



Cannington Parish Council

You are summoned to the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 8th October 2024 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Addison, Carole Taylor, Shaun Ryall, Jack Popham, Michael Featherstone, Colin Allen, Steve Pettitt (from 7.10pm)

Chair: Ian Dyer

Clerk: Aly Prowse

Members of the Public: 2

01/10/24 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests

Public Session

- Discussions took place about the need for more and/or better Speed Indicator Devices

Council Session

02/10/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lisa Evans and Mike Andison and Somerset Cllrs Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell.

03/10/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th September 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2024 were approved.

04/10/24 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by separate agenda item

05/10/24 Planning matters

New Planning

1. **13/24/00019** – Outline application with all matters reserved, for the creation of 2 self-build dwellings at Denmans Farm. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Featherstone and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/24/00020** – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 13/11/00006 (change of use and conversion of barns to 4 dwellings) at Ashdown Farm. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously.
3. **13/24/00021** – Retrospective permission for agree repairs to roof and replacement wall at Clifford Hall, Cannington Court. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously.
4. **13/14/00022** – Reduce height and spread of 12 Sycamores and 3 Ash on southern side and re-pollard 1 Willow at The Friendly Spirit, Brook Street. (*for information only*)

Planning decided

1. **13/24/00015** – Change of use of agricultural building to mixed use (28 self-storage units and farm shop) at Little Clayhill Farm, Charlynch Lane. **Permission granted**
2. **13/24/00016** – Proposed installation of an air source heat pump and associated works at Cannington Court. **Permission granted**
3. **13/24/00017** - Listed building consent as above. **Permission granted**

Appeal

1. **13/24/00001** – Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a two-section modular building at 34 High Street

13/23/00032 – Brymore Way – No further update

06/10/24 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
 - Temporary road closure of East Street from 28.10.24 to 01.11.24
 - Concerns were raised once again about the lack of parking in High Street. It was agreed to enquire with Highways if an area of road opposite Clifford Lodge could be designated a 20-minute parking restriction between 9.00am and 6.00pm.
 - Somerset Council Highway Volunteer Scheme – It was agreed that it may be useful for some councillors and CIB members to undertake the volunteer training.
 - Lantra training course for traffic control. Cllr Shaun Ryall is undertaking this training next month. Cllrs Steve Pettitt and Michael Featherstone also agreed to undertake this training.

2. Speed Indicator Device
 - As discussed in the public session, this will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting
3. Defibrillators
 - The college has been given bleed kits and it was agreed to place one by the defibrillator on High Street bus shelter.
 - The phone box in Brook Street could do with refurbishing.
4. Village Maintenance
 - Dog bins – no update
 - Old bypass – the hedge needs to be trimmed back to the west of the park and ride as it is overhanging the cycle way.
5. NHP
 - A meeting has been arranged with SC Planning Officer Policy for 16.10.24.
 - Somerset Council is in the process of appointing an Examiner to carry out an examination of the NHP (January to March 2025)
6. Otters Brook
 - The trees that need re-staking in Otters Brook will need to be carried out by a contractor, along with the tree in Northbrook.
 - Grass seeding is required by the new path.
7. Play area
 - Councillors confirmed that they agreed to bear the cost of maintaining the play area but they did not want to take ownership at this stage.
 - Temporary fencing will be placed by the brook where recent maintenance took place.
8. Dowsborough LCN
 - Mike Caswell was made Vice-Chairman of the LCN
 - Presentation by Fodo Higginson (SALC) on Health and Wellbeing grants
9. EDF Community Forum
 - The Forum was held on 19th September and was attended by Cllr Michael Featherstone
 - Additional funding was requested from EDF for the maintenance of the grass banks of the new bypass.

07/10/24 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Pump track
 - Fencing. The Clerk will investigate the cost of fencing to prevent stray footballs landing on the pump track.
 - The Official opening will be at 3.00pm on Thursday 30th October. *Post meeting note this has now been postponed until the Spring.*
 - It was agreed to ask Street Bean Coffee to provide refreshments.
3. Northbrook Garages

08/10/24 Financial Matters

1. **The Payments** – The following were approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of payment		Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00) October 2024	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox October 2024	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services October 2024	DD	£66.60
Steve Bull	Grounds maintenance	Tfer	£720.00
Clark & Kent	Pump track – stage payment	Tfer	£43,200.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (September)	Tfer	£965.37
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (September)	Tfer	£452.07
EDF	Electricity charges for Rodway Pavilion	Tfer	£85.14
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fees	Tfer	£504.00
Ball Fire Protection	Fire extinguisher service -Pavilion	Tfer	£97.20
The following payments are due:			
James Porter & Sons	Brook clearance	Tfer	£2,844.00
David Howe	Watering for September	Tfer	£280.00
SALC	Affiliation fees	Tfer	£627.56
Aly Prowse	ClB presentation – refreshments	Tfer	£15.72
EDF	Rodway Pavilion September	Tfer	£47.25
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for September	Tfer	£1,871.10
Tina Gardener	Expenses incl; refreshments, net hooks for goal posts	Tfer	£104.07

2. **The accounts for September 2024** were previously circulated and agreed as a true record. The balance at 30th September 2024 was ££281.30.46 including reserves of £239,815.67
3. **The Budget Statement for September 2024** had previously been sent to all councillors.
4. **Audit for 2023/24** –
 - The external audit has been completed and there were no items to bring to the attention of the council.
 - The notice of conclusion of Audit has been posted on the notice boards and website

09/10/24 Review of Risk Register

This has now been completed by Chairman Ian Dyer and Vice-Chairman John Addison.

10/10/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. Christmas tree festival (17th to 24th December)
 - The Parish Council will enter a tree in to the festival again this year
 - Cllr Carole Taylor requested ideas for this year’s theme.
2. SALC – Health and Well-being grant.
 - Small grants are available for Parish led projects and larger grants up to £35.000 for LCN led projects.
3. The Bridgwater Transport Forum was held on 1st October 2024 which no one attended. The minutes will be circulated once received

11/10/24 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - The brook clearance has been completedand there has been positive feedback on Facebook.
 - A maintenance schedule needs to be put place.
 - The fallen trees in the brook behind Southbrook Close still need to be cleared
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - CIB received a Gold award in South West in Bloom competition and several awards in the It’s your Neighbourhood.
 - The Britain in Bloom results were revealed today and although they didn’t win their category, they still achieved another Gold.
 - All councillors congratulated them on their superb achievements
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
 - The trees at the back of Folly Close need to be cut back by National Grid.
 - A planning application for a GPS mast was submitted to Somerset Council 10 months ago and it is still to be registered.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
 - The bench has now been installed by Somerset Passenger Solutions, under the Hornbeam, beside the brook.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - Further to minute 07/10/24 2. The repositioning of the existing football pitch will be considered once the fencing has been installed. There is limited scope to move the pitch as the field slopes away. A junior football pitch will also be considered.
 - It was noticed that there is rabbit damage to the football pitch.
 - It was agreed to dig a french drain along the hedge bordering the caravan park to alleviate run-off from the field.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth – Cllr Lisa Evans

12/10/24 Matters of Report

1. Hinkley Point SSG to be held on 20th October 2024
2. Remembrance Service 10th November 2024. It was agreed to make a donation of £200 to Royal British Legion.

13/10/24 Items for the next meeting

1. Replacement Speed Indicator Devices
2. Playing Field pitches
3. Fencing for pump track.

14/10/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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