



# Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cannington Parish Council held at  
**7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Cannington Village Hall**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Present:**

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

**Chair:** Ian Dyer

**Somerset Councillors:** Brian Bolt and Mike Caswell

**Clerk:** Tina Gardener

**Members of the Public:** 3

### **01/01/25 Declaration of Members' Interests**

Cllr Michael Featherstone declared an interest in minute 07/01/25 regarding response to NHP Regulation 16 comments.

### **Public Session**

- A member of the public was surprised that the council supported planning application 13/24/00026
- Concerns were raised regarding the new 20mph speed limit signs being erected when there are still 30 mph signs in situ. The Clerk had contacted Somerset Highways who were very disappointed that this had happened and would be contacting the contractors to rectify the situation. A speed camera van had been seen in the village and it was hoped that their speed had been set at 30mph.
- Concerns were raised that new information supplied for planning 13/23/00032 Brymore Way had total disregard for the Cannington NHP and had included 3 storey buildings.
- The Bridge School in the old army cadet hut is now open and is being operated by the Bridgwater and Taunton Academy.
- Mr N Jones raised concerns about the water flowing off Rodway playing fields onto his property. He has requested that the Parish Council dig a trench along the hedge and run into a soakaway on his property.
- Can anything be done about dog owners who don't take their dogs out and let them bark all day?
- The Open Gardens this year will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Will there be wildflowers in Otters Book this year? The Parish Council will not be growing wildflowers as it contravenes the S106 agreement.
- A request was made for wildflowers along Cannington Straight. This isn't something the Parish Council would consider.

### **Council Session**

#### **02/01/25 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **03/01/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were approved

#### **04/01/25 Matters Arising**

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

#### **05/01/25 Co-option of a parish councillor**

The statutory notice had been displayed regarding a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. An election was not requested and the position was advertised. Two people came forward. The Clerk produced voting slips and a secret ballot was held. Mr David Greenslade had a clear majority and was duly co-opted on the Parish Council.

*By kind permission of the Chairman the next item was brought forward on the agenda.*

#### **11/01/25 h. Playing Field** – Flooding issue with neighbouring property.

- The playing field is higher than the caravan park and water is running off the playing field through the hedge and flooding the drive and outbuildings. There is no indication of poor drainage on the field but there has been so much rain in such a short time that the ground was unable to absorb it.
- A drainage ditch/pipe will need to be constructed to alleviate this problem.
- The car park will require drainage if planning permission is approved for tarmac.
- Cllr Mike Andison proposed to wait until the planning permission is granted for the car park and carry out all drainage at the same time. If planning is refused then the drainage will be carried out for the field. This was seconded by Cllr Jack Popham and agreed by a majority.

## 06/01/25 Planning matters

*Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting at 7.30pm*

### **New planning**

1. **13/24/00010** – Construction of mobile phone mast base and enclosure, to accommodate mobile, mobile 5G phone mast (max 15m high) loaded on trailer. With associated works on land adjacent to 14/16 centre, Bridgwater & Taunton College. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Featherstone and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/24/00027** – Erection of 2 storey extensions to the SW, NE & SE elevations, partially on site of existing to be demolished at Woofington House, Blackmore Lane. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Michael Featherstone and agreed unanimously.

### **Planning decided**

1. **13/24/00026** – Erection of a single storey extension at 18 East Street, Cannington. After discussions Cllr Steve Pettitt proposed to support this application. **Permission granted**

### **13/23/00032 – Brymore Way**

Additional information has now been added to Somerset Council's planning website. The planning committee will meet to review this information. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 when a decision will be made.

*Cllr Brian Bolt returned to the meeting at 7.45pm*

## 07/01/25 Reports (as applicable)

1. Highways and Parking Issues
  - 20 mph speed limit – as discussed in public session
  - Public Right of Way at Yeo Valley
2. Speed Indicator Device (SID)
  - Two new SIDs complete with solar panels have been received. Cllrs Shaun Ryall and Jon Andison will erect them.
3. Defibrillators
  - A bleed kit has been put on the side of the High Street bus shelter next to the defibrillator.
4. Village Maintenance
  - Dog bins
  - Parking posts - Southbrook
5. NHP

*Cllr Michael Featherstone left the meeting at 7.50pm*

- Regulation 16 examination is now being undertaken by an independent examiner.
- Comments have been received to the Regulation 16 consultation which required a response. A letter had previously been circulated to councillors and everyone was in agreement for it to be sent.

*Cllr Micheal Featherstone returned to the meeting at 7.55pm*

*Cllr Brian Bolt left the meeting at 7.55pm*

6. Otters Brook
  - A tree has fallen across the brook into the play area from Otters Brook. This will be removed along with a dead tree by the brook.
  - Other trees have fallen down in to the play area from Otters Brook, but these are the responsibility of the management committee.
7. Play area
  - Replacement equipment for damaged tunnel. A request will be put in the next article of the Target asking for suggestions.

