



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 10th October 2023 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Addison, Carole Taylor, Shaun Ryall and Colin Allen,
Chair: Ian Dyer
County Councillor: Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell
Clerk: Tina Gardener
Members of Public: 15

01/10/23 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests.

Public Session

Chairman Ian Dyer welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that parish councillors could not comment on the development for Brymore Way as a planning application has not yet been received.

Several comments were raised regarding the proposed development off Brymore Way;

- A resident of Withiel Drive stated that in heavy rain her garden is flooded from run-off from the neighbouring field and the water seeps in to the airbricks. Chairman Ian Dyer agreed to contact the farmer.
- Chads Hill suffers from water running off the fields and down the road.
- Withiel Drive is a private road.
- It is adjacent to the development boundary along Withiel Drive.
- It is 10 years since the NHP was started – We are waiting for HRA screening by Somerset Council.
- Heritage and Archaeology surveys will be required.

Other comments included;

- Hawkers Lane- dumping of waste, this has already been reported to the Environment Agency. The public footpath (BW5/25) has been diverted. Cllr Shaun Ryall agreed to report this to the Rights of Way Officer at Somerset Council.
- A new handrail and steps have been installed on Chads Hill at the entrance to footpath BW5/6

Council Session

02/10/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lisa Evans, Mike Andison and Steve Pettitt

03/10/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th September 2023

The minutes for the meeting held on 12th September 2023 were approved.

Cllr Carole Taylor was thanked for taking the minutes.

04/10/23 Matters Arising

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

Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting at 7.25pm

05/10/23 Planning matters

New planning

1. **13/23/00016** – Variation of condition 3 of application 13/22/0009 to alter building layout at Withiel Farm. Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/23/00017** – Demolition of Barn 1 and the erection of 4 dwellings at Chilton Trivett Farm. Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/23/00003** – Installation 4 external illuminated signs at the Globe Inn. **Permission granted**
2. **13/23/00013** – Retrospective application for the erection of access steps and raised decking to the South and West elevations at 7 Crabtrees Caravan Park. **Permission granted**
3. **13/23/00018** – Listed building application for replacement of 2 windows and repairs to a further 2 windows on the North elevation at Cannington Court. **Permission granted**

Planning application expected for Brymore Way

1. Notification has been received that an application for 165 houses on land between Chads Hill and Brymore Way will be made shortly.
2. As the expected planning application will be for a major development it was unanimously agreed to appoint a planning consultant to analyse the application.

06/10/23 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Progress on application made for 20 mph community scheme – A recent meeting was held with Somerset Council Traffic Management and it was agreed that Cannington would be suitable for a 20mph speed limit. The anticipated costs would be around £3,000 and the scheme would be implemented in 2024.

- A proposed Traffic Order has been received for a new 40mph speed limit – 300m SW of West roundabout to 390m NW of Currypool Lane junction. All councillors supported this.
 - Following a recent accident, it was noted that the safety surface at the junction of East Street with Fore Street/Brook Street needs refurbishing.
 - Concerns have been raised that students from the Nuclear College have been seen racing their cars between the East and West roundabouts. The college will be notified.
2. Footpaths
- BW5/6 Chads Hill –the steps have been repaired and a new handrail fitted.
 - Cllr Shaun Ryall has volunteered to maintain some of the most widely used footpaths. It was agreed to pay for Shaun to go on the relevant training course for strimming/brush cutting. Before purchasing the necessary equipment, it was agreed to liaise with Otterhampton Parish Council regarding the sharing of equipment. Cllr John Addison proposed to set aside a maximum budget of £1,000. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously.
3. Speed Indicator Device
- As part of the application for a new 20mph speed limit additional locations for the SID can be considered. The proposed new locations are on the High Street near the Kings Head, Brook Street near the village hall, the village side of Rodway and the High Street near the Cemetery.
 - It was noted that SID's are not effective if they remain in the same position as drivers switch off from them. They must be moved at least every two weeks.
4. Defibrillator
5. Village Maintenance
- Wildflower meadow in Otters Brook – Cllr John Addison has started working on this area with his students
 - Equipment for Community Payback – Whilst carrying out hedge cutting in the churchyard it was noted that the work could be done more effectively with a pole cutter attachment. This will be included with the footpath maintenance equipment discussed in point 2 Footpaths.
 - Watering. Blackmore Farm will not be renewing the watering contract for 2024. CiB have suggested purchasing a water bowser. Councillors agreed for CiB to put in a grant application.
 - It was agreed to create a register of contacts for small building/gardening jobs. This will be advertised in the Target.
 - It was noted that Somerset Council staff had been seen weed spraying the pavements and roads today.
 - There have been issues throughout the summer regarding the frequency of grass cutting by Clean Surrounds in certain areas of the village. The Clerk will follow this up.
6. The LCN meeting was held on 13th September 2023 and attended by Chairman Ian Dyer.
- The number of attendees had dropped considerably since the first meeting.
 - Concerns were raised that there will not be a sufficient budget allocated for LCN projects.
 - The notes of the meeting have been circulated.
7. The Community Forum meeting was held on 21st September 2023 and attended by Cllr Shaun Ryall and Steve Pettitt.
- It was noted that Mill Farm, Quantock Lakes and Moorhouse have all put in planning applications for additional sites to house HPC workers.
 - The new area at Junction 24 has been approved as a park and ride for 600 vehicles.
8. HPC Southern Landscape Area event held on 26th September 2023
- This was attended by Cllrs Carole Taylor and John Addison
 - Newts, grass snakes and voles have already established themselves in this area.

