



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Monday 12th February 2024 in Cannington URC

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Addison, Steve Pettitt, Mike Andison, Shaun Ryall, Colin Allen, Carole Taylor, Jack Popham and Lisa Evans

Chairman: Ian Dyer

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of Public: 28

01/02/24 Declaration of Members' Interests

Chairman Ian Dyer and Cllr Mike Andison declared a personal interest in planning application 13/23/00032.

After minute 05/02/24, Cllr Michael Featherstone also declared a personal interest in planning application 13/23/00032

Public Session

Members of the public raised concerns about planning application 45/23/00027, including issues relating to flooding, Highway safety, conservation, Quantocks AONB, blot on landscape - perimeter fencing, gates, CCTV, elevated position and prime agricultural land.

Council Session

02/02/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from SC Cllr Brian Bolt.

03/02/24 Minutes of Meetings held on 9th January and Extraordinary meeting held on 29th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2024 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 29th January 2024 were approved.

04/02/24 Matters Arising

Minute 10/01/24 item 4 Almshouse – It was agreed for the Clerk and Chairman to arrange a meeting with the Trustees and the Clerk of the Almshouses.

05/02/24 Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The statutory notice had been displayed regarding a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. An election had not been requested and the position was advertised. Three people came forward. The Clerk produced voting slips and a secret ballot was conducted. Mr Michael Featherstone had a clear majority and was duly co-opted on the Parish Council. After signing his acceptance of office, he joined the Parish Council.

06/02/24 Planning matters

New planning

Cllrs Ian Dyer, Mike Andison and Michael Featherstone left the meeting at 7.20pm

1. **13/23/00032** – Erection of 160no dwellings, creation of vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access, public open space, landscaping and associated works on land to the East of Brymore Way. The planning committee had met on several occasions to understand this complex application and had sought advice from a planning consultant. The planning committee recommended to Council that this application should be opposed as it didn't meet the relevant planning policies. Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to oppose this application. This was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously.

Cllrs Ian Dyer, Mike Andison and Michael Featherstone returned to the meeting at 7.30pm

2. **13/24/00001** – Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of a 2-section modular at 34 High Street. *For information only*
3. **45/23/00027** – Erection of ground mounted south facing solar panels and associated equipment for the purpose of providing renewable energy to Cannington Enterprises Manufacturing Plant. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to oppose this application. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/23/00029** – Extension of car park and formation of new access tack for existing pump track at Rodway Playing Fields (amended application) **Withdrawn**
2. **13/23/00031** – Erection of a workshop on existing front driveway and relocating existing parking bays at Duroc Barn, Blackmore Lane **Permission granted**
3. **13/23/00034** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of an agricultural building to 2no dwellinghouses and reasonable works at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane. **Prior approval approved**
4. **13/23/00035** – Fell Toona Sinesis (T1) to 5cm above ground level, located in Walled Gardens. **Permission granted**
5. **13/23/00025** – Prior approval for solar panels on roof of non-domestic building at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre. **Prior approval approved**

07/02/24 Reports (as applicable)

- Highways and Parking Issues
 - Kings Head car park – Chairman Ian Dyer has been in communication with Punch Taverns.
 - They are in agreement for the Parish Council to knock down the garage and use the area for public parking.
 - They would not wish to sell the land but would lease it to the Parish Council on a fixed term with an optional renewal.
 - Concerns were raised on how to enforce parking.
 - Andrew Cockcroft, EDF will be contacted regarding the HPC grant.
 - Chairman Ian Dyer would get estimates for the work.
 - Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed we should proceed with this option. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Andison and agreed unanimously.
 - Meeting to be held on 14th February 2024 with Duncan Harvey to discuss the garages in Northbrook area
 - Footpaths
 - Cllr Shaun Ryall will be carrying out his brush cutting training on 16th February 2024
 - It was noted that work was being carried at Yeo Valley and it was thought this was to do with the solar panels.
 - Speed Indicator Device
 - Defibrillator
 - Monthly reports have been submitted
 - Village Maintenance
 - Dog bins – Concerns have been raised that certain dog bins in Chads Hill, East Street and Lonsdale Road may not be adequate. The bin in Lonsdale is filled almost as soon as it emptied, it is assumed that a resident is collecting it from their garden. The Clerk will check whether dog mess can be placed in individuals' black bins and litter bins.
 - Wildflowers in Otters Brook – Cllr John Addison will place no dog fouling signs by the wildflowers. He will also arrange for his students to cut the wildflowers and remove the cuttings to to check if the Yellow Rattle germinates in the spring, if there is no germination this project will be abandoned.
 - Community Forum meeting was held on 18th January 2024 and was attended by Cllrs Steve Pettitt and Shaun Ryall.
 - The main items for discussion were the proposed changes to the Development Consent Order (DCO), the removal of the acoustic fish deterrent – mitigation includes a new salt marsh oyster beds and weirs. Also changing from a wet fuel store to a dry fuel store.
 - There are 10,000 workers on site and this could rise.
- Cllrs Lisa Evans and Shaun Ryall left the meeting at 8.00pm*
- Dowsborough LCN meeting was held on 31st January 2024 and was attended by Chairman Ian Dyer.
 - The main topic of conversation is Somerset Council's budget and the services parishes may be expected to take on.
 - A number of people expressed an interest in forming a Highway's sub-group.
 - Chairman Mike Caswell stated that he would be resigning as chairman at the AGM to be held in May 2024.
 - Hinkley Point SSG meeting was held on 26th January 2024 and was attended by Cllr Colin Allen.
 - Magnox sites are being rebranded as Nuclear Restoration Services.
 - Hinkley Point A will not reach the Care and Maintenance period until 2040.
 - Hinkley Point B currently costs £100 million per year, it is anticipated that all the fuel will be removed from the reactors in 2025

