



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tue 10th June 2025 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES Draft

Present:

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

Chair: Ian Dyer

Somerset Councillors: Mike Caswell

Clerk: Rebecca Gaylor

Members of the Public: 3

Public Session

- It was brought to the council's attention that the Hinkley Highways roadworks team issued a Temporary Road Closure for Clayland Corner, affecting traffic in Stockland Bristol and Stogursey. The proposed diversion route directs traffic via Stradlings Hill. Cllr Carole Taylor raised concerns with Somerset Council regarding the suitability of this diversion. Upon reviewing satellite imagery, the Council acknowledged the potential issues: the lane is narrow, includes a blind corner, and has only one passing place, making it unsuitable. This could quickly lead to gridlock, especially if multiple vehicles attempt to pass simultaneously. Additionally, the route is not viable for large vehicles such as buses and lorries. In response to these concerns, Highways confirmed that buses will be provided with an alternative route.
- Concerns were raised regarding traffic calming measures for the upcoming Brymore School Open Day. In response, it has been confirmed that professional stewards will be present to manage and control traffic flow in and out of the school premises. This measure aims to ensure the safety of attendees and minimize disruption to local traffic.
- Feedback has been provided that fly parking seems to have calmed in designated areas of the village. This will continue to be monitored.
- The Open Gardens event was a complete success raising a grand total of £400 for Cannington in Bloom. 6 Gardens were open to the public. A request was made for more Councillors to get involved next year.
- Following a request to leave the grass verges along Cannington Straight and the Sandford Roundabout uncut, it is with regret that the County Council has proceeded with cutting this area. This action was taken in accordance with legal requirements that verges must be maintained to prevent grass from encroaching on the highways. By law, this involves cutting at least one foot into the verge to ensure road safety and visibility.
- No action has been taken on cleaning up our flood protection system on the south side of the village.
- Praise was given to Cannington in Bloom for the beautiful wild flowers on the verge at the entrance to the village.
- The Neighbourhood Plan referendum polling date is the 20th July, a request for hard copies of the referendum to be printed has been made.

Council Session

02/06/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jack Popham.

03/06/25 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2025

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2025 were approved.

04/06/25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by Separate agenda item.

05/06/25 Planning matters

New planning

1. **13/25/00008** – Essential repairs to support a structural beam connecting to a main roof truss at 28 High Street Cannington. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by John Addison and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/25/00009** - Essential repairs to support a structural beam connecting to a main roof truss at 28 High Street Cannington. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by John Addison and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/25/00012** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of Agricultural Buildings to 5 No. Dwellinghouses (Class C3), and associated building operations. On Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmoore Lane. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously. It was noted that there still seems to not be enough detail of the conversion itself.

Planning decided

13/25/00011- Resurfacing hardcore car park with tarmac. Rodway Playing fields. To be discussed at the parish council meeting on the 13/05/2025. Parish council supported this application. **Permission Granted**

06/06/25 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - 20 mph speed limit-At present the 20mph speed limit is not enforceable as a few required signs have not yet been installed. Once the remaining rondels are put in place, the limit will become legally enforceable. The Council has submitted a request for the installation to be completed as soon as possible.
 - Fly Parking-The Highways team are currently exploring the possibility of removing double yellow lines in certain areas of the High Street. Additionally, the Council is looking into the introduction of permit parking. Permit parking would require for residents to pay an annual fee. Before any changes are implemented, a poll will be conducted among those in the affected area to gather feedback and ensure community input is considered.
2. Speed Indicator Device- Readings from main road between 29th March to the 9th June consistently show very high-speed compliance across all periods. Jubilee Gardens had significant speeding issues in early May, with more than half of vehicles exceeding speed limits. However, by early June, speed compliance at Jubilee Gardens improves significantly.
3. Defibrillators
4. Village Maintenance
 - Community Payback- The community payback team has been assisting Cannington in Bloom by preparing the flower bed on Dukes Avenue, helping to dig it out and get it ready for planting. They have also been asked to rip down vegetation along the Bridge.
5. NHP
 - The Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be on the 10th July. This will take place at Cannington Village Hall. Electors will receive poll cards and a subsequent notice will advise of the time and venue.
6. Otters Brook
 - The Council have received further reports of increased dog fouling, particularly in the Otters Brook and Southbrook, with the issue now spreading towards the main road. This ongoing problem is causing concern for residents, both in terms of general health and public cleanliness. A request has been made for more dog bins and signs.
7. Play area
 - An email has been sent to Clean Surrounds regarding the replacement of the play area tunnel. Once we receive confirmation from them that the tunnel can be replaced, the council will proceed with the installation of the new play equipment.
 - Graffiti on play area benches- It was recently discovered that distasteful and offensive graffiti was marker penned on the benches in the park. This was promptly removed by Clerk's Tina Gardener and Rebecca Gaylor.
 - It has also been raised that there has been vandalism at the Cricket Pavilion.

07/06/25 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Northbrook Garages
3. Rodway car park – Permission has been granted by the County Council and plans will be made to tarmac the car park.

