



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 11th June 2024 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Carole Taylor, Steve Pettitt, Shaun Ryall, Michael Featherstone and Colin Allen
Chairman: John Addison chaired the meeting in the absence of the chairman.
County Councillor: Brian Bolt
Clerk: Tina Gardener
Members of Public: 4

01/06/24 Declaration of Members' Interests

Cllr John Addison declared an interest in the grant application for St Mary's Church
Cllrs Carole Taylor and Steve Pettitt declared an interest in the grant application for Cannington in Bloom

Public Session

Items discussed included;

- Has any progress been made on the grass verge in front of the new Co-op development? No decision has been made and it will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Speed Indicator Devices (SID)– are there any plans to have permanent SIDs in place around the village?
- A member of the public was unhappy that the farm implements in various places around the village were neglected and covered in weeds.

Council Session

02/06/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Chairman Ian Dyer, Cllrs Mike Andison, Lisa Evans, Jack Popham and SC Cllr Mike Caswell.

03/06/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2024

The minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held on 14th May 2024 were approved

04/06/24 Matters Arising

There are no matters arising not covered by separate agenda item

05/06/24 Planning matters

New Planning

1. **13/24/00006/SP** - Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 13/20/00008 (variation of condition 2 of 13/11/00006 change of use and conversion of barns to 4 dwellings) to amend the design of barns 1-4, alterations to the site layout including altering the internal access road, allocated parking and gardens. To allow for an amendment to barn 1 only. Re-use of existing window openings with first floor of north elevation, and amendment to the arrangement of windows and door configuration to south elevation at Ashdown Barns, Blackmore Lane. **Permission refused.**

13/23/00032 – Brymore Way

The Deputy Clerk has written to Esther Carter, Housing Development regarding her response to this application. A response has not yet been received.

06/06/24 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Stradlings Hill – speed limit. This was discussed with Highways and it doesn't meet the criteria for a lower speed limit.
 - Street signs – It was noted that a number of street signs were looking tired and in need of replacement. The Clerk will obtain the cost for a new sign.
 - Rodway - There will be a temporary road closure from the junction of Park Lane, southwards for 103 metres. The closure will take place from 1st to 6th July 2024.
2. Speed Indicator Device
 - It was agreed to ask Highways if the Parish Council could install permanent SIDs in the village.
3. Defibrillator
 - The monthly reports have been submitted.
 - The High Street defibrillator was recently deployed, but was not required.
 - The contracts for the defibrillators will expire in August 2024
4. Village Maintenance
 - Brymore Way – Lengthy discussions took place regarding the maintenance of the banks and verges. It was agreed to obtain a quote for the whole length of the bypass to be cut.
 - Verge in front of Co-op development. Discussions took place regarding putting Heras fencing along the verge

to deter parking. It was agreed not to do this for the time being as the verge was now being maintained satisfactorily

- Dog fouling -Complaints have been received about dog fouling in the village. The Parish Council has put a number of notices in the Target, there is nothing else we can do.
 - The Clerk has requested quotes for additional/larger dog bins for Chads Hill and East Street.
5. NHP
- It was reported in the last minutes that Nick Tait had left Somerset Council. This is not true; he has changed jobs within the council. The Clerk will write to him to find out the status of our plan and his replacement
6. Otters Brook
- Some of the trees need bigger stakes. Cllr John Addison will look at this with his students.
 - Correspondence has been received from residents of Otters Brook concerned about the wildflower area. After lengthy discussions Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to cut back the wild flowers and keep the area regularly mown. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Featherstone and agreed by a majority.
 - A quote has been received to tarmac the gravel path in Otters Brook. The Clerk needs to query whether kerbing has been included in the price.
7. The EDF Community Forum meeting was held on 16th May 2024 and attended by Cllr Shaun Ryall, items discussed included 2 steam generators weighing 520tonnes have been delivered to Hinkley Point, a further 2 are still to be delivered. 90 workers recently helped out a Bridgwater Foodbank. Number of workers has exceeded 12,00 and they are striving to limit the impacts on the community. The Community Foundation has given out £9M of EDF grants to 285 groups.
8. Dowsborough LCN Flooding and Emergency Planning Workshop held on 20th May 2024. Councillors present agreed to meet on 13th August 2024 to prepare an emergency plan.

