



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th April 2025 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES Draft

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Addison, Carole Taylor, Shaun Ryall, Jack Popham (arrived 19.05), Michael Featherstone, Mike Andison, David Greenslade and Colin Allen.

Chair: Ian Dyer

Somerset Councillors: Mike Caswell

Clerk: Tina Gardener, Rebecca Gaylor (Clerk Designate)

Members of the Public: 10

Public Session

- A request was made for the council to consider reducing the frequency of grass cutting around the village to encourage the growth of wildflowers and support local wildlife.
- Reports have been made that there is an issue in regards to speeding through Stradling's Hill. The public have asked if the council can inquire if this area can be included in the 20mph speed limit, to avoid antisocial behaviour.
- The double yellow lines at the entrance corners of Portland Road, where it meets East Street, are significantly faded, this is causing an increase in parking issues. A request has been made to have the double yellow lines reinstated to help insure safe legal parking.
- Owners of planning application 13/25/00007 have confirmed the existing piping beneath the property will be relocated to align with the network running down to the main road. Additionally, they have stated that no flooding incidents have occurred on the property during their period of residence.
- It has been reported that fly parking remains an ongoing issue in the area. Parked vehicles have been found parked in Oak Tree Way as well as Clifford Park.

Council Session

02/04/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ian Dyer.

03/04/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th March 2025

04/04/25 Matters Arising not covered by separate agenda item

05/04/25 Planning matters

New planning

1. **13/25/00007** – Demolition of existing single storey side extension on 4 Main Road Cannington. To be followed by the erection of 3 bed detached self-build dwelling including parking, access landscaping and associated works. Cllr Michael Featherstone proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Carol Taylor and agreed unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **13/25/00002** – Erection of a wooden workshop adjacent to the house on a pre-existing concrete pad at Saddleback Barn, Blackmore Lane. **Permission Granted**
2. **13/25/00005** – Erection of a replacement porch at 15 Lonsdale Road. **Permission Granted**

06/04/25 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - 20 mph speed limit- It has been confirmed that in regards to Clifford Park there were difficulties attaching the signs to telegraph poles. In replacement of this traffic management will be installed roundels instead. In respect of Grange Meadows, this was not on the original scope of the scheme and cannot be included now as the legal order has been sealed.
 - Fly Parking- There has been fly parking reports showing an increase of offenders parking on Oak Tree Way and to the left of Teals Acre. HPC have advised that multiple reports within a week can be considered as a single offense.
2. Speed Indicator Device- Reports from the speed indicator device are showing that 60% of drivers coming into the village and past the high street stick to the 20mph speed limit. However Maximum speeds are showing at 69mph. Further checks will be needed to receive a wider scope and more accurate results.
3. Defibrillators
4. Village Maintenance
 - Community payback-West roundabout hedges have been planted and fences have been propped up.
 - Parking posts – Southbrook are still awaiting permission.
 - Graffiti on Brook Street bus shelter- Painting has been completed.
5. NHP
 - The report has been received from the independent examiner- The recommended changes will need to be

carried out and the NHP updated and placed on the Council's website. This will need to be completed at least 4 weeks before the referendum.

- Grants for Landscape Character appraisal. These will be applied for after the referendum and the NHP has been made.
6. Otters Brook- Needs clearing and tidying up. Cllr Jack Popham has offered to clear the brook.
 7. Play area
 - Replacement equipment for damaged tunnel- A quote has been received in regards to removing and replacing the tunnel. This came in at a high cost which has been agreed to high. More quotes will be requested in order to lower the cost.
 8. Seeds Somerset- The first session was well attended and they will be returning again in May.
 9. The Dowsborough LCN meeting took place on the 12th March and was attended by Chairman Ian Dyer. There was a presentation at the meeting from Connecting Devon and Somerset. Airband have ceased their contract and are seeking a new company to provide broadband in rural areas.
 10. The EDF Transport Forum was held on 13th March and was attended by Cllr John Addison. Items discussed included, 90.6% of workers travel by bus, there are 1,104 bus movements per day. 162 have been caught fly parking and 5 people dismissed for flyparking

07/04/25 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Northbrook Garages- The entrance to the garages is in a poor state of repair and ideally needs resurfacing as soon as possible. Permission will need to be sought from Somerset Council and quotes obtained.
3. Rodway car park- Planning has been submitted in regards to tarmacking the area.