07/10/23 Neighbourhood Plan

- The Clerk will chase Somerset Council for the HRA screening report which is still outstanding.

08/10/23 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
 - The Ecology report has now been received and so the Flood risk activity permit (FRAP) exemption can be applied for.
2. Pump track
 - The revised plans for alterations to the car park and an access track were circulated to councillors and approved.

09/10/23 Financial Matters

1. **The Payments** - The following were approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) October 2023	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox October 2023	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services October 2023	DD	£62.15
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for August £1871.10 Roundabouts maintenance £264.00	Tfer	£2135.10
Ball Fire Protection Ltd	Service of fire extinguishers at Pavilion	Tfer	£42.00
Blackmore Farm	6 x Watering for September	Tfer	£288.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for September	Tfer	£1,177.35
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary for September	Tfer	£424.04
The following payments are due:			
SALC Ltd	Annual subscription	Tfer	£581.81
Aly Prowse	Expenses - refreshments	Tfer	£19.96
John Addison	Marker paint	Tfer	£9.00

Tina Gardener	Expenses – stationery, refreshments, repairs to car park barrier	Tfer	£185.23
John Addison	Yellow rattle and sand for Otters Brook	Tfer	£645.90
HMRC	PAYE July – Sept 2023	Tfer	£867.25
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Sept maintenance £1,871.10, Roundabouts £528.00 Otters Brook (wildflower area) £390.00	Tfer	£2,789.10
Somerset Council	2 x additional cuts of Highways grass	Tfer	£499.20
Cannington Christmas	Christmas tree for Jubilee Gardens	Tfer	£225.00
James Venton	Balance due for Pump track planning application	Tfer	£900.00

2. **The accounts for September 2023** were previously circulated to Councillors and were agreed as a true record. The balance at 30th September was £431,787.91 including reserves of £380,518.93

10/10/23 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. Target – items required for November issue
2. Somerset Prepared – survey on community resilience closes 15th November 2023. All councillors present agreed to review the emergency plan.

11/10/23 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - A new management policy and tenancy agreement is being prepared for councillor’s approval.
 - Under the current tenancy agreement, a period of 12 months’ notice needs to be given for any price increase.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Brook clearance – still waiting for the Ecology report
 - Gurney Mill- waiting a response from Landmark Trust
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom (CiB) – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - All councillors congratulated CiB in the wonderful results in the SW in Bloom competition they received a gold award and the Cox cup. There were more successes for other groups and businesses in the village. A great result all round.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer
 - The college will be reminded about the trees bordering the allotments and the tree overshadowing Folly Close
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
 - A quote has been received for the reduction of the height of the hedge in Jubilee Gardens. In line with our Financial Regulations further quotes will need to be sought.
 - Stones have fallen out of the retaining walls of the brook. Cllr Colin Allen agreed to retrieve them.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - There will be no full-time football team using the playing fields this season
 - A request has been received from Spirit Veterans to use the pitch 4 times for the 2023/24 season
 - The grounds maintenance contractor will be asked to weed spray the car park.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Kym Wardhaugh
 - A new representative is required
- j. Youth – Cllrs Kym Wardhaugh and Lisa Evans

12/10/23 Matters of Report

1. Remembrance Service to be held on 12th November 2023
 - Neither the chairman or vice-chairman are available to read out the names from the War Memorial. Cllr Colin Allen agreed to do this. *Post meeting note – this will now be carried out by Cllr Steve Pettitt.*
 - All councillors are requested to attend the service at the War Memorial.
2. Cannington Christmas to be held on 2nd December 2023
 - Chairman Ian Dyer agreed to represent the council
 - The Christmas tree to be erected on Saturday 25th November at 9.30am
3. Christmas tree festival in St Mary’s Church from 16th to 23rd December
 - Councillors agreed to enter the festival and Cllr Carole Taylor volunteered to decorate the tree.

13/10/23 Items for the next meeting

14/10/23 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2023

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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