



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** John Addison, Carole Taylor, Shaun Ryall, Jack Popham, Michael Featherstone and Colin Allen  
**Chairman:** Ian Dyer  
**County Councillor:** Mike Caswell  
**Clerk:** Tina Gardener  
**Members of Public:** 4

### **01/04/24 Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of members Interests

### **Public Session**

Items discussed included;

- Grit bins – Thank you to the Parish Council for purchasing new grit bins for the village, they are a great improvement to the old yellow ones. Thanks also to Cllr Mike Andison for installing them.
- An observation that 12 people with clipboards were observed on the proposed housing development off Brymore Way.
- Congratulations to the Parish Council on obtain a 20mph limit for the village. Will the 20mph school zig-zags remain after the implementation of the 20mph limit?
- Speed Indicator Device – it would be appreciated if 'slow down' and thank you' could be displayed.
- Neighbourhood Plan – why has there been no progress. It is in the hands of Somerset Council.

### **Council Session**

#### **02/04/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Steve Pettitt, Mike Andison, Lisa Evans and SC Cllr Brian Bolt

#### **03/04/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved

**04/04/24 Matters Arising** not covered by separate agenda item

#### **05/04/24 Planning matters**

##### **New planning**

1. **13/24/00003** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 dwellings and associated building operations at Chilton Trivett Farm, Blackmore Lane. After discussions Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/24/00004** – Request for discharge of requirement relating to C19 to approve a revised noise monitoring scheme at Combwich Wharf. **Permission has now been granted**

##### **Planning decided**

1. **13/23/00033** – Change of use of an agricultural building into a commercial building with E and B8 use at Blackmore Farm. **Permission granted**

#### **13/23/00032 – Brymore Way**

There was no progress to report.

#### **06/04/24 Reports (as applicable)**

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - The Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) for 20mph limit for Cannington has been published in the local newspaper.
2. Speed Indicator Device
3. Defibrillator
  - The batteries have been replaced in the defibrillator cabinet in the High Street.
  - Warnings have been received that the defibrillator in Brook Street has been deployed twice, although, on inspection the defibrillator hadn't been used.
4. Village Maintenance
  - Weed spraying around the village is to commence shortly.
  - New fence for Lovers Walk – The existing barrier fences at each end of Lovers Walk are rotten and it was agreed to replace them. The Parish Council will purchase the wood and the Community Payback team will carry out the work.
  - The wall in front of the Army Cadet hut has self-seeding Sycamore which will need to be removed.
5. NHP
  - The Clerk will chase Nick Tait, Somerset Council for progress.
6. The EDF Transport Forum meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and was attended by Cllr Shaun Ryall.
  - Items discussed included; There is a 20 to 30% efficiency improvement on the installation of unit 2. In the

final 3 months of 2023 of the 113 reported fly parking incidents, 62% were non HPC employees. HPC are also reviewing the 800m rule, which is if you reside within 800m of a bus stop then you must not drive to the bus stop. Somerset Passenger Solutions (SPS) are doing an audit of bus routes and driver fatigue. There was an average of 154 HGV movements per day and the maximum daily total of 290. There were 17 breaches of the HGV rules, 16 of those were for non-approved routes.

7. The Dowsborough LCN meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and was attended by Chairman Ian Dyer.
  - Items discussed included the Highways working group held on ???, Connecting Devon and Somerset and Somerset's Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation
  - The next Highways working group meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024
  - Flooding and Community Emergency Planning working group to be arranged
  - The next meeting of the LCN will be the AGM and will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024
8. Alms House
  - A meeting has been arranged with Trustees of the Alms House on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### **07/04/24 Capital/CIM fund projects**

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
  - Cllrs John Addison and Carole Taylor will confirm the footbridge conforms with the EA's FRAP exemptions.
  - Cllr Colin Allen proposed to tarmac the gravel footpath in Otters Brook. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed unanimously.
  - The wildflower area next to the brook needs to be mown.
2. Pump track
  - Cllr Jack Popham and the Clerk met with a representative from Clark and Kent who were very impressed with the ethos of the company. It is anticipated that the cost will be £120,000 for a pump track measuring 50m by 30m. A drawing and quote will follow. The work should be completed by the end of the summer. *Further to this meeting, a quote and drawing was received and it was agreed by email to accept the quote and pay a deposit of £30,000 plus VAT.*

*SC Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8.00pm*

#### **08/04/24 Financial Matters**

1. **The 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) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) April 2024	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox April 2024	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services April 2024	DD	<b>£66.60</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for March 2024	Tfer	<b>£1,204.08</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary for March 2024	Tfer	<b>£452.07</b>
NEST	Pension contributions Nov 2023 to March 2024	DD	<b>£490.88</b>
Slingsby	5 Grit bins	Tfer	<b>£954.00</b>
Amberol	6 Planters	Tfer	<b>£2,957.38</b>
Clarke & Kent	Consultation for pump track (pro forma invoice)	Tfer	<b>£720.00</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
Somerset Council	Pavilion rates	Tfer	<b>£494.01</b>
SALC	Councillor training	Tfer	<b>£20.00</b>
Steve Ball	Grounds maintenance for March 2024 £720, plus additional cutting £360	Tfer	<b>£1,080.00</b>
The Clifford Estate	Rent for allotments	Tfer	<b>£40.00</b>
Direct Water Tanks	Water bowser	Tfer	<b>£4,890.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE January to March 2024	Tfer	<b>£942.86</b>
Robert Popplewell	2 x domain name & web hosting	Tfer	<b>£440.00</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for March	Tfer	<b>£1,871.10</b>

2. **The accounts for March 2024** were previously circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a true record. The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was £377,256.02 including reserves of £339,016.00
3. **The Budget Statement for March 2024** was previously circulated to all councillors
4. **A Finance and staffing meeting** will be arranged shortly.

#### **09/04/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

1. Target – items required for the next article
2. Cannington Pantomime – will be holding their AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Chairman Ian Dyer agreed to attend.
3. Environment Agency – Meet the Regulator meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, this will be a virtual meeting.
4. Nether Stowey Parish Council – a meeting has been arranged for Dowsborough LCN Parishes, to discuss service devolution from Somerset Council. The Clerk and Chairman will attend.

#### **10/04/24 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
  - The quarterly inspection was recently carried out by the Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Mike Andison and Shaun Ryall
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Brook clearance
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
  - Bridgwater Transport Forum held its latest meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the minutes will be circulated once received.

- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
  - A meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Blackmore Farm and some good ideas came out of this meeting.
  - Concerns were raised about the large trees on the verge at the bottom of Clifford Park. The Clerk will notify Highways.
  - Ideas were considered to improve the verge between Irvines and the roundabout. It was agreed for Chairman Ian Dyer to contact Co-op to ask their permission to place large rocks on the grass to deter vehicles parking there. If in agreement Cllr Jack Popham will contact Castle Hill Quarry to ask if they loan some rocks until the development of the shop commences.
  - It was agreed that a mural can be painted on the inside of the bus shelter in the High Street. The Parish Council will need to agree the mural before it is painted.
  - Yarn Bombers – Cllr John Addison proposed a budget of up to £100 be given to the Yarn Bombers for their village installations. This was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
  - Cemetery walls
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
  - Councillors agreed for a local rounders team to use the playing fields.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth – Cllr Mike Andison

**11/04/24 Matters of Report**

1. Annual meeting with Bridgwater and Taunton College to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024
2. Dutch delegation from Borsele meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

**12/04/24 Items for the next meeting**

**13/04/24 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Cannington Village Hall.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Cannington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed..... Date.....