



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 10th December 2024 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Addison, Steve Pettitt, Shaun Ryall, Michael Featherstone, Colin Allen, Jack Popham and Carole Taylor

Chair: Ian Dyer

Somerset Councillors: Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the Public: 2

01/12/24 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests

Public Session

- Work has commenced clearing the area around the old scout hut and army cadet hut. This is for a Bridge School for Primary age school children
- Concerns were raised that the Heras fencing put upon the pavement around the Kings Head car park meant that pedestrians had to go out in the road. It was placed there for safety reasons as concerns were that the building might fall on to the pavement. In hindsight a separate walkway should have been made available for pedestrians. Once the work is completed, Highways will be contacted to install bollards on the pavement to deter parking.
- The new signs for the 20mph are beginning to be installed throughout the village. It is very disappointing that they weren't installed at the same time. It is confusing for motorists as there are both 20mph and 30mph signs on display.
- There is a rogue 50mph sign still being displayed in the new 40mph speed limit from the west roundabout to Swang Farm.

Council Session

02/12/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mike Andison

03/12/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024 were approved.

04/12/24 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by separate agenda items.

05/12/24 Planning matters

New planning

1. **13/24/00002** – Bridgwater Tidal Barrier – temporary access arrangements and compound and extension of existing walls either side of the outfall structure at Tuckett's Clyse (additional information supplied). The previous comments of the Parish Council still stand.
2. **13/24/00026** – Erection of a single storey extension at 18 East Street, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/24/00022** – Reduce height and spread of 12 Sycamores and 3 Ash on southern side and re-pollard 1 Willow at the Friendly Spirit, Cannington. **Permission granted**
2. **13/24/00023** – Prior approval application for a stone track on last west of Chads Hill at Henfield Farm. **Formal application not required**

13/23/00032 – Brymore Way – There were no further updates.

06/12/24 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Public Right of Way at Yeo Valley – this will be followed up
 - Request for speed bumps in Stradling Hill. The Clerk will check with Highways as councillors were uncertain if the road would meet the criteria
2. Speed Indicator Device
 - Cllr Shaun Ryall proposed to purchase 2 solar powered speed indicator devices and 2 connect options at a cost of £4,878.98. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously
3. Defibrillators
4. Village Maintenance
 - Dog bins – The Clerk will chase Clean Surrounds
 - Parking posts – Southbrook - The Clerk will chase this as well.

5. NHP
 - Regulation 16 consultation closes on 13th December 2024. An examiner has been appointed and the examination of the plan will commence in the new year.
6. Otters Brook
 - The community payback team will be asked to remove the stakes on the Cherry trees.
 - The trees along the brook need to be coppiced.
7. Play area
 - Replacement equipment for damaged tunnel. It was agreed to remove the tunnel and put an article in the February Target for suggestions for replacement equipment.
8. EDF Transport Forum meeting held on 14th November 2024
 - This was attended by Cllr John Addison. A few facts from the meeting included; 90%of the workforce travel by bus, 24% arrive at the park and rides by car share, 37% travel from the Bridgwater Campus and there are currently 1073 bus movements per day. The flyparking team are continuing to monitor the surrounding area and 5 people have recently been dismissed for flouting the rules. There will be 80 AIL deliveries at Combwich Wharf during 2025 and 2026.
9. Cannington Christmas lights
 - This year it has been necessary to hire equipment at £390 per time to put the Christmas lights in place. Consideration to be given to lowering the lights so another method can be used to put up and take down the lights.
 - A request was received for the lights to go in the morning when the children go to school.

07/12/24 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
 - It is anticipated the bridge will be put in place in March/April 2025
2. Pump track
 - Football mesh netting
 - Purchase of benches and litter bin
3. Northbrook Garages
 - The entrance to the garages needs attention
4. Playing field car park
 - Entrance to car park needs attention
 - Cllr Jack Popham agreed to look at the broken barrier post

