



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 9th July 2024 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES

01/07/24 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests.

Public Session

Items discussed included;

- The problems with the traffic management at Brymore's open day would be improved if cars didn't park on the tree-lined avenue.
- Has there been any progress with a fixed Speed Indicator device for Cannington?
- Cannington in Bloom did the village proud for the recent judging of South West in Bloom on 5th July.
- The village was enhanced by the efforts of the Yarn Bombers, Brownies and everyone who entered the Flower Pot Men competition.
- The bus shelter on the High Street brought a welcome splash of colour and there have been many compliments. Although it wasn't supported by everyone and there were concerns that it was in a Conservation area. Mark Lidster, Conservation Officer for Somerset Council has been contacted for comment.

Council Session

02/07/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lisa Evans

03/07/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 11th June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2024 were approved.

04/07/24 Matters Arising

There no matters arising not covered by a separate agenda item.

05/07/24 Planning matters

Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting at 7.15pm

New Planning

1. **13/24/00011** – Erection of new porch, covered walkway, pergola with additional extensive internal and external alterations and partial demolition at Lower Rodway Farm, 37 Rodway. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/24/00012** – Listed building consent for above. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Jon Addison and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/24/00013** – Change of use from agricultural livestock building to commercial use to include offices, light industrial and storage unit(s) at Withiel Farm. After discussions Cllr John Addison proposed to offer comments only at this stage, although would be mindful to support if further information is supplied regarding traffic generation and the completion of a Bat Survey. This was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Brian Bolt returned to the meeting at 7.20pm

Planning decided

1. **13/23/00030** – Retention of a mobile home to be used as a residential dwelling at Bradley Green Stables, Blackmore Lane. **Application refused.**

13/23/00032 – Brymore Way

A response has been received from Esther Carter, although councillors felt the response wasn't answering the questions concerned, a response will be made to Esther Carter to that effect.

06/07/24 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - New street signs. The average cost of a post and plate is £60. Not all plates will be replaced by Somerset Council, as it will depend on whether they can be painted and whether there is another legible sign on the other side of the road. The Clerk and Cllr Carole Taylor will compile a list to submit to Somerset Council.
 - Equipment for footpath clearing. Cllr Shaun Ryall stated that it was proving difficult to borrow the equipment from Otterhampton Parish Council. It was agreed to purchase a strimmer from the CIL fund.
2. Speed Indicator Device
3. Defibrillators
 - Defibrillator leases expiring. It was agreed to renew the Brook Street defibrillator lease for an extra 4 years. The defibrillator at the Bus Shelter cannot be renewed as there are only 2 years manufacturer's warranty remaining. Instead, the Ambulance will gift the defibrillator to the Parish Council, who will then be responsible for the replacement batteries and pads.
4. Village Maintenance
 - Dog bins. The dog bin in Chads Hill has a broken lid which needs replacing. The dog bins in Chads Hill and East

Street will be emptied twice a week.

- Clean Surroundings has sent a photo of 2 carrier bags of dog poo left by the dog bin in Clifford Park. This is not acceptable. Cllr Shaun Ryall agreed to put an article in the next addition of the Target.
 - Farm Implements- It was agreed not to refurbish the farm implements, and to leave them in their rustic state. Information boards will be erected with a photograph of them being used (if photographs can be sourced). The plants around them have been tidied
 - Brymore Way. A single quote was received for cutting and collecting the grass and wildflowers on Brymore Way. This would be discussed at the end of the meeting as a confidential item. *Post meeting note: Discussions took place that EDF were no longer maintaining the verges on the bypass. Councillors were disappointed with this, as the bypass had been built because of the construction of HPC and it was now left with the Parish Council to pick up the cost. This would not be sustainable in the long term. Cllr Carole Taylor proposed that we accept the quote. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously.*
5. NHP – The Clerk will chase again for progress.
 6. Otters Brook
 - The wildflowers in Otters Brook have now been cut and removed.
 - A revised quote was received to tarmac and kerb the gravel footpath. Cllr Colin Allen proposed to accept the quote. This was seconded by Cllr Steve Pettitt and agreed unanimously.
 7. The Dowsborough LCN was held on 12th June 2024 and attended by Cllr John Addision. Simon Stretton has been appointed the new Chairman and a Vice Chairman needs to be sought from Unitary members. The minutes will be circulated once received.
 8. The notes from the Dowsborough LCN Highways Sub Group meeting held on 25th April 2024 have been circulated. It was noted that Cannington Straight and Samford Hill were on the list to be refurbished during this financial year. Cllr Brian Bolt added that he has requested that Brymore roundabout is also added to the list.