08/02/24 Capital/CIM fund projects

- Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
 - Cllr John Addison has checked the measurements required to enable an exemption from having to obtain a FRAP from the Environment Agency.
- Pump track
 - The planning application to alter the layout of the car park has been temporarily withdrawn, as we are unable to remove the trees to create a new access. Alternatives need to be considered and Scott Mason will be asked for advice.

09/02/24 Financial Matters

- 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) February 2024	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox February 2024	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services February 2024	DD	£61.45
A W Taylor	Replace plugs and sockets on Christmas lights	Tfer	£99.20
Mike Andison	WM plaque protection £51.29 and Rock salt £92.00	Tfer	£92.00
A W Taylor	Electrical maintenance and repairs to Pavilion	Tfer	£200.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	December Grounds Maintenance	Tfer	£1,871.10
Harry Brooks	Remove 3 dead trees in allotments	Tfer	£300.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for January 2024	Tfer	£1,165.05
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary for January 2024	Tfer	£451.87
Blake Training	Brush cutter training for Shaun Ryall	Tfer	£204.00
The following payments are due:			

A T Thorne	Roof repairs to Pavilion	Tfer	£264.00
Scribe	Annual subscription for Accounting system	Tfer	£645.84
Tina Gardener	Expenses, ink stationery, computer ink and engraving	Tfer	£253.55
Jo Widdecombe	Planning Consultant	Tfer	£467.50
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance or January	Tfer	£1,871.10

2. **The accounts for January 2024** had previously been circulated and were agreed as a true record. The balance at 31st January 2024 was £380,659.57 including reserves of £343,184.08
3. **The Budget Statement for January 2024** had previously been circulated to all councillors.
4. **Additional grass cutting contract.** Five tenders were received and they were all opened by the Clerk in the presences of Chairman Ian Dyer and Cllr John Addison. All the contractors were reputable. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed we should accept the lowest quote. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Andison and agreed unanimously.

10/02/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. SALC – Training course on Tree Consultancy is being held on 16th February, no councillors were available to attend.
2. Planning application for new Co-op. Concerns have been raised that work had not started. Chairman Ian Dyer and made contact with the Co-op and was informed that the National Co-op will no longer be proceeding. It was hoped that the Radstock Co-op group would take over this application.

11/02/24 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Brook clearance – still need to apply for another FRAP exemption
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - A list is being prepared of jobs around the village for the Parish Council to consider
 - CiB will be entering Britain in Bloom this year
 - The grit bins could do with replacing. The Clerk will research prices and include as an agenda item for the next meeting.
 - Art in the Community – would like to work with school children and paint the interior of the High Street bus shelter
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
 - Cemetery walls Chairman Ian Dyer and Cllr Mike Andison have inspected the walls and recommend that the front wall is repointed and a short length just inside the cemetery.
 - The fence at the top of the cemetery in the new section needs attention.
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer
 - Tree works are currently being undertaken. Trees to the rear of Portland Close will need to be cut back by Hi-Line
 - Confirmed that the 2 houses on Rodway will be built.
 - Work on Court House will commence in 2 years.
 - Annual meeting to be arranged.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
 - Discussions took place regarding how much the hedge should be reduced. Chairman Ian Dyer will liaise with CiB.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - Repairs have been carried out the Pavilion roof.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth – Cllr Lisa Evans

12/02/24 Matters of Report

1. EDF Transport Forum meeting to be held on 14th March 2024
2. Dowsborough LCN meeting to be held on 18th March 2024 at Stogursey.

13/02/24 Items for the next meeting

14/02/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th March at Cannington Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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