## 08/01/25 Capital/CIM fund projects

1. Footbridge between Otters Brook and the play area
2. Pump track
  - Football mesh netting – 2 lengths of netting will be purchased
  - Purchase of benches and litter bin – 2 benches will be purchased and a litter bin ordered from Clean Surrounds
3. Northbrook Garages
4. Rodway car park

*Cllr Mike Caswell left the meeting at 8.05pm*

## 09/01/25 Financial Matters

1. **Payments** - The following to be 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) January 2025	S/O	<b>£250.00</b>
Heart Internet	Exchange mailbox January 2025	DD	<b>£12.00</b>
BT	Phone & broadband services January 2025	DD	<b>£66.60</b>
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary (January)	Tfer	<b>£962.37</b>
Aly Prowse	Clerk's salary (January)	Tfer	<b>£452.07</b>
Aly Prowse	Indeed invoice November	Tfer	<b>£70.64</b>
Greenslades	Grounds maintenance for November	Tfer	<b>£1,871.10</b>
EDF	Electricity charges for Christmas lights November 2024	Tfer	<b>£47.60</b>
Tina Gardener	Computer ink & Christmas light competition prizes	Tfer	<b>£176.12</b>
Steve Bull	Tree staking play area, Otters Brook and Northbrook	Tfer	<b>£60.00</b>

Steve Bull	Grounds maintenance for December 2024	Tfer	<b>£720.00</b>
<b>The following payments are due:</b>			
Burnham Portable Toilet Hire	Hire for December	Tfer	<b>£116.16</b>
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for December	Tfer	<b>£1,871.10</b>
Elan City	2 Speed indicator devices and connect options	Tfer	<b>£5,854.78</b>

2. **The accounts for December 2024** were previously circulated to all councillors and agreed **as a correct record**
3. **The Budget Statement for December 2024** were also previously circulated. The balance held at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was £247,743.71 including reserves of £221,747.42
4. **Vacancy for new Clerk.** The closing date has now closed and interviews will take place shortly. The Finance and Staffing committee's preferred candidate will be circulated to councillors for approval before appointment.
5. **Precept for 2025/26.** Cllr John Addison proposed to keep the precept at £50,000 for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Carole Taylor and agreed unanimously.

#### **10/01/25 Correspondence and matters to discuss**

1. Target – deadline for PC article 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024
2. Bridgwater & Taunton College – An Emergency Bleed Kit has been placed on the side of the High Street Bus Shelter next to the defibrillator. This was supplied by Avon and Somerset Bleed Kit Partnership.
3. Somerset Council – revised charges for dog and litter bin emptying from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. A letter had been received stating that proposed charges for emptying dog bins and litter bins would be £6.50 plus VAT per empty from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. This excludes bins on Somerset Council owned land.
4. Cannington Pantomime Society has made a grant for £2,647.83 for new backdrop material and a mixer desk and 4 microphones. Cllr Mike Andison proposed to award this grant on the proviso it remains the property of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Colin Allen and agreed unanimously.

#### **11/01/25 Posts of Responsibility** – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments –Deputy Clerk.
  - There is currently one vacant allotment which be advertised.
- b. Brook – Cllr Ian Dyer
  - Fallen trees in brook behind Southbrook Close. The Environment Agency is in communication with the riparian owners.
- c. Bus Partnership – Cllr Jack Popham
- d. Cannington in Bloom – Clerk and Cllr Steve Pettitt
- e. Cemetery – Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Ian Dyer and Mike Andison
  - Cllr John Addison reported that all the trees planted by the college have been checked.
  - The fence at the back of the Cemetery needs replacing.
  - Quotes will be sought for the repointing of the Cemetery walls in the Spring.
- f. College – Chairman Ian Dyer.
- g. Jubilee Gardens– Cllr John Addison
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllrs Jack Popham and Mike Andison
  - Flooding issues with neighbouring property (discussed earlier in the meeting)
  - Cllr Mike Andison reported that everything was working well with the football teams.
  - Discussions took place regarding the use of the playing field car park for users of the pump track. It was agreed that the gates would be left open on a Friday evening and Mike Andison would be responsible for locking them on a Sunday evening at 6.00pm during the winter and 9.00pm in the summer. Cllr Michael Featherstone offered to stand in when required.
- i. Village Hall – Cllr Mike Andison
- j. Youth

#### **12/01/25 Matters of Report**

1. The next EDF Community Forum will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Cllrs Steve Pettit and Shaun Ryall will attend.
2. The next Dowsborough LCN will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Chairman Ian Dyer will attend
3. Somerset Local Plan Early Engagement: Exploratory Workshop – North to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Chairman Ian Dyer and Cllr John Addison will attend.

#### **13/101/25 Items for the next meeting**

#### **14/01/25 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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