



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023 in Cannington Village Hall**

## MINUTES DRAFT

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** John Addison, Carole Taylor, Shaun Ryall, Kym Wardhaugh, Lisa Evans, Colin Allen, Steve Pettitt and Jack Popham

**Chair:** Ian Dyer

**County Councillor:** Brian Bolt

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of Public:** 5

### **01/07/23 Declaration of Members' Interests**

A declaration of Members' Interest was received from Chairman Ian Dyer regarding minute ref 05/07/23 for planning application **13/23/00008**

### **Public Session**

Including;

- Faye Cross from Airband (appointed by Connecting Devon and Somerset) reported that fibre broadband would be available in Cannington and anyone interested would need to register with them. The fibre connections would run from the exchange to individual properties.
- A request was made for the Parish Council to consider a new village hall for Cannington. This will be put as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Hawkers Lane – concerns raised about the activities being carried out.
- Bus timetables added to the website

### **Council Session**

#### **02/07/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mike Andison and Somerset Cllr Mike Caswell

#### **03/07/23 Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved.

#### **04/07/23 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not covered by a separate agenda item.

Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting at 7.20pm

Chairman Ian Dyer left the meeting for the discussions on **13/23/00008**

#### **05/07/23 Planning matters**

##### **New planning**

1. **13/23/00008** – Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension, electric gates, log store and hard standing at The Shire, Blackmore Farm. The application would probably be supported if it was not next to a Grade I listed building. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to withhold making a decision until the Conservation Officer's views were known and/or a listed building application was received. This was seconded by Cllr Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously
2. **13/23/00009** – Erection of 2 storey side extension to form annex at 20 Lonsdale Road. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to oppose this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Wardhaugh and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/23/00011** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 5 dwelling houses and associated operational development at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane (for information only). Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agreed unanimously.

##### **Planning decided**

1. **13/23/00006** – Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey rear extension at 20 Potters Way.  
**Permission granted**

##### **Planning appeal**

1. **13/22/00027** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for the siting of otherwise permitted excavation works within the agricultural unit at Cannington Enterprises Ltd. This application was refused permission by Sedgemoor District Council on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. An appeal was lodged on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and any comments need to be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Cllr Brian Bolt returned to the meeting at 7.35pm

#### **06/07/23 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - Kings Head car park – It was agreed in principle to negotiate with Punch Taverns regarding the shared use of the car park and the demolition of the existing barn.

2. Footpaths
  - Diversion of part of BW5/2 (from A39 to track leading to Grange Farm)– an appeal has been received by the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Public Path Diversion Order 2019.
  - School footpath – the hole in the path near the gate at Gurney Street end has been reported, it has been filled temporarily with loose stone.
3. Speed Indicator Device
  - It is hoped to resolve the issue of downloading the data shortly.
4. Defibrillator
  - It was agreed to extend the lease on the Bus Shelter contract by one year. This would then bring it in line with the renewal date for the Brook Street defibrillator.
  - The Clerk will organise a training session for the defibrillator.
5. Village Maintenance
  - Cllr John Addison gave a presentation on Wildflower meadow planting and proposals for a trial scheme in Otters Brook. The exercise could cost up to £2,000 as there was a lot of work involved in preparing the ground, sowing the seeds and future maintenance. Cllr John Addison proposed we should get ahead with the trial, this was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously.
  - The existing wildflowers in Otters Brook to be cut and collected.
6. Local Community Network (LCN) meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June
  - The first meeting of Dowsborough LCN was attended by Chairman Ian Dyer. At the meeting Mike Caswell was elected as the Chairman, the position of Vice-chairman has still to be filled. At the meeting all councils were given the opportunity to list their priorities and these will be the basis of future meetings. The next meeting will be held in September and then every 2 months.
7. Hinkley Point SSG held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023
  - Unfortunately, no one was able to attend this meeting. The minutes will be circulated once received.

#### **07/07/23 Neighbourhood Plan**

- The consultation statement is now complete and all appendices will be added to the website and cross referenced.
- With the formation of the new unitary council all links to the Sedgemoor District Council and Somerset County Council websites will need to be updated.

#### **08/07/23 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
  - An ecological report of the brook is being requested
2. Pump track
  - It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the planning application with the trees in situ.

Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting at 8.20pm

#### **09/07/23 Financial Matters**

1. **The Payments** - The following to be 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 2023	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox July 2023	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services July 2023	DD	<b>£55.14</b>
HMRC	PAYE	Tfer	<b>£865.13</b>
Blackmore Farm	Watering and weed spraying	Tfer	<b>£1,248.00</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance for May £1,871.10, Roundabouts £528.00, Fencing in Jubilee Gardens £529.20	Tfer	<b>£2,928.30</b>
Richard Palmer (for CiB)	Purchase of plants	Tfer	<b>£484.24</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (June)	Tfer	<b>£424.04</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary June)	Tfer	<b>£1177.35</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
Tina Gardener	Expenses	Tfer	<b>£50.65</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance for June £1,871.10, Roundabouts £528.00	Tfer	<b>£2,399.10</b>
Somerset Playing Field Assoc	Annual subscription	Tfer	<b>£15.00</b>
Dave Gardner	Hedge cutting	Tfer	<b>£720.00</b>

2. **The accounts for June 2023** had previously been circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record. The balance as 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was £418,597.04 including reserves of £355,133.44
3. **Weed spraying** – 2 quotes have been received from contractors and their day rate was more expensive than our current contractor Blackmore Farm. Clean Surrounds to be contacted regarded the weed spraying policy.

#### **10/07/23 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

1. Complaint received about weeds growing in the Flood Relief Channel
  - Chairman Ian Dyer and Vice-chairman John Addison walked the channel last week, the Clerk will contact the Environment Agency
2. NHS Somerset – Changes to the complaints process from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023
3. Complaint received about overhanging and obtrusive trees growing on the College ground effecting a resident in Folly Close.
  - Chairman Ian Dyer will take this up with the college.

4. Cannington Yarn Bombers – taking part in a project to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D Day landings.
5. Somerset Council Traffic Management – Community Funded 20mph speed limit.
  - The cost of this scheme will be £15,000, Vice-chairman John proposed to apply for this scheme, this was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt and agreed unanimously.

**11/07/23 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
  - Further break-ins have been reported at the allotments have been reported to the Police
  - Unsafe/dead trees on boundaries. The Clerk to request quotes for works to trees on the west boundary. The north boundary is the responsibility of the college and this will be taken up with them
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Brook clearance – waiting for Ecology survey
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
  - The £2 fare has been extended to October 2023 and there has been a 16% increase in passenger numbers from January to May.
  - From the 1<sup>st</sup> November the fare will increase to £2.50 for a year.
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
  - A request has been received for a water supply at the top of the cemetery. There is currently no supply to the cemetery, water is collected from the Vestry roof. This could prove very expensive unless there is a supply pipe in close proximity.
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer
  - We have been notified of extensive vandalism at Court House, the doors and windows will be boarded up to prevent any further trespass.
  - Vandalism has also been reported in the Community Orchard
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
  - A squirrel was seen going in to the roof space of the pavilion, this will be investigated.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
  - The front wall needs repointing
- j. Youth – Cllrs Kym Wardhaugh and Lisa Evans
  - The Beavers group may well close due to a lack of volunteers

**12/07/23 Matters of Report**

1. Transport Forum meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**13/07/23 Items for the next meeting**

1. New village hall

**14/07/23 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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