08/04/25 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) April 2025	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox April 2025	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services April 2025	DD	£66.60
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (March)	Tfer	£908.62
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (March)	Tfer	£469.71
Rebecca Gaylor	Clerk's salary (March)	Tfer	£1,270.81
Chew Valley	Hedge Plants	Tfer	£471.00
James Venton	Planning application	Tfer	£960.00
Lloyds Bank	Service charge		£10.45
Thomas Paule Library	Donation	3943	£100.00
The following payments are due:			
SALC	Clerk Training	Tfer	£35.00
SALC	Councillor Training	Tfer	£75.00
David Howe	Painting the Bus Shelter	Tfer	£80.00
The Clifford Estate Company	Allotment Field Rent	Tfer	£40.00
Somerset Council	Rates for Rodway Pavilion	Tfer	£494.01
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire	Toilet Hire for March	Tfer	£110.88
Grandfield & Son	Paint and Tree Stakes	Tfer	£114.43
SALC	Subscription	Tfer	£936.24
Robert Popplewell	Website Fees	Tfer	£440.00
Carole Taylor	Amberol Stone Planter	Tfer	£362.40
SALC	Councillor training	Tfer	£28.00
Portal plan quest Ltd	Planning application for Rodway car park	Tfer	£383.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for March plus arrears for 2024/25	Tfer	£2,752.30

2. **The accounts for March 2025** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as a true record.
3. **The Budget Statement for March 2025** was also previously circulated. The balance held at 31st March 2025 was £227,555.63, including reserves of £200,362.30.

10/04/25 80th Anniversary VE Day

- Meetings are being held regularly, a band has been booked, refreshments and activities are being organised. There will be a leaflet drop to all households.

11/04/25 Henry Rogers Almshouse

- A meeting was held on 7th April and Cllr Colin Allen was elected as Chairman. We discussed the finances and procedures to familiarise everyone with the role they have undertaken.

12/04/25 Correspondence and matters to discuss

- Benches in High Street – A request has been made for additional bench in the High Street. Councillors agreed in principle but this would be subject to Highways approval.
- Dog fouling in Churchyard and remembrance Garden – It was agreed to purchase 'keep dogs on leads' signs for the 3 entrance gates to the Church.

- A request has been received to cut the grass less frequently. After discussions it was agreed not to cut the grass along Cannington Straight.
- Silting up of the Mill Stream above Burcombe's Field. Contact has been made with Brymore Academy regarding the stream leaking on to the field. The Clerk will chase for a response. If no success the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) will be contacted.
- Antisocial behaviour
 - The Primary School has reported incidents of anti-social behaviour outside of school. A request will be made to the PCSO's to patrol the area.
 - Reports have been received of cars travelling too fast along Stradlings Hill, as mentioned in the public session. A request had previously been made for a 20mph speed limit and/or traffic calming, but this road does not meet the criteria.

13/04/25 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - The fallen trees in the brook behind Southbrook Close have now 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 leylandii hedge on the west boundary needs tidying
 - The pointing of the front wall needs to be carried out during the summer and the fence at the top of the cemetery needs replacing.
- 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 entrance to the field on the left-hand side near the pump track needs to be seeded, along with the goal mouths
 - A suitable place for the benches needs to be sought. The pump track contractors will be consulted.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
 - The air conditioning has now been installed.
- j. Youth

14/04/25 Matters of Report

1. HPC site visit May 6th
2. The chairman and clerk met with Sir Ashley Fox MP on 4th April 2025 to discuss issues in Cannington.

15/04/25 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting and will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th May 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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