

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 18th October 2010, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick. District Councillor Mrs Brighton OBE, County Councillor Oxby, Rural Housing Enabler Mr Bob Bowe and PCSO Damen-Willems were also present

Present: Councillor L.J. Pennell – Chairman
Councillor I.D. Carrington – Vice-Chairman and also District Councillor
Councillor Mrs C.M. Griffin
Councillor M.T. Hales
Councillor L O'Melia
Councillor R. Narborough
Councillor Mrs Z Vince

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Cllr Carrington declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6(b) planning application at 4 Hall Drive as he lived adjacent to the site. The Chairman and Cllr Narborough declared personal interests in Item 6(d), Sapele, School Lane, as they lived nearby the site.

2. Parish Clerk Vacancy

The Chairman reported that Mrs Julia Parker had accepted other employment and would be unable to take on the Clerk's position. The post was being re-advertised.

3. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 20th September 2010: The notes from this meeting had been distributed to each member and were taken as read subject to the alteration of part of Item 6 (a) to read that Cllr Narborough 'raised *the matter* of a removal lorry'. The Chairman proposed that the amended notes be accepted and approved as minutes for signing and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Matters Arising:

PCSO Damen-Willems reported that no crimes had been reported in the parish during the previous month.

4a. Information Packs for New Residents: No packs had been issued this month.

4b. Web Site: Cllr Carrington reported that routine maintenance had been carried out during the previous month.

4c. Damaged speed limit sign, Heighington Road. Members heard that this had been repositioned with commendable speed; Cllr Carrington as District Councillor had sent written thanks to LCC Highways.

5. Community Lincs - Affordable Housing Needs Survey: Mr Bob Bowe, a Rural Housing Enabler from Community Lincs, gave a briefing on the current survey being carried out in Canwick and Bracebridge Heath. He detailed the background to affordable housing in the district and explained how the survey was intended to provide an independent assessment of local need to form part of the evidence base for the development and implementation of housing policy. In this case a call for land from interested parties had also been added.

Mr Bowe thanked the parish council for arranging the delivery of survey forms in the parish and the two drop-in sessions for residents. Survey fieldwork would continue until 12th November; Mr Bowe would be pleased to report back to the parish council with draft findings when complete.

6. Planning:

6a. 10/1167/FUL - Conversion of outbuildings into 2 dwellings at Stone Cottage, Hall Drive. Members examined the application, which was considered acceptable on balance notwithstanding concerns about the parking arrangements.

6b. 10/1066/HOUS - Extension at 4 Hall Drive (amended plans). Cllr Carrington's declared interest was noted. The Chairman reported that the application had been approved.

6c. 10/1126/HOUS - Extension at 3 Pelham Lane. The Chairman reported that a letter of objection had been sent on behalf of the parish council. The councillors endorsed the comments submitted.

6d. 10/1114/HOUS - Erection of Pool House - Sapele, School Lane. The declared personal interests of the Chairman and Cllr Narborough were noted. Members examined the application. It was considered very large, and concerns were expressed about the use of the premises for non-domestic purposes. However on balance the majority of members felt the revised scheme (which did not connect the pool house to the dwelling) was unlikely to be sufficiently harmful for a refusal to be sustained. Comments would be sent to the planning

department on these lines. However, to prevent future development undermining the scope of this application and in the interests of neighbour amenity Cllr Carrington suggested recommending to planners that future Permitted Development Rights for the property should be curtailed.

6e. Lincoln Eastern Bypass. The Chairman reported receipt of a copy of the LCC planning approval for the project. Noted.

7. Environment:

7a. Highways:

- Cllr Hales reported the 30mph sign in School Lane had been repaired. He also reported that the cycleway/footpath on the B1188 was dangerously overgrown and in places narrowed to less than 1 foot wide. This was a hazard to users and had again been raised with LCC Highways. He had also reported the state of the footpath on Canwick Hill. Members agreed it would be timely to have another walk-around with Highways officers - Cllr Hales to arrange.
- Litter problems on the B1188 were noted - Cllr Hales to report for action by Hill Holt Wood.
- District Councillor Mrs Brighton reported the overgrown state of a section of footpath on the Washingborough Road. Cllr Hales would report this to the appropriate authority and the Chairman volunteered to walk the section and assess.
- Cllr Narborough suggested providing an extra litter bin at the Canwick Hill end of School Lane. Cllrs favoured the provision but doubted if a suitable site was available. Cllrs Hales and Narborough would examine sites and report back to the next meeting.
- Members discussed the possible need for an additional street light on Hall Drive at the entrance to the care home. It was agreed that consultation with local residents should be put in hand as a first step - Cllr Carrington would draft letters.

8. Correspondence:

8a. NKDC Register of Electors - members signed documentation regarding provision of copies of the new Register of Electors.

8b. NKDC Priorities Consultation - background explained by Cllr Mrs Brighton and noted by members..

8c. Central Lincolnshire Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation - the public consultation would begin on 25th October. Members would examine and discuss at their next meeting; members could also respond individually. A link to the consultation would be placed on the Canwick website. District Councillor Carrington stressed the importance of responding given the significance of the potential policy changes for the parish. District Councillor Mrs Brighton reassured members that talk of urban sprawl was alarmist, and that NKDC had some years ago declared its policy to be the maintaining of existing settlement boundaries and for local new housing to be in a new settlement.

8d. Community Safety Consultation Event - it was reported that the event had been cancelled.

8e. LCC Local List Planning Approval Consultation - noted.

8f. Best Kept Village Competition Results - noted. Cllr Narborough would arrange for a copy of the Judges comments to be displayed in the Village Hall.

9. Four Parishes Cluster Group - the October 13th meeting had been cancelled.

10. Parish Plan. Cllr Carrington reported the final draft was under preparation and he hoped to issue it before the Christmas break. Cllr Narborough resigned from the Parish Plan Steering Group.

11. Finance:

11a. Bank Account Update: The un-presented cheque to Cllr Narborough for £10 would be cancelled and reissued.

11b. Payments Due: A payment of £58.24 to Vaeolia for grass cutting during Sep 10 was approved.

11c. Transfer of Funds: It was agreed to transfer £60 to meet the present expenses payable.

11d. Precept. The Chairman read a message from NK warning that costs for any parish council election in May 2011 would need to be provided for by the parish from their precept. Costs would depend on whether there was a coincident District poll or national referendum. Members noted that the government had recently directed that precepts would not change in the coming year!

12. Urgent Items for Information: None

13. Date of Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting would take place on Monday 15th November 2010 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.07.