



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** John Addison, Steve Pettitt, Carole Taylor, Mike Andison, Shaun Ryall, Jack Popham (arrived 19.05), 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:** 1

### **01/03/25 Declaration of Members' Interests**

#### **Public Session**

- Member of the public raised concern that they were overtaken dangerously by a vehicle in Brook Street who had no regard for the 20mp speed limit.

#### **Council Session**

### **02/03/25 Apologies for Absence**

### **03/03/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### **04/03/25 Matters Arising** not covered by separate agenda item

### **05/03/25 Planning matters**

#### **New planning**

1. **13/25/00011** – Installation of new window and roof lights, to south elevation at Duroc Barn, Blackmoore Lane. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Featherstone and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/25/00028** - Co-op development. Following the Parish Council's objection to the 2.5 storey houses (H4 and H5) it has been confirmed by the Somerset Council case officer, that the builds will now stand at 2 storeys. Therefore, the Parish Council have removed its objection in favour of 2 storey housing.

#### **Planning decided**

1. **13/24/00019** Outline application with all matters reserved, for the creation of 2 no. self-build plots at Denmans Farm. **Permission Granted**
2. **13/24/00027** Erection of two storey extensions, partially on site of existing garden room. At Woofington House, Blackmoore Lane. **Permission Granted**
3. **13/25/00001**- Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of a single storey extension, at 11 Withiel Drive. **Prior Approval Not Required**

### **06/03/25 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - 20 mph speed limit -Councillors requested to enquire if Grange Meadows can be included in the 20mph speed limit. It was noted that there were no 20mph speed signs in Mill Lane and Clifford Park.
  - Public Right of Way at Yeo Valley -Councillor Shaun Ryall met with Yeo Valley who agreed to move the sheep pen 3 meters, so that it wouldn't obstruct footpath BW 5/22.
  - Proposed diversion of BW5/7 -Councillors supported the proposed diversion of part of BW5/7.
  - Councillor Shaun Ryall is in discussion with the rights of way officer, regarding Hawkers Lane.
  - It was noted that the style on the footpath by the bypass was broken. Councillor Shaun Ryall will investigate.
  - Parking outside Kings Head car park- Chairman Ian Dyer has contacted Keir construction and it will cost around £6,000 to put in bollards. This could be funded by the community infrastructure levy (CIL). Nothing can be done until the work in the car park has been completed. There is a lack of parking in this area and the council should look again at alternative parking i.e. the College and Bowling Green.
  - Layby by Blackmoore Lane is being used by lorries which is obscuring the view from vehicles exiting Blackmoore Lane. They are also damaging the grass verge. Bollards could be installed to prevent lorries parking in the layby.
2. Speed Indicator Device
  - Data will be downloaded and analysed.
3. Defibrillators
  - It was noted that the defibrillator at the golf club is available 24/7 Councillor Shaun Ryall will update the Target.

- The door on the Brook Street Defibrillator has warped and needs attention. The phone box may need painting.
- Village Maintenance
    - Community payback – Have painted the container in the playing fields. They will be asked to cut a hedge in the allotments.
    - Dog bins and Litter bins – From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 new charges will apply to any bins that are not on Somerset Council owned land. Fortunately, this applies to most of our bins and the total cost will be similar to this year.
    - Parking posts – Southbrook the Clerk will chase for a response.
    - Graffiti on Brook Street bus shelter -The Clerk has requested a quote for the graffiti to be removed and repaint the shelter.
    - The hedge from Brymore roundabout to the park and ride has been cut and clean surrounds have been asked to sweep the roads.
    - The railings at Brymore roundabout are leaning over and needs attention. Chairman Ian Dyer suggested planting a hedge. Highways need to be contacted to gain permission.
  - NHP
    - The draft report has been received from the independent examiner.
    - Quotes have been received for Landscape Character appraisal; they were much higher than expected. We will try and outsource available grants.
    - Stoke St Mary's Parish Council reported that Somerset Council ignored their neighbourhood plan in deciding a planning application. A meeting will be held in April to discuss this. Councillors Carole Taylor and Steve Pettitt would be interested in attending.
  - Otters Brook
    - From the 1<sup>st</sup> April the cost of emptying the bins will be charged to Otters Brook.
  - Play area
    - Replacement equipment for damaged tunnel. Quotes for suitable equipment will be obtained. Was suggested to ask pre-school parents for ideas.
  - Hinkley Point SSG
    - This meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and attended by councillor Collin Allen, who reported that HPB's reactor R4 has had all its fuel removed and R3 has 40% removed and the remaining fuel will be removed by August 2026. By the end of 2026 HPA and HBP will be merged and will be run by the Nuclear Restoration Service. The minutes will be circulated once received.
  - LCN Highways working group meeting
    - Meeting was held 28<sup>th</sup> February and was attended by councillor John Addison who reported the following; the white lining on Cannington straight will be carried out in this summer, Brymore roundabout will be resurfaced in 2027/28 and surface dressing will be carried out on the C182 on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Somerset Council future planning Local Planning
    - A meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and was attended by councillors Ian Dyer, John Addison and Michael Featherstone. This was a pre-statutory consultation for Parish and Town Councils and was very well attended.

*Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at 20.10*

#### **07/03/25 Capital/CIM fund projects**

- Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
- Northbrook Garages
- Rodway car park
  - Planning application will be submitted shortly and the cost will be £800.

#### **08/03/25 Financial Matters**

- Payments** - The following were approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque	Amount
<b>Additional payments made since the last meeting: -</b>			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) March 2025	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox March 2025	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services March 2025	DD	<b>£66.60</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (February)	Tfer	<b>£1,197.13,</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (February)	Tfer	<b>£661.75</b>
Jo Widdecombe	Planning consultant	Tfer	<b>£585.00</b>
SALC	Clerks Training	Tfer	<b>£60.00</b>
Starboard Systems Limited	Subscription to Scribe	Tfer	<b>£645.84</b>
SALC	Clerks Training	Tfer	<b>£60.00</b>
Andrew Taylor	PAT Testing and emergency lighting Pavillion	Tfer	<b>£60.00</b>
Carole Taylor	Christmas Tree Festival	Tfer	<b>£49.87</b>
Whaleys Limited	Canvases for Pantomime	Tfer	<b>£851.80</b>
Cannington Village Hall	CIM Fund Grant	Tfer	<b>£10,000.00</b>
Steve Ball	Grounds Maintenance for February	Tfer	<b>£360.00</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
Grandfield and Son	Bitumen Paint	Tfer	<b>£50.74</b>
SALC	Clerk Training	Tfer	<b>£60.00</b>
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire	February Hire	Tfer	<b>£105.60</b>
Tina Gardener	Wi-Fi booster, cigarette bin, paint, paintbrushes, VE day fleg & stationery	Tfer	<b>£368.78</b>
Shaun Ryall	Hose clamp kit for SID's	Tfer	<b>£7.49</b>

Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for February	Tfer	<b>£1871.10</b>
Rebecca Gaylor	Clerks salary advance	Tfer	<b>£600.00</b>
Tina Gardener	Net World Sports Stop That Ball Fencing	Tfer	<b>£2208.93</b>
Mike Andison	Cleaning products for pavilion	Tfer	<b>£17.08</b>
Dyer & Co	Hedge cutting on Cannington bypass	Tfer	<b>£186.30</b>

2. **The accounts for February 2025** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as a correct record
3. **The Budget Statement for February 2025** was also previously circulated. The balance held at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 was £240,772,09 including reserves of £213,549.87.
4. **Revised Financial Regulations** have been circulated to all councillors for consideration. These will be adopted in the annual meeting.

#### **09/03/25 Adoption of Staffing Policies**

The following policies were unanimously adopted.

1. Disciplinary Policy
2. Grievance Policy
3. Performance Improvement Policy

#### **10/03/25 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day**

- A meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 and was well attended. The event will start at 1pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. The notes of the meeting have been circulated to all councillors.
- Councillor Carole Taylor proposed a budget of £1000. This was seconded by councillor Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.

#### **11/03/25 Henry Rogers Almshouse**

- The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the councillors who have agreed to be included in the Almshouse committee.

#### **12/03/25 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

1. The Thomas Pool Library Nether Stowey – Funding request. There was limited reaction from the Facebook post. Councillors agreed to a one-off donation of £100.
2. St Mary's Church – Flower Festival 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025. Councillors agreed to submit an entry into the festival. A budget of £50 was allocated.
3. Consultation on EDF Energy's EIADR application for consent for HPB power station closes on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **13/03/25 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable**

- a. Allotments – Clerk
  - It was agreed to hire a skip to allow allotment holders to remove debris from their plots. Some of which have been left by previous tenants. The allotment holders will be informed.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Fallen trees in brook behind Southbrook Close
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
  - Will be entering this Southwest in bloom competition.
- e. Cemetery – Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities including Pump Track– Cllrs Jack Popham and Mike Andison
  - The football mesh netting, benches and litter bin have all been ordered.
  - CCTV for pump track
  - The official opening of Pump track date, is still to be decided.
  - Charity football match on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, councillors agreed to waive the fee.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth

#### **14/03/25 Matters of Report**

1. Seed Somerset 6pm 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Cannington Village Hall
2. Dowsborough LCN 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025
3. EDF Transport Forum 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### **15/03/25 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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