



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 12th November 2024 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

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

Chair: Ian Dyer

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the Public: 3

01/11/24 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests

Public Session

- A request was made to allow a coffee van to operate in the car park during school holidays and weekends.
- Why hasn't Cannington Straight been resurfaced yet, as a minimum the white lines should be repainted.
- The Remembrance Service on Sunday went well.
- The college held its own service at the War Memorial on 11th November.

Council Session

02/11/24 Apologies for Absence

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

03/11/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 8th October 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024 were approved.

The minutes for July 2024 were amended (those present at the meeting weren't shown) and approved.

04/11/24 Matters Arising not covered by separate agenda item

05/11/24 Planning matters

New planning and compound

1. **13/24/00002** – Bridgwater Tidal Barrier – temporary access arrangements and compound and extension of existing walls either side of the outfall structure at Tuckett's Clyde. Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr John Addison and agree unanimously.

Planning decided

1. **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. **Permission granted**

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

06/11/24 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
2. Speed Indicator Device
 - The Clerk has made investigations and there is a package available for 2 SIDs with solar panels and connect options to enable data to be downloaded and analysed. Cllr John Addison proposed in principle to allocate a budget of £5,200 for these items. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Featherstone and agreed unanimously.
3. Defibrillators
 - Consideration to be given for a defibrillator at Rodway Playing Fields.
4. Village Maintenance
 - Dog bins – It was agreed to move the dog bin at Chads Hill to the bypass and purchase a larger bin for Chads Hill. It was also agreed that a dog bin shouldn't be placed at the playing fields, instead another or larger litter bin will be ordered.
 - Parking posts – Southbrook. No response received from Clean Surrounds
5. NHP
 - The Regulation 16 consultation commenced on 1.11.24 for 6 weeks. It was advertised in the Target, Facebook, Website and Noticeboards. Those households not on the Target distribution list were sent notified by post.
 - Cllr Michael Featherstone was thanked by all councillors for all his hard work in amending the NHP and Consultation Statement as directed by Somerset Council.
 - Cllr Michael wanted to put on record how helpful Emma Norman, Planning Officer Policy for Somerset County has been. Her guidance has been invaluable in the preparation to be ready for the Regulation 16 Consultation.

6. Otters Brook
 - Cllr John Addison to liaise with Steve Bull (contractor) to re-stake the trees in Otters Brook and one tree in Northbrook.
 - The stakes on the Cherry trees can now be removed.
7. Play area
 - Work will shortly be carried out to weed the borders and remove the sapling trees.
 - A quote has been received to refurbish the vandalised tunnel in the children's play area for £9,359.97. Councillors were concerned about the cost and would research an alternative piece of equipment.
8. The Hinkley Point SSG meeting was held on 28th October 2024 and was attended by Cllr Colin Allen. The minutes will be circulated once received.

07/11/24 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Pump track
 - This is now completed and the post-installation, Safety Inspection Report has been received.
 - It was agreed to purchase football mesh fencing to erect between the football pitch and the pump track. It was considered that 100ft of 16ft high fencing would be sufficient. Cllr John Addison will confirm the measurements.
 - It was agreed to purchase another litter bin to be placed near the pump track.
 - It was further agreed to purchase 2 benches
 - Discussions took place regarding the provision of toilets. It was agreed that a toilet block would not be the answer. Cllr John Addison proposed we hire a portable toilet at a cost of £22 per week. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously.
 - Chairman Ian Dyer suggested the Parish Council tarmac the car park, and mark out parking spaces. This would utilise the space more efficiently. This may be subject to planning permission. Councillors thought this would be worth pursuing.
 - The college would be approached to see if we could purchase some land in the adjacent field for parking for the pump track.
3. Northbrook Garages
 - Somerset Council have offered the Parish Council the garages for a nominal fee of £3,500. Cllr John Addison proposed to purchase the garages, this was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously.
 - It was agreed to instruct Pardoes Solicitors to act on our behalf.
 - Revised quotes are required for the demolition of the garages and resurfacing of the road.
 - Once the revised quotes have been received an application can be made to EDF for a grant.

