All Cannings Parish Meeting

29th March 2023 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllr A Gray, Cllr P Oatway, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr D Tilley, Cllr M Crossman, Cllr R Daw, Cllr C Payne, Clerk SJ Bullock.

Meeting opened by Cllr A Gray at 7.00pm

1. Welcome to the public.

2. Apologies: 0

3. Cllr A Gray gave the chairman's report: The Coronation Bank - (FKA Glebe Bank) We are collaborating with Earthwise Garden Design to completely redevelop the Glebe Bank as a community space with trees and wildflowers. The Coronation Bank.
   Grass Cutting
   The mowing has been a bit up and down over the last year. We are monitoring the current contractor's performance.
   Our Clerk and RFO
   Our Parish Clerk and RFO "SJ" excelled once more. She is CILCA certified as a trained clerk and has done a great job over the last few years.
   The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
   The Village Hall and the Green were decorated for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
   This year it's the Coronation of King Charles III televised in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th May then a main celebration outside on the Green on Sunday 7th May with a main marquee, Children's Circus and competitions such as a Coronation 'Cake Orf' baking competition, a home bunting competition, Royals and Celebs dressing up competition, 'Fit for a King' new Coronation Dish Competition and a local band with PA. We will have a Portaloo and bins for the event.
   Best Kept Village Near Miss (Again)
   We came 2nd in the Best Kept Village Competition in 2022 again.
   We are in the competition again striving for success in 2023!
   Summary
   The many things above sum up the continuing strengths that we have within our community and the Parish Council. All members of the Parish Council, whether born and bred in the village or relative newcomers like myself work quietly for the good of the village and parish as a whole.

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Thanks also to everyone else who has supported us over the last year.
Thanks again to our Clerk and outgoing RFO, and many thanks to my fellow councillors and all the volunteers who work tireless behind the scenes to keep the parish what it is today.

4. Cllr Gray explained the plans for Coronation Bank, following the design by Anya at Earthwise Garden Design, which aims to encourage bees, insects and wildlife. The sad loss of several trees to Ash-dieback has left the bank looking bare and a little stark, several residents expressed the desire to see more wildflowers and a less suburban look to the approach to the village. The felled trees will be replaced by crab apple trees to encourage birds, and which not grow too tall enough to block the light from the Glebe residents' houses, more wildflowers to be planted on the bank and the grass will be allowed to grow longer between cuts. Sarsen stones will be sourced and placed on the bank, wildlife flowers to grow around them and a meandering path cut through the grass around the stones and tree. It is hoped that the resident volunteers will assist in maintaining the bank as promised.

5. Cllr Gray thanked everyone for attending.

6. Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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