



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 11th February 2025 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Addison, Steve Pettitt, Carole Taylor, Mike Andison, Shaun Ryall, Jack Popham, Michael Featherstone, David Greenslade and Colin Allen.

Chair: Ian Dyer

Somerset Councillors: Mike Caswell

Clerk: Tina Gardener, Rebecca Gaylor (Clerk Designate)

Members of the Public: 8

01/02/25 Declaration of Members' Interests

Chairman Ian Dyer and Cllrs Michael Featherstone and Mike Andison declared an interest in minute 05/02/25/25 regarding planning application 13/23/00023.

Cllrs Steve Pettitt and Carole Taylor declared an interest in planning application 13/25/00005.

Newly co-opted Councillor, David Greenslade signed the Declaration of Office

Public Session

- A member of the public had noticed activity in the area of Oak Tree Way and Denmans Farm (location of previous planning application 13/19/00043). The Parish Council isn't aware of any new development on the planning application.
- The new 20mph limit is now operating and thanks were given to the Parish Council for this scheme.

Council Session

02/02/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from S Cllr Brian Bolt

03/02/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 were approved.

04/02/25 Matters Arising

There were no minutes arising not covered by a separate agenda item

05/02/25 Planning matters

New planning

Cllrs Ian Dyer, Michael Featherstone and Mike Andison left the meeting at 7.10pm

1. **13/23/00032** – Revised application for the erection of 160 dwellings, creation of vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access, public open space, landscaping and associated works on land off Brymore Way. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed we object to this application and outlined the main reasons for objecting. This was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously. A detailed response would be circulated prior to submission.

Cllrs Ian Dyer, Michael Featherstone and Mike Andison returned to the meeting at 7.15pm

2. **13/24/00028** – Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 5 dwellings pursuant to condition 1 of outline planning permission 13/21/00036 on land of Main Road. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to object to this application because of the two 2.5 storey dwellings. This was seconded by Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/25/00001** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for single storey extension at 11 Withiel Drive. For information only.
4. **13/25/00002** – Erection of a wooden workshop adjacent to the house on a pre-existing concrete pad at Saddleback Barn, Blackmore Lane. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously.
5. **13/25/00005** – Erection of a replacement porch at 15 Lonsdale Road. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.

Cllrs Steve Pettitt and Carole Taylor left the meeting at 7.20pm

6. **13/25/00003** – Take down 5m of dangerous wall and relocate 4m south at 19 Fore Street. Cllr Michael Featherstone proposed to support this application and 13/25/00004 below. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agreed unanimously.
7. **13/25/00004** – Listed building consent for above.

Cllr Steve Pettitt and Carole Taylor returned to the meeting at 7.22pm

06/02/25 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - 20 mph speed limit. Concerns were raised that there were no 20mph signs along Clifford Park and Mill Lane. The new Grange Meadow estate has a 30mph speed limit and wasn't included in the original 20mph scheme. This will be investigated.

- Public Right of Way at Yeo Valley – to be chased up for a response.
2. Speed Indicator Device
 - The new SID's have been in place for 3 weeks and the solar panels are working well.
 3. Defibrillators
 - When someone tried to access the defibrillator in the Brook Street phone box, the handle broke. This is in the process of being repaired.
 4. Village Maintenance
 - Community payback -suggestions for further projects required
 - Dog bins
 - Parking posts – Southbrook
 - Graffiti on Brook Street bus shelter -It was agreed to repaint one panel in the bus shelter as the graffiti couldn't be removed.
- Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8.20pm*
5. NHP
 - The Regulation 16 examination is currently being undertaken by an independent examiner
 - An open letter was received from the examiner, which had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The Cannington Local Visual Landscape Study, which is part of the NHP has not been prepared in accordance with guidelines and there is no robust evidence to justify the designation of the Areas of Local Visual Landscape Quality. There are 2 options for the council, either withdraw the NHP from examination or delete the Areas of Local Visual Landscape Quality and the Cannington Local Visual Landscape Study. Cllr Michael Featherstone proposed to remove the above documents and continue with the examination. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agreed unanimously.
 - It was further agreed to appoint a consultant to carry out the studies required. These can't be added to the NHP currently being examined.
 6. Otters Brook
 - One dead tree is waiting to be felled along with the removal of a fallen tree. This will be carried out when the ground is drier.
 7. Play area
 - Replacement equipment for damaged tunnel. An article was put in the Target asking for suggestions of new equipment, but no ideas have come forward.
 - The access gate from Birch Close needs attention. There was damage caused in high winds and the gate is currently held together with string.
 8. The EDF Community Forum took place on 16th January 2025 and was attended by Cllrs Shaun Ryall, Steve Pettitt and Michael Featherstone. The minutes will be circulated once received
 9. The Dowsborough LCN meeting took place on 29th January 2025 and was attended by Chairman Ian Dyer. The majority of the meeting was taken up with the Somerset Local Plan, where members were given the opportunity to discuss in groups what was important to their parish. This exercise will also be repeated at the Somerset Local Plan Early Engagement: Exploratory Workshops. A number of Parishes raised their concerns that the LCN was not progressing well and the agenda didn't include relevant items. The meeting should be less officer-led and should be driven by the needs of the Parish Councils.

