All Cannings Annual Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall @ 7.30 pm
Wednesday 30th September 2026

MINUTES

Present: Chair Cllr A Gray, Cllr K Gay, Cllr J Deakin, Cllr A Bowditch. Cllr J Barden.
In attendance: Clerk S-J Bullock.

1. **Welcome to the public**: Three in attendance.
2. **Declaration of interests**: None
3. **Apologies**: Cllr G Gahir.
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 government has made several changes to the planning law, including removing the right of Wiltshire Councillors to call in any planning decisions they disagree with to the planning committee. Cllr Oatway has received an email from an All Cannings parent regarding the school crossing, the parent says she has received no response from Wiltshire Council regarding her communication with them and asked Cllr Oatway to follow up. Cllr Oatway has arranged to meet with Highways engineer Mark Stansby to view the road and current crossing. A new crossing would be a matter for LHFIG (Local Highways Footpaths Improvements Group) and the parish council would be required to pay 20% of the total cost. Wiltshire Council will only supply a lolly pop person for C roads; therefore, Chandlers Lane is not eligible.
6. **Public:** 20 minutes set aside for public and external reports – A member of the public raised the subject of dying trees in the Community Orchard which appear to have strimmer damage, although the drought may have contributed to their poor condition. Cllr A Bowditch will investigate potential protective barriers for the tree trunks. Another member of the public mentioned that recent minutes were not available online, Cllr A Gray said she has been unwell and would get the documents online soon.
7. **Action sheet report**: Faculty review – Cllr A Gray - deferred.
8. **Reports**
    a) Village Community store – Cllr A Gray – Nothing to report.
    b) Allington – Cllr A Gray – Nothing to report.
    c) PCC & Churchyard – Cllr A Bowditch – A group of volunteers have done excellent work tidying up various parts of the churchyard.
    d) Cemetery – Cllr A Bowditch – Looking tidy.
    e) Footpaths – Cllr K Gay – All good.
    f) Village Green – Cllr K Gay – Goal posts require attention due to rust affecting the structure, as per RoSPA report – ACTION: Cllr K Gay will attend to the goal post.
    g) Village Hall/ACCT – Cllr J Deakin – ACCT have established a small grants system.
    h) Glebe Field and Allotments – Cllr J Deakin – Sadly dog poo is an issue once again, despite the bin provided by the parish council in the Glebe field. Cllr J Deakin also noted

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that there are several broken branches on the fruit trees in the Community Orchard, possibly caused by tree climbing or fruit harvesting.

i) AC in Bloom – Cllr J Deakin – ACIB to be launched again next year. Budget of £200.00 approved.
j) School – No report
k) Coronation Bank – No report.
l) Volunteer co-ordinator – Cllr G Gahir – Litter picking this weekend and weeding of the floral bank.

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

10. Planning applications:

10.1 Received applications: PL/2026/Nil

10.2 Determined applications: PL/2026/03241 – 24 The Street – single storey extension – Approved with conditions.

11. Governance.

11.1 Co-option of new councillor. Cllr Jonathan Barden was duly elected and signed an acceptance of office form.

11.2 Allocation of councillor responsibilities: School liaison and Coronation bank – now Cllr J Barden. BKC now Cllr G Gahir. Cllr J Deakin & Cllr A Bowditch exchanged responsibilities: Cllr J Deakin now Cemetery and Cllr A Bowditch now ACCT.

12. Updates and current projects

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

12.2 Discuss no parking sign by telephone box library – Cllr G Gahir. The parish council has no authority over parking on highways. Although councillors agreed a sign could be put in the window of the telephone box asking for the access not to be blocked. ACTION: Clerk.

12.3 Discuss flower boxes for telephone box – Cllr G Gahir – As the land surrounding the phone box does not belong to the parish council, so it is not possible to create flower beds.

12.4 Churchyard trees – Consider quotes. Councillors selected SP Tree & landscape to fell two cherry trees and one dying yew tree.

12.5 Consider joining CPRE – Councillors resolved to join for one year initially.

12.6 Discuss poppy appeal donation. – Parish Council will purchase a wreath to be laid by Cllr K Gay on Remembrance Day on behalf of the Parish Council.

13. Correspondence and administration:

13.1 Memorial approval to be signed – Wiliams headstone approved.

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 Confirm NALC pay rise for clerk of 3.3% - confirmed.

15. Payment ratified:

1) PKF Littlejohn (external audit) invoice: SB00139. £252.00
2) SP Tree & Landscaping (churchyard trees) invoice**:** 2439 £900.00
3) Administration (HWA & office supplies) £79.65
4) Mark Goddard invoice: 3330 (4th instalment) £1332.00
5) AC village hall hire (July) invoice: 1734 £20.00

16. Payments for approval:

1) Mark Goddard: 3313 (5th instalment) £1332.00
2) David Owen Accountants invoice: 41185 £120.00

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3) Cllr J Deakin (BKV presentation supplies) £17.49
4) Administration (HWA, BKV supplies) £57.60
5) Staff wage

Meeting closed at: 21.23

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