07/07/24 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
 - We are still awaiting a revised quote.
2. Pump track
 - It is now anticipated for the works to commence in September 2024.

Cllrs Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell left the meeting at 7.55pm

08/07/24 Financial Matters

1. **The Payments** - The following cheques 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) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) July 2024	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox July 2024	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services July 2024	DD	£66.60
Aly Prowse	Clerk’s salary (June)	Tfer	£452.07
Tina Gardener	Clerk’s salary (June)	Tfer	£962.57
NEST	Pension contributions for June 2024	DD	£93.78
Somerset Council	Empty dog bins	Tfer	£892.32
Festive Lighting	\$ x Crosses for Church Tower	Tfer	£3,057.96
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for May 2024	Tfer	£1,871.10
A T Thorne	Fence post in Jubilee Gardens	Tfer	£168.00
Steve Bull	June maintenance, weed spraying & Cannington Straight & Bypass	Tfer	£1,460.00
Ian Dyer	Various paints, varnish & stains	Tfer	£149.00
The following payments are due:			
Greenslades	Cut and remove wildflowers from Otters Brook	Tfer	£504.00
David Howe	Clean and paint 3 x stones on entrances to the village	Tfer	£249.52
David Howe	8 X watering	Tfer	£560.00
Aly Prowse	Adhesive numbers for Allotments	Tfer	£54.12
Tina Gardener	Keys cut, wood stain, hammerite & computer ink	Tfer	£135.92
Grandfields	Paint brushes	Tfer	£27.04
Dave Gardner	Hedge trimming	Tfer	£811.20

2. **The accounts for June 2024** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed as a true record. The balance at 30th June 2024 was £391,788.07 including reserves of £326,867.58
3. **The Budget Statement for June 2024** had previously been circulated to all councillors.
4. **The 2023/24 Accounts** have been submitted to the external auditor.

09/07/24 Review of Risk Register

This is still ongoing

10/07/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. Target – submission due 12th July 2024. Items for the article to include, Cannington in Bloom, new 20mph speed limit and the pump track.
2. Brymore Academy Fayre – traffic issues re Fayre held on 29th June 2024. A complaint has been received regarding the tailback of traffic along the A39. Chairman Ian Dyer will discuss this with the Academy.

3. Seed Sedgemoor – art projects. An approach had been made to have a meeting with the Parish Council and the community to discuss the opportunities to access creative arts, heritage and cultural activities

11/07/24 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - The numbers have been purchased for the re-numbering of the plots and Cllrs Shaun Ryall and Mike Andison will arrange for them to be mounted to posts.
 - The lilac tree bordering plot 1 has now been cut back.
 - It was noted that the entrance to the allotments has become very wild and needs attention.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - Brook clearance
 - Fallen trees in brook behind Southbrook Close – Cllr Jack Popham kindly offered to remove the trees.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - Judging on 5th July 2024 – this went very well and the judges spent 3 hours touring the village. There was a good turn out from groups and individuals.
 - The judging for the national competition on 29th July has a much tighter schedule and will only last 1 ¾ hours.
 - Bus Shelter mural – Although there has been a lot of positive comments, this view is not shared by everyone. There are concerns that the bus shelter is in or adjacent to the Conservation area. Mark Lidster of Somerset Council has been informed and we await his comments.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
 - The college has tidied the front of Court Orchard
 - Community Payback have painted the gates of the Community Orchard. It was noted that not much clearance of vegetation had been done in the Orchard.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
 - The tree planted by the WI is wilting and it may need to be replaced.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - The College has donated 3 display boards which have been left in the pavilion.
 - The payback team will be asked to paint the goal posts.
 - There was a fault found with the emergency lighting and it was agreed to carry out any necessary repairs.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth – Cllr Lisa Evans

12/07/24 Matters of Report

1. EDF Transport Forum to be held on 11th July 2024
2. Emergency Planning meeting to be held on 13th August 2024
3. Punch Taverns have decided that they will be demolishing the garage in the Kings Head car park.

13/07/24 Items for the next meeting

14/07/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th September 2024

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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