help will be required setting up on the day from 9.00am. The Primary School has agreed for their car park to be used on the day.
2. Request from Cannington Primary School to pay 50% of the costs of a mug for all school children. Councillors were unanimous in agreeing to contribute towards the costs of the mugs. Surplus mugs will be purchased for those children not attending the Primary School.
3. The Christmas lights will be erected at 9.00am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### **14/04/23 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable**

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Shaun Ryall and Mike Andison
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Brook clearance
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
  - They have started Weedy Wednesdays and will be getting for summer planting and the SWiB judging in July.
  - Still waiting for the College to come back with a meeting date to discuss Court Orchard
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
  - A request has been received about the history of the yew tree avenue in the Cemetery. The Parish Council doesn't hold any records on when it was planted. Further enquiries will be made.
- f. College – Chairman Colin Allen.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Lisa Evans and Jack Popham
  - A request has been received by Combwich Brownies to use the playing field on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, this was unanimously agreed.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
- j. Youth - Cllrs Kym Wardhaugh and Lisa Evans
  - Cllr Carole Taylor that the District Commissioner for Scouts recently met with Andrew Taylor and David Greenslade. A fledgling cub and beaver group has been set up. It is hoped that a Scout group can be set up. Adult volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the group including an 'Executive Committee'.

#### **15/04/23 Matters of Report**

1. SALC – AGM to be held at 10.00am on Saturday 29th April 2023
2. EDF Community Forum meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### **16/04/23 Items for the next meeting**

1. Affordable housing in Grange Meadow

#### **17/04/23 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual meeting and will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Cannington Village Hall. The Annual Parish meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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