All Cannings Annual Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall @ 7.30 pm
Wednesday 24th June 2026

MINUTES

Present: Chair Cllr A Gray, Vice-chair Cllr K Gay, Cllr C Payne, Cllr A Bowditch

1. **Welcome to the public**: one in attendance.
2. **Declaration of interests**: None
3. **Apologies**: Cllr P Oatway, Cllr J Deakin, Cllr G Gahir
4. **Minutes** of the previous meetings were adopted and signed by the presiding chair.
5. **Report** by Wiltshire Councillor Paul Oatway – No report.
6. **Public:** 20 minutes set aside for public and external reports – A resident raised the subject of weed killer sprayed on Mathews Close bank by persons unknown, which has killed a large patch of grass and shrubs, and the grant application (item: 14.4) for £250.00 towards replanting and removing the poisoned soil. Councillors discussed this at length, pointing out that the land did not belong to those who wish to replant it. So, replanting could potentially create accusations of fly tipping or guerilla planting. Another issue may arise when disposing of contaminated soil, which requires a licenced contractor to deal with it correctly. As the bank does not belong to the council, the PC is unable to sponsor plants or soil removal on someone else's land without the owner's consent. Decision on the grant is therefore deferred until the land ownership can be ascertained and written consent acquired for replanting.
7. **Action sheet report**: Faculty review – Cllr A Gray - deferred. Items for the emergency hub via SSEN grant – Cllr A Gray – deferred.
8. **Reports**
    a) Village Community store – Cllr C Payne – Nothing to report. Cllr C Payne is stepping down as shop liaison and Cllr A Gray will assume the responsibility.
    b) School – Cllr C Payne – Parents are petitioning Wiltshire Council to assist with safety issues at the school crossing as a preventative measure before there is an accident. Creating a zebra crossing involves considerable cost so unlikely to proceed, but a lollipop person would be a great help to secure the children's safety. All Cannings Parish Council will write a letter of support.
    c) Coronation Bank – Cllr C Payne- Looking mature and acceptable to most parties.
    d) Churchyard – Cllr A Bowditch – Will investigate warning signs for the churchyard.
    e) Cemetery – Cllr A Bowditch – Working party report discussed and approved.
    f) Monuments and memorials – Cllr A Bowditch – See above.
    g) Village Green – Cllr K Gay – Concern was expressed over the long grass on the Green, now cut. Cllr K Gay has very kindly repaired several items of play equipment and a pothole in the basketball pitch.
    h) Footpaths – Cllr K Gay – Has kindly strimmed several footpaths.
    i) ACCT/Village Hall – Cllr J Deakin – No meeting until July so no report.

j) Glebe Field and allotments – Cllr J Deakin – Allotments – skip expected in September paid for by allottees. Glebe field looks neat and tidy, apart from areas where some youngsters have been pulling dog poo bags out of the bin and spreading the waste.
k) All Cannings in Bloom – Nothing to report.
l) Floral Bank – Cllr G Gahir – Another volunteer call-out anticipated in mid-July to tidy-up.
m) Volunteer co-ordinator – Cllr G Gahir – Litter picking is continuing in the village, more litter in the canal area than in the village.
n) Allington – Cllr A Gray – Nothing to report.
o) Emergency co-ordinator – Cllr Gray – has been working with Cllr J Deakin on updating the emergency plan.

9. Parish steward requests – South Farm highway entrance is overgrown.

10. Planning applications:

10.1 Received applications: PL/2026/03421 – 24 The Street – two storey extension, porch and internal alterations – No objection.

10.2 Determined applications: Nil

11. Governance.

11.1 Review cemetery fees – Councillors resolved to increase the fees by ten percent to cover increased running costs: rates, waste removal and water.

12. Updates and current projects

12.1 Apply for grant for emergency hub equipment – Deferred.

12.2 Emergency plan with first aiders removed to be circulated and approved.

12.3 Cemetery working party update circulated and the approach agreed.

12.4 Councillor data protection training to be booked for Cllr C Payne and Cllr A Bowditch.

12.5 Parking in Tumlins, new owner unknown, residents still parking in front of the garages until they are asked to move. MP D Kruger has said he will find out who now owns the garages.

13. Correspondence and administration: None.

14. Finance update

14.1 Bank reconciliation & reports have been distributed to councillors at month end.

14.2 Balance sheet supplied to councillors with agenda.

14.3 Discuss shop grant application for garden furniture £1,475.81– Withdrawn for the moment.

14.4 Discuss Townsend bank grant request for £250.00 for replanting- see item.6.

15. Payment ratified:

WALC membership invoice: 0930 £281.83

16. Payments for approval:

1) Village Hall hire (May) £20.00
2) Mark Goddard: 3294 (3rd instalment + extra jobs) £1428.00
3) WALC training invoice: 1252. £48.00
4) David Owen Accountants (payroll) 40755 £120.00
5) Administration (HWA & office supplies) £68.97
6) Staff wage

Meeting closed at: 21.10pm

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