Cllrs Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8.00pm

08/12/24 Financial Matters

1. **Payments** - The following to be 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) December 2024	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox November 2024	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services December 2024	DD	£66.60
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (December)	Tfer	£962.37
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (December)	Tfer	£452.07
Steve Bull	Additional grounds maintenance in Play area	Tfer	£550.00
Aly Prowse	Postage and refreshments	Tfer	£54.85
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for October	Tfer	£1,871.10
Water2business	Water charges for Pavilion May to November 2024	Tfer	£43.03
EDF	Electricity charges for Christmas lights October 2024	Tfer	£48.82
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Unity Operators	Hire of cherry picker to install Christmas lights	Tfer	£468.00
Castle Hill Quarry	Stone for Rodway car park	Tfer	£1,375.44
Steve Bull	Grounds maintenance for November 2024	Tfer	£720.00
EDF	Electricity charges for Pavilion November 2024	Tfer	£176.92
Colin Allen	Fixings for scaffold poles for Christmas lights	Tfer	£8.88
PCC St Mary's Church	Grant towards the cost of clock repairs	Tfer	£500.00
Blackmore Farm	Additional grass cutting carried out by Steve Bull – outside the village	Tfer	£300.00
Tina Gardener	Keep right road sign, postage & computer ink.	Tfer	£154.93
The following payments are due:			
James Porter & Son	Moving shipping container, dig out and extend the car park	Tfer	£2,109.30
Grandfield & Son	Bolts to secure portable toilet	Tfer	£3.56
Burnham Toilet Hire	Toilet Hire for November 2024 (2.6weeks)	Tfer	£86.64
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for November 2024	Tfer	£1,871.10
EDF	Electricity charges for Christmas lights November 2024	Tfer	£47.60

2. **The accounts for November 2024** were previously circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a correct record.
3. **The Budget Statements for November 2024** were also previously circulated. The balance held at 30th November 2024 was £263,861.98 including reserves of £221,607.07

4. Report on Finance and Staffing meeting held on 20th November 2024

- The forecast for 2024/25 was worked through and it was anticipated that there would be an underspend of £9,141.39
- The provisional budget calculations for 2025/26 gives an overspend of £19,789.00, this is offset by a carried forward revenue reserve of £28,904.22, giving a revenue reserve for 2025/26 of £9,115.22. There is an unspent capital reserve of £12,568.27 which can be transferred to the revenue reserve giving a new balance of £21,683.49. This is 43% of the precept of £50,000.
- Projects funded from Reserves
The funds available for capital projects are;
£ 50,943.74 Community Infrastructure Levy
£ 87,194.65 EDF CIM Fund
£ 36,076.11 EDF S106 Sports & Leisure Fund
£174,214.15

The projects identified are;
£28,000.00 Otters Brook footbridge
£ 6,000.00 Speed Indicator Devices
£35,000.00 Playing Field car park
£ 3,000.00 Southbrook roundabout
£ 6,200.00 Pump track bin, fence and benches
£ 7,000.00 Safety surface in front of pavilion
£ 10,000.00 Village Hall
£ 95,200.00

5. Vacancy for new Clerk

- The advertisement for the new clerk has been advertised on SALC website, parish website and noticeboards, Facebook and on the Indeed, job vacancy website. The closing date is 20th December 2024 and there has been a lot of interest shown.

09/11/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. Christmas tree festival at St Mary's Church. We have registered for a tree and Cllr Carole Taylor has the decorations in hand.
2. Christmas light competition. This will be carried out next week and the Clerk will advertise it on Facebook.
3. Cannington in Bloom – funding request towards a new planter. CiB has received a donation of £109, the cost of the planter is £249 and councillors unanimously agreed to pay the balance.
4. The Bristol Port Company – Steart habitat creation scheme. A drop-in session is being held at Otterhampton Village Hall on Wednesday 11th December
5. Somerset Council – Expression of interest in devolution by Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire Councils
6. Parish Council Councillor vacancy – The statutory notice has been displayed and if no request for an election is received it is hoped to fill the vacancy by co-option at our January meeting.
7. The village hall has requested that a Wi-Fi booster is installed to make the signal more reliable in the main halls.
8. Clean Surrounds – several trees have fallen in to the play area from Otters Brook, The Clerk will check to see if they are on Parish Council land or land managed by the Otters Brook Management Committee.
9. A letter has been received from a resident offering to do general maintenance in the village. The Clerk will check what insurance needs to be in place.

10/11/24 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Fallen trees in brook behind Southbrook Close, The Environment Agency will contact the landowner to get the trees removed.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
 - Bridgwater Transport Forum meeting held on 01.10.24
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - Following the cancellation of last week's Cannington Christmas due to adverse weather CICB has buckets of bulbs and chutney to sell.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - Stile in hedge to retrieve balls
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
 - Village Hall AGM at 7.00pm on 26th November 2024
- j. Youth – Cllr Lisa Evans

11/11/24 Matters of Report

1. Dowsborough LCN to be held on 11th December 2024

12/11/24 Items for the next meeting

13/11/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th January 2025

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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