



Cannington Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting held at
7.00pm on 23rd May 2023 in Cannington Village Hall

Present:

Ian Dyer, John Addison, Shaun Ryall, Mike Andison, Carole Taylor, Colin Allen, Tina Gardener, Betty Edney, Mary Ryall, Ann Cowling, Marie Trubic, Gina Bryant, Rose Allen, Jessica Allen, Ben Allen, Lynne Fackrell, Jason Gunningham, Hannah Jones, Sara Jones, Elizabeth Lewis, Alison Waters, Kate Slade

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from; Steve and Jan Pettitt, Andy Berry, Jack Popham, Tina Uren and John Edney

Minutes of the meetings held on 9th August 2022

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th August 2022 were approved.

Ian Dyer -Chairman's Report

Ian Dyer was elected as Chairman at the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2023, having previously served as Vice-chairman.

Highways

- Extra traffic calming is being installed on Rodway, this will help to reduce both the volume and speed of traffic.
- Speed Indicator Device (SID) is used on different sites within the village and helps to monitor the speed. Thank you to Shaun Ryall and John Addison for operating the SID.
- Parking for EDF employees is continued to be monitored by the fly-parking team and warnings are issued to those who are not obeying the rules.

Playing Field

- **Cannington Court** continue to use the car park for their park and ride. Besides reducing the number of cars parked in the village it also provides a useful income.
- **Football teams.** These have been a bit sporadic and it is hoped to entice some regular teams to use the field.
- **Pump track.** At our February meeting we had a number of children give a presentation to the Parish Council and we are hopeful of providing it. The funding is available from the EDF S106 fund

King's Coronation Celebration

- As with the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, this was a wonderful success. Thank you to all the volunteers and to everyone who attended. The yarn bombers excelled themselves. There was a lot of work in the preparations and the clearing up afterwards. It was a great community event and we hope to have a similar event every year.

Otters Brook

- Although this was mentioned last year we are still aiming to have a footbridge in Otters Brook to the children's play area.

Allotments

- Thank you to our deputy clerk Aly Prowse and councillors Shaun Ryall and Mike Andison for keeping the allotments in order.

Trees

- We are very grateful to John Addison and his students for all the tree planting being undertaken in the village.

Buses

- Jack Popham is the representative on the Somerset Bus Partnership who are trying improve the local bus services

Cannington in Bloom

- The committee and volunteers do an excellent job in brightening up our village and we are very grateful.
- We are fortunate that the Community Payback team carrying out lots of jobs in Cannington.
- The Parish Council support them wherever we can, and wish them every success in this year's competition.

Christmas events

- Last year we had to replace the Christmas lights at short notice, thank you to all councillors who worked achieving this. It would have been a dull Christmas without them.
- We also held a festive light competition last year, which was very well received and the standards were set very high. This will be repeated again this year.

Crest Nicholson development

- This is progressing well, with the minimum of complaints.
- The affordable housing is being allocated on a local housing policy which those with a connection to Cannington priority.

War Memorial

- A huge thank you to Mike Andison who has been diligently cleaning the new plaque.

Planning

- We haven't had many planning applications this year, the major ones being the Co-op development and Chiton Trivett

Thank you

- As always, a huge thank you to all councillors and the clerks and a thank you to all the individuals and groups who work hard to make our village a better place to live.

Presentation of the Child of Cannington Award

Alison Waters presented this year's Child of Cannington Award to Colin Allen. John Edney wrote the citation and praised Colin for his long service on the Parish Council and for being Chairman for the last 11 years. Colin steered the Parish Council through the development of Hinkley Point C and the construction of the new bypass. A great achievement was the installation of the Flood Alleviation scheme. Colin thanked his wife Rose for all her support and said he had done his little bit to make the village a better place.