Cllr Mike Addison left the meeting at 8.10pm

08/11/24 Financial Matters

1. **The Payments** - The following were 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) November 2024	S/O	£250.00
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox November 2024	DD	£12.00
BT	Phone & broadband services November 2024	DD	£66.60
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (October)	Tfer	£962.57
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (October)	Tfer	£452.07
A W Taylor (yarn Bombers)	Wool	Tfer	£24.64
PAYE	July to September 2024	Tfer	£400.70
Royal British Legion	Donation	Tfer	£200.00
Steve Bull	Grounds maintenance	Tfer	£720.00
Colin Allen	Sundries for Pavilion	Tfer	£4.99
Clark and Kent	Final payment for Pump Track	Tfer	£21,600
Sarah Alsop	Bugler for Remembrance Day	Tfer	£50.00
The following payments are due:			
RT Signs	Signs for pump track	Tfer	£107.90
Somerset Council	Emptying dog bins October 2024 to March 2025	Tfer	£1,022.74
Tins Gardener	NHP Regulation 16 printing and postage. Stop Go signs and stationery	Tfer	£190.59
RT Signs	New signs for office door	Tfer	£90.56

2. **The accounts for October 2024** were previously circulated to all councillors and were agreed as a correct record.
3. **The Budget Statements for October 2024** were also previously circulated. The balance held at 31st October 2024 was £269,158.46 including Reserves of £221,711.37
4. **The next Finance and Staffing meeting** will be held on 20th November 2024
5. **The advert for the new Clerk** will go out shortly. It will be advertised on our notice boards, Facebook and website. It will also be advertised with SALC and on Indeed.

6. **Grant request from Cannington Village Hall.** A request has been received for £10,000 towards the costs of installing air-conditioning and battery storage. After discussions Cllr Carole Taylor proposed to award the grant from one of the EDR funds. This was seconded by Cllr Shaun Ryall and agreed unanimously.
7. **Lloyds Bank** will be making a charge of £4.25 per month on our current account from January 2024.
8. **Cannington Flower Show.** The balance of £284.65 from their account has been transferred to the Parish Council. It will be earmarked in our reserves account.

09/11/24 Correspondence and matters to discuss

1. Christmas tree festival, councillors agreed a theme for the Parish Council entry.
2. A request has been made for a book swap in High Street Bus Shelter. After discussions, councillors agreed it was not a suitable place.
3. The Local Government Boundary Commission – Consultation on division boundaries in Somerset Council.
4. Public drop-in session for Dunball and Puriton improvements- 12.30pm to 6.30pm 20th November 2024, Bridgwater Town Hall
5. Somerset Local Plan – Parish consultation ends on 30th November 2024. Cllr Michael Featherstone kindly agreed to complete this for the Parish Council.
6. SALC – Code of Conduct Training, available for all councillors who need a refresher.
7. Rights of Way Maintenance – Guidance. This has been circulated to councillors.
8. West Monkton Parish Council -Poppy of Honour. Councillors decided not to contribute to this scheme as the village has it's on War Memorial.
9. High Street bus shelter – a complaint has been received regarding a mural painted on the walls, we have also received compliments. The matter has been reported to the Conservation Officer at Somerset Council and we await feedback.
10. Church Clock – repairs are required to the clock. Cllr Colin Allen proposed to give a grant of £450. This was seconded by Cllr Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously

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

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
 - A number of tenants have recently given up their allotments, after advertising most of them have now been filled.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
 - More permanent fencing is still required for brook in Children's play area
 - The fallen trees in brook behind Southbrook Close still need to be cleared.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
 - The Bridgwater Transport Forum meeting was held on 01.10.24 and the minutes have been circulated to all councillors.
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
 - Cllr Steve Pettitt proudly announced they won Gold in this year's Britain in Bloom competition. This was an amazing achievement and all Councillors congratulated them.
 - A celebration evening will be held on 4th December and all councillors will be welcome.
 - It was suggested that their awards could be displayed in the village hall.
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
 - The college has just undertaken an OFSTED inspection
 - It was reported that a student was noticed driving dangerously in to Rodway Farm
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Lisa Evans
 - First aid kit – it was agreed that the council would not install a first aid kit for Pump track users
 - A stile is required in the hedge to retrieve footballs. Chairman Ian Dyer will discuss this with the college.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
 - The Village Hall AGM will be held at 7.00pm on 26th November 2024
- j. Youth – Cllr Lisa Evans

11/11/24 Matters of Report

1. Somerset Council Partnership conference on 13th November 2024
2. HPC Transport Forum to be held on 14th November 2024
3. Dowsborough LCN to be held on 11th December 2024
4. Cannington Christmas – the Christmas lights will be erected on 30th November

12/11/24 Items for the next meeting

13/11/24 Date and Time of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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