07/02/25 Capital Projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Northbrook Garages
3. Rodway car park

08/02/25 Financial Matters

1. **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) February 2025	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox February 2025	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services February 2025	DD	£66.60
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (January)	Tfer	£962.37
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (January)	Tfer	£452.07
Aly Prowse	Indeed invoice December	Tfer	£87.13
Unity Operators	Machine hire for Christmas lights	Tfer	£468.00
Steve Bull	Grounds maintenance for January 2025	Tfer	£720.00
Tina Gardener	2 benches for pump track plus delivery	Tfer	£739.17
The following payments are due:			
Scribe	Subscription for 2025	Tfer	£645.84
GC Sound and Light	Mixer and mic system for Pantomime use	Tfer	£2,308.00
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire	December hire	Tfer	£121.44
PAYE	September to December 2024	Tfer	£371.65
TQ Exel	2 x Lantra training- moving works operatives	Tfer	£504.00
Greenslades	Ground maintenance for January 2025	Tfer	£1,871.10

2. **The accounts for January 2025** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed **as a correct** record
3. **The Budget Statement for January 2025** were also previously circulated. The balance held at 31st January 2025 was £248,808.41 including reserves of £214,953.97.

09/02/25 Staffing Policies

The NALC model Disciplinary, Grievance, and Performance Improvement Policies have been circulated to all councillors. These were all agreed and the Clerk will adapt them for Cannington, these can then be formally adopted at the next meeting.

10/02/25 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. The Thomas Pool Library Nether Stowey – A request has been made for an annual grant to help with the upkeep of the library. Councillors were uncertain if the residents of Cannington used the library. A post will be put on Facebook to gauge usage. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
2. Stoke St Mary Parish Council had circulated an email to all Parishes. Their LCN agreed to demand that Somerset Council creates a policy for a maximum 10% increase in housing in each parish (over 5 years).

11/02/25 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

Review committee membership and posts of responsibility.

Cllr David Greenslade will be added to the Disciplinary Committee. The posts of responsibility will be reviewed at the Annual meeting.

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - All the plots have now been allocated.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - The fallen trees in the brook behind Southbrook Close have still not been cleared.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
 - The fence at the top of the cemetery needs replacing, quotes will be requested for this work.
 - It was previously agreed to repaint the wall at the front of the cemetery. Quotes will also be requested for this work.
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
 - Bridgwater and Taunton College will be merging with Strode College
 - They are still waiting for National Grid to prune the trees to the rear of Folly Close.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities including Pump Track– Cllrs Jack Popham and Mike Andison
 - Football mesh netting still to be ordered
 - The benches have been purchased and should be delivered in 3 weeks. The Clerk will obtain a quote to lay concrete bases for the benches. The new litter bin is to be ordered from Clean Surroundings.
 - It was also agreed to purchase a cigarette bin to be placed on the side of the pavilion.
 - Cannington Court has agreed to install and pay for CCTV to cover the pump track. They will also provide a link to their CCTV policy.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth

12/02/25 Matters of Report

1. It was agreed to hold a meeting with village groups to discuss holding an event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 4th May 2025. The Clerks will arrange a meeting.

13/02/25 Items for the next meeting

1. Somerset Local Plan Early Engagement: Exploratory Workshop – North to be held on 25th February 2025. Cllrs Ian Dyer, John Addison and Michael Featherstone to attend.
2. Hinkley Point SSG to be held on 3rd March 2025. Cllr Colin Allen to attend.
3. EDF Transport Forum 13th March 2025. Cllr John Addison to attend.

14/02/25 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th March 2025

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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