Reports from village groups

Jason Gunningham – Assistant Principal at Cannington Centre of Bridgwater and Taunton College

The Cannington Centre celebrated 100 years last year, an amazing achievement. They currently have 2,000 students, studying over a number of subjects including, Arboriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Nursing, Animal Care, Equine and Farming. They are also home to the National College for Nuclear and the Construction Skills Centre. The curriculum is booming and the 16-18 years cohort has never been stronger.

Alison Waters – St Mary's Church

In all likelihood Alison will become the Rector of Stogursey, Fiddington, Cannington, Stockland Bristol, Otterhampton and Steart. Jan Church is the associate Priest

Alison Waters – Cannington Combined Charities

The charity was very busy during Covid and post covid, but not very busy now. All enquiries to the charity are treated with utmost confidentiality.

Alison Waters – School Governor

The school is under financial pressure. They have to cover the rise in salary costs with no increase in budget. The Governors and Headteacher are doing their best. They do not get any additional funding for children who join mid-year. There has been a large increase of children from the new development in the village. There are currently 6 classes, but this will increase to 7 in September.

Alison Waters – Youth and Children

The church has taken over the babe and tots' group since last September and it is going from strength to strength. There are currently 20 children and they also provide support and help to families.

Sara Jones – Cannington Pantomime

Sara has been Chairman and Director for the last 7 years. Last year saw the first pantomime since Covid and the number of performances was reduced to three. They would welcome new members and auditions for next year's production start next week.

Carole Taylor – Yarn Bombers

The yarn bombers have snowballed from the URC opening their building as a warm space. Thank you to the URC for hosting the Yarn Bombers every Tuesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and you do not need to be an expert in knitting or crocheting. The Brownies also joined in with the project and they were devastated with vandalism of their installation on the packhorse bridge, although it was heartening that people rallied around to put it back together. Watch this space for future installations!

Carole Taylor – Scouts

Everything has been mothballed on the retirement of the leaders and Carole has remained as the Treasurer. Hannah Jackson has tried to start up new groups. Started with 14/15 beavers (aged 5-7) and the same number of cubs (aged 7-10). They are struggling with helpers and cubs would appear to be more sustainable.

Lynne Fackrell – Brownies

They have 27 girls who are a lively bunch who got really excited about the yarn bombing. The vandalism was a big disappointment but were encouraged by those who helped to put the knitting back up on the bridge. They had a competition to knit the longest nancy doll and the winner was 59m long! They are looking forward to their next project making scarecrows. Cannington Brownies joined all the brownies and guides in the district and went to see Little Mermaid which they all enjoyed.

John Addison – Cannington Bellringers

They have had no new members in the last 3 years and they would welcome anyone wishing to join. The bells were rung on the sad occasion when Queen Elizabeth II died and also to celebrate the King's Coronation

Shaun Ryall – the Cannington Target

Everyone is able to contribute to articles in the Target. The Parish Council has given a grant to help with the printing costs. The Target continued to be published during Covid and their income was reduced as there were fewer adverts.

Kate Slade – Village Hall

It has been getting better with new bookings and clubs. Very pleased to have the pantomime back. Storm gauge guttering is required, there has been a leak in the gents' toilets on the ground floor and water damage to the front wall.

Cannington URC

They have been without a minister for 12 months. They have a range of activities and services available including the warm space and larder, the lunch club, holiday clubs and after school club. A part-time Childrens, Youth and Family worker has been

Cannington in Bloom (CiB)

They continue to work hard with their fundraising including seed and plant sales/swaps, home produced chutney and buckets of bulbs. Community engagement activities include the Jubilee teacup trail, family lantern making workshop, Coronation party and scarecrow trail. They did well in last year's South West in Bloom competition, winning gold and the Cox Cup. Other awards were given to Brymore Academy, Blackmore Farm, Cannington Pre-School, Walled Gardens volunteers and Church Street

Village Calendar

It was suggested that the Parish Council include a calendar on the website for all village activities.

As there were no other speakers the Annual Parish meeting concluded and refreshments were enjoyed courtesy of Ian and Ann Dyer, Blackmore Farm.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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