

Cannington Parish Council

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

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** John Addison, Carole Taylor, Mike Andison, David Greenslade, Steve Pettitt and Colin Allen.

**Chair:** Ian Dyer

**Somerset Councillors:** Mike Caswell

**Clerk:** Rebecca Gaylor

**Members of the Public:** 5

**Public Session**

* It was raised that the 20mph limit is not enforceable as it has not yet been formalised due to all signage not being completed. Church Street was noted as particularly problematic, with cars from HPC Employees parking dangerously for a period of 12 hours near the church and blocking access for residents. Requests were also made for clearer “No Parking” signage in Church Street. It was also raised that HPC employees are paid various sums of money daily to use HPC busses to avoid fly parking in local villages; to fly park, therefore renegade on this agreement appears to leave one open to fraud. It was raised that the College has a notice on both ends of their layby at the bottom of Rodway stating " Strictly no parking for HPC and Cannington Court" a suggestion was made the same should be applied to Church Street/Bowling Green and Mill Lane.
* Concerns were raised about road closures when it comes to using Park Lane as a diversion. As this is not an adequate route for a large amount of traffic. A request was made for better signage at the roundabout diverting traffic towards the bypass and not the village, in order to avoid Park Lane being used as a diversion. Residents also complained about inadequate road markings and poor signage.
* Speed Indicator Device (SID) results were reportedly being misinterpreted.
* Cannington in Bloom Judging will be held on 22nd July.
* A proposed music and art festival is being planned for Jubilee Gardens, featuring four local acts, free drawing activities, and refreshments (coffee and ice cream van). A temporary road closure and stage will be required. Estimated duration: 2.5–3 hours. Parking concerns were noted.
* Residents have requested further investigation before proceeding with the cutting of hedges in the village.
* Concerns were raised about maintenance around College Fields, where clearance work has not yet been completed.

**01/0/25 Declaration of Members’ Interests**

**Council Session**

**02/07/25 Apologies for Absence**

Carole Taylor, Michael Featherstone, and Jack Popham.

**03/07/25** **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th June 2025**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June were approved.

**04/07/25 Matters Arising** not covered by separate agenda item

**05/07/25 Planning matters**

**New planning**

1. **13/23/00032 –** Erection of 160no. dwellings, creation of vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access, public open space, landscaping, and associated works.

During discussion, Councillors expressed the wish for an extension to commenting on this application. To allow sufficient time to consider the proposals before commenting.

**13/ Planning decided**

1. **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. **Prior Approval Refused**
2. **13/25/00008** – Essential repairs to support a structural beam connecting to a main roof truss at 28 High Street Cannington. **Granted Permission**
3. **13/25/00009 -** Essential repairs to support a structural beam connecting to a main roof truss at 28 High Street Cannington **Granted Permission**

**06/07/25 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
* 20 mph speed limit

The Council noted that the 20mph repeater signs have not yet been fully installed and are still awaiting completion. It was raised that Highways should be contacted to request a completion date.

* Fly Parking

In relation to reports of fly parking, the Council noted that the Clerk has organised a spreadsheet to log all incidents and will forward to EDF, which will highlight repeat offenders.

1. Footpaths
2. Highways
* It was discussed that a second meeting should be arranged regarding the placement of the path bollards on the High Street, to make a final decision.
* In relation to the replacement of the cat eyes on Cannington Straight, the Council noted that a response is still awaited from the Highways team.
1. Speed Indicator Device.
* It was discussed that the Speed Indicator Device currently facing away from the village towards the bypass should face the towards the village to deter people from speeding past the cemetery. After consideration, it should be noted that the sign cannot easily be repositioned due to the fixed placement of the solar panel attached. Furthermore, the indicator is specifically designed to encourage drivers to reduce their speed as they enter the village, therefore turning it around would not achieve its intended purpose.
1. Defibrillators
* Following a request from the public, it was discussed that to arrange defibrillator and bleed kit training. It was further discussed to organise a session on a Saturday to provide this training.