08/06/25 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) May 2025	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox May 2025	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services May 2025 plus £39.95 set up costs for BT cloud voice express	DD	£103.73
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (April)	Tfer	£908.42
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary Final	Tfer	£848.75
Rebecca Gaylor	Clerk's salary (April)	Tfer	£1,308.74
SALC	Councillor training	Tfer	£30.00
D M Payroll Services	Annual fee	Tfer	£216.00
EDF	April electricity costs for Pavilion	Tfer	£100.39
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire	Toilet rental for April	Tfer	£116.16
Roberts Waste Ltd	Skip hire charge for allotments (paid in advance)	Tfer	£379.00
Stuart Todd Associates	Amendments to NHP	Tfer	£416.02
Clear Councils	Insurance fee for 2025/26	Tfer	£1,617.38
GeoXphere	Annual fee for parish Online	Tfer	£81.00
EDF	Electricity charges for Xmas lights December to April	Tfer	£230.33
B H White & Son Ltd	Flowers for Clerks' retirement	Tfer	£49.99
Malt Shovel Ltd	Meals for Clerks' retirement	Tfer	£71.40
Rosemary Allen	Flowers and vase for 100 th birthday gift	Tfer	£35.00
Bridgwater Mowers	Repairs to water bowser pump	Tfer	£63.60

ICCM	Annual subscription for Cemetery	Tfer	£105.00
Avalonian Landscapes	May grounds maintenance	Tfer	£785.00
HMRC	PAYE for April to June	Tfer	£2,180.62
Lloyds Bank	Account charges for April	Tfer	£8.21
The following payments are due:			
EDF	May electricity charges for the Pavilion	Tfer	£48.40
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire	Hire charges for May	Tfer	£116.16
Frank Parsons	2 replacement water taps for the allotments	Tfer	£13.00
David Howe	Watering for May	Tfer	£510.00
Blackmore Farm	Retirement Hamper	Tfer	£54.00
EDF	Electricity cost for May Christmas lights	Tfer	£19.72
Water 2 Business	Water supply for Pavilion	Tfer	£53.37
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance for May	Tfer	£1,988.88

2. **To agree accounts for May 2025** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as a true record.

3. **The Budget Statement for May 2025** was also previously circulated. The balance held at 31.05.2025 was £263,014.94, including reserves of £205,786.31.

11/06/25 **Henry Rogers Almshouse**

12/06/25 **Correspondence and matters to discuss**

- Local Governing Boundaries Commissions, division review- We have been advised that due to updated governing boundaries, the Council will be reducing its overall representation.
- Antisocial behaviour – The Councillors would like to liaise with the school to explore the possibility of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) delivering a talk to the children about the effects of vandalism. As there has been a few incidents in the past few months.
- Flood protection Scheme, south side of the village – The Council has received complaints regarding the clean-up flood protection scheme area. There are trees growing by the bridge and close to the main road. A request for confirmation of the annual maintenance has been sent in order to make sure the work is carried out. However, the area surrounding the flood relief system has received grass cutting.
- Campaign for Rural England Membership- The Councillors have decided not to subscribe to this membership.
- Staffing Committee- The staffing committee need to review its terms of reference. Once reviewed and agreed upon by the committee, the proposed terms of reference must be referred to full Council for approval.

13/06/25 **Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

Review committee membership and posts of responsibility

- Allotments –Clerk.
 - A skip has been ordered for the allotments to allow plot holders to dispose of any debris. The arrival date will be the 20th June and the collection date will be 27th June.
- Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
- Bus Partnership
 - Bus partnership meetings will be attended if and when deemed necessary.
- Cannington in Bloom Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - Summer planting has now been completed throughout the Village. One of the highlights being a new planter in School Fields adding even more colour to the community. Judging will take place on the 22nd July.
- Cemetery – Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
 - The U-Trees in the Cemetery require trimming and rewiring.
- College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
 - Bridgwater, Cannington, Taunton and Strode college are going to merge and run under the University Centre Somerset College. Each College will keep their individual name but there will be a college level board to have a closer connection as a community.
- Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- Playing fields/amenities including Pump Track– Cllrs Jack Popham and Mike Andison
 - A new bin has been ordered for the playing fields. It will hold a 90-litre capacity and be attached to a concrete base. This will be supplied and fitted by Somerset County Council.
 - The current benches on the Pump Track are broken and no longer safe, they either need to be replaced or fixed.
 - The wire fence at the front of the playing field is damaged and either needs to be repaired or replaced. In addition, there are exposed nails and broken wooden elements which pose a safety hazard and should be removed.
- Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
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14/06/25 **Matters of Report**

1. Annual Parish meeting 16th June 2025
2. LCN AGM Meeting 18th June 2025
3. Homes in Somerset meeting
4. Property Flood Resilience (PFR) online meeting 19th June 2025
5. Meeting with Jason Gunningham 19th June 2025

15/06/25 **Date and Time of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th July 2025

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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