All Cannings Annual Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall @ 7.30 pm
Wednesday 29th July 2026

MINUTES

Present: Chair Cllr A Gray, Cllr C Payne, Cllr J Deakin, Cllr A Bowditch. Cllr G Gahir.

1. **Welcome to the public**: Four in attendance.
2. **Declaration of interests**: None
3. **Apologies**: Cllr K Gay
4. **Minutes** of the previous meetings were adopted and signed by the presiding chair.
5. **Report** by Wiltshire Councillor Paul Oatway, advised councillors that the new administration is trialing a booking system for Devizes recycling centre. Not considered to be helpful by most of the parish residents, there is a concern that this decision may increase fly-tipping. Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council to express the parish councils' disappointment with this decision. Wiltshire Council considered removing the funding for LINK, but the decision was reversed when it was explained that LINK provided patient transport supplied by volunteer drivers.
6. **Public:** 20 minutes set aside for public and external reports – A member of the public raised the subject of the development of land accessed via Drewitts Lane and currently used as a builder's yard. The development proposed is for several detached and semi-detached homes, no planning application has been made yet. Councillors will consider the application when it is received.
7. **Action sheet report**: Faculty review – Cllr A Gray - deferred.
8. **Reports**
    a) Village Community store – Cllr A Gray – Suggested that the shop could stock more local farmers produce.
    b) Allington – Cllr A Gray – nothing to report.
    c) PCC & Churchyard – Cllr A Bowditch – Is creating new signs to replace those destroyed by weather, for churchyard reminding people to be careful around and respect the memorials.
    d) Cemetery – Cllr A Bowditch – no report.
    e) Footpaths – Cllr K Gay – Would like to thank local Stanton St Bernard famer for his care and attention to the footpath across his land between All Cannings and Stanton St Bernard.
    f) Village Green – Cllr K Gay – Is being well used, particularly during the school holidays.
    g) Village Hall/ACCT – Cllr J Deakin, Change of personnel, and Cllr Deakin has a new contact.
    h) Glebe Field and Allotments – Cllr J Deakin – Scaffolding lorries have damaged shrubs in the Glebe Field, contractors for Aster. Sadly, the allotments have experienced some vandalism, children have pulled fruit of trees in the community orchard and threw it around resulting greenhouse glass being smashed.
    i) AC in Bloom – Cllr J Deakin – No report.

j) School – Cllr C Payne – School crossing application in progress. The Parish Council has written a letter of support.
k) Coronation Bank – Cllr C Payne – Will the contractor to strim the bank.
l) Volunteer co-ordinator – Cllr G Gahir – Will remove bind weed from floral bank.

9. Parish steward requests – No news on the replacement parish steward.

10. Planning applications:

10.1 Received applications: PL/2026/03421 – White Rose Cottage, 39 The Street – retrospective application for replacement windows and French door – No objection.

10.2 Determined applications: Nil

11. Governance.

12. Updates and current projects

12.1 Cemetery working party update – Cllr A Gray to write letters.

12.2 Discuss the new booking scheme for Devizes recycling centre – Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council.

12.3 Churchyard trees – Dead and ailing trees to be removed. Clerk to arrange quotes.

12.4 Village Summer Fete – Was a great success enjoying by All Cannings residents. Clerk to write a thank you letter.

13. Correspondence and administration:

13.1 Discuss complaint letter. Councillors to not accept the complaint as it was written by someone who did not attend the meeting in question and is factually incorrect. Councillors were reminded of their commitment to the Code of Conduct and the need to be aware of resident's sensitivities.

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 Allocate budget for Best Kept Village Competition presentation. £300.00.

15. Payment ratified:

16. Payments for approval:

1) Village Hall hire (June) £20.00
2) Mark Goddard: 3313 (4th instalment) £1332.00
3) Easyspace inv: 222686607 £24.16
4) Easyspace inv: 222686606 £26.09
5) Ecohosting (Cllr A Gray) inv: 1218330 £14.40
6) Ecohosting (Cllr A Gray) inv: 1218330 £156.00
7) WALC training invoice: 1380. £126.00
8) Cllr K Gay (asset repair materials) £7.09
9) Administration (HWA & office supplies) £43.89
10) Staff wage

Sadly, Cllr C Payne handed her letter of resignation to the chair at the end of the meeting.

Meeting closed at: 21.10pm

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