1. Village Maintenance

Community Payback

* It was raised that a committee should be arranged to enable the Council to structure the work carried out by Community Payback around the village each week.
1. NHP
* The Neighbourhood plan Polling Day will be taking place on the 10th July, once all votes are in, the Council will publish and share with the community.
1. Otters Brook
2. Play area
* In relation to the removal of the play tunnel, the Council noted that a response is still awaited from Clean Surrounds. The Council advised at the meeting that all relevant documents should be obtained and that steps should be taken to proceed with replacing the equipment.
1. Dowsborough LCN
2. Flood Wessex Environment Agency drop-in centre
3. LCN Highways
4. Southbrook

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

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Northbrook Garages
3. Rodway car park
* It has been advised that the proposed tarmacking works for the roadway car park will need to go out to tender.
* A specification document will need to be drawn up to outline the scope of works, materials, standards, and requirements.

**08/07/25 Financial Matters**

1. **Payments** - The following to be approved for payment

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| **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) July 2025 | S/O | **£250.00** |
| Heart Internet | Exchange mailbox July 2025 | DD | **£12.00** |
| BT | Phone & broadband services July 2025  | DD | **£55.78** |
| Tina Gardener | Clerk’s salary (Final) | Tfer | **£1080,86** |
| Rebecca Gaylor | Clerk’s salary (June) | Tfer | **£1,360.23** |
| Avalon Landscapes | Grounds Maintenance (June) | Tfer | **£720.00** |
| Tina Carter | Plants (Cannington in Bloom) | Tfer | **£174.98** |
| Blackmore Farm | Credit note for VE BBQ | Tfer | **-£42.00** |
| Rebecca Gaylor  | Refreshments for annual Parish meeting | Tfer | **£18.70** |
| David Howe | Watering of Tubs and Barrier Baskets | Tfer | **£765.00** |
| Burnham Toilet Hire  | Portaloo for playing fields(June) | Tfer | **£110.88** |
| EDF | Electricity for the Pavillion Playing Fields(01 June-30 June) | Tfer | **£37.45** |
| Tina Gardener | Solopress prints of the NHP | Tfer | **£165.02** |
| Greenslades | Grounds Maintenance and Rodway Playing Fields  | Tfer | **£1,988.88** |
| **The following payments are due:** |  |  |  |

1. **To agree accounts for June2025** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as true record. The balance at e 30th June was £257.096.73 including reserves of £198,932.29.
2. **Budget Statement for June 2025** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

**09/07/25 Henry Rogers Almshouse**

* A flat inspection meeting has been arranged for the 12th August.
* Somerset Gas have completed boiler and gas safety checks.

**10/07/25 Standing Orders**

* Revised standing orders to be adopted. This was not confirmed at last meeting, so will need to be confirmed in the following meeting on the 9th September 2025.

**11/07/25 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

1. A request has been made to place a bench on the High Street next to the bus shelter
* The Council has advised that the location will be assessed during their upcoming site meeting with Kier regarding the High Street bollards.
1. Colin Fisher, along with 54 parishes with neighbourhood plans has requested if Cannington would like to join their campaign.
* Decided against participating as the Council is currently working on the local plan.
1. Cloudy IT workshop in AI with the local government meeting Friday 18th July.
* Decided not to attend this workshop.
1. Dates have been provided by EDF in regards to tarmacking Rodway car park.
2. Business Plan for takeaway coffee hub at the Pavilion.
* Business plan discussed. Operator is proposing to trade Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Council to see full business plan before a decision is made.
1. Cutting down of nettles and wild flowers.
* A committee will be created to manage the cutting in the village.

**12/07/25 Posts of Responsibility –** reports where applicable

Review committee membership and posts of responsibility

1. Allotments –Clerk.
* A couple of allotments still need tidying up, Community Payback will be requested to assist.
1. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
2. Bus Partnership
3. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
* Cannington Court judging will be taking place on the 22nd July. A request was made for the school path to be cut back before judging and a general tidy up.
* A grant application was also submitted for £250 for the best front garden competition prize.
1. Cemetery – Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
* Ongoing maintenance including the inspection of gravestones.
1. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
2. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
* It was highlighted that there is stone missing from the net railing wall, which needs repairing.
* Concern was raised about thinning the trees on Jubilee south garden to stop them overcrowding.
1. Playing fields/amenities including Pump Track– Cllrs Jack Popham and Mike Andison
* Benches have been cemented, with older ones to be fixed and restored.

**13/07/25 Matters of Report**

1. Flood Wessex Environment Agency drop-in centre
2. Transport Forum Thursday 10 July

**14/07/25 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9thth September 2025

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*Clerk to Cannington Parish Council – 03/07/2025*