07/06/24 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
 - A revised quote for the footbridge has been requested.
2. Pump track

08/06/24 Financial Matters

1. **The Payments** - The following cheques to 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) June 2024	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox June 2024	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services June 2024	DD	£66.60
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (May)	Tfer	£452.07
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (May)	Tfer	£1204.28
NEST	Pension contributions for April 2024	DD	£93.78
Steve Bull	Additional maintenance	Tfer	£630.00
Clear Insurance	Annual insurance premium	Tfer	£1,468.67
Trailer Engineering Ltd	Additional hose for water bowser	Tfer	£1,180.44
NEST	Pension contributions for May 2024	DD	£93.78
Steve Ball	Monthly maintenance plus additional cuts	Tfer	£885.00
ICCM	Annual membership – re cemetery	Tfer	£100.00
The following payments are due:			
Tina Gardener	Parish meeting, stationery, paint & brushes	Tfer	£215.22
Rainbow Plants Ltd	Plants for Cannington in Bloom planting	Tfer	£507.36
Water 2 business	Water charges for Rodway	Tfer	£40.18
David Howe	5 x watering plus trailer adaptor	Tfer	£365.58
Aly Prowse	Postage & acrylic sheets for allotment numbers	Tfer	£75.23

2. **The accounts for May 2024** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as a true record. The balance at 31st May 2024 was £400,942.70 including reserves of £330,192.98
3. **The Budget Statement for May 2024** was previously circulated to all councillors.
4. **The Notice of public rights** was displayed on the notice boards and website on 30th May 2024.

9/06/24 Review of Risk Register

This will need updating to reflect the changes in online banking

10/06/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. Grant Application – St Mary's Church. An application has been received for £2,548.30 plus VAT for four 8-point stars for the Church Tower from Festive Lighting. Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to award the full grant. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously. Cllr John Addison abstained from the vote.
2. Grant Application – Cannington in Bloom. An application has been received for £250.00 for the Front Garden competition. This is an annual request and was unanimously agreed.
3. Somerset Passenger Solutions. Councillors had previously agreed for them to have a bench in the village in memory of those employees who had lost their lives. The requested location near the Horn Beam by the brook was agreed.
4. Bridgwater & Taunton College are replacing their display boards which we have used in the past. The Parish Council has been offered their old ones. It was agreed to have 3.
5. West Monkton Parish Council. A thank you letter was received for the donation of £200 towards Somerset Wood.

11/06/24 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - Allotment boundary. It was agreed to install some trellis to tidy up the boundary on the left-hand side. Cllr Shaun Ryall agreed to look at the Lilac bush hanging over plot 1.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Brook clearance. FRA22 has been applied for from the Environment Agency to carry out the removal of silt and vegetation either side of the main bridge.
 - A complaint has been received that the brook is blocked and not allowing water to flow to Gurney Mill. This is the responsibility of Landmark Trust who have been informed.
 - Part of a tree has broken off and is in the brook between the weir and footbridge by Southbrook Cloe. This is also the responsibility of Landmark Trust.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - Preparations for judging are well underway. The college will be doing work in the Community Orchard on 18th June and a village litter pick has been organised for 22nd June.
 - Garden of Rest, St Mary’s Church. This is in need of a lot of TLC and volunteers have been requested to help out on 29th June.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
 - A parking post has been broken off. The clerk will arrange for a replacement.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - It was agreed to ask Community Payback to paint the goalposts.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth – Cllr Lisa Evans

12/06/24 Matters of Report

- 1. Dowsborough LCN 12th June 2024. Cllr John Addison agreed to attend
- 2. Hinkley Point SSG meeting scheduled for 28th June 2024 has been postponed.
- 3. Environment Agency, meet the regulators drop-in session to be held from 10am to 1pm on 16th July 2024 at Bridgwater & Albion Rugby Club

13/06/24 Items for the next meeting

- 1. Farm implements

14/06/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th July 2024

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... Dated.....