

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 19th October 2009, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick. PCSO Carol Daman-Willems and three parishioners were present.

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

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Cllr Carrington declared a personal & prejudicial interest in the amended plans in relation to planning application at item 4a erection of bungalow and garage, land at the rear of The Vines, Pelham Lane, as close relatives lived near the development site. Cllr Carrington and Cllr Mrs Griffin declared a prejudicial interest in item 9e when a public works loan for work at the Village Hall would be discussed, as they were both trustees on the Village Hall. Apologies from PC Andy Brown, District Cllr Mrs Brighton and County/District Cllr Oxy were recorded.

Police Report: PCSO Carol Daman-Willems reported two incidents over the previous month. A young girl had been knocked off her bicycle along the C.113 Heighington Road. She had suffered lacerations and other injuries and the situation was being investigated. The second incident concerned the discovery of a male person asleep in a garden in the village who was subsequently moved-on. Reference was made to the reporting at the previous meeting of an incident along a farm track off the B1188 involving 2 dogs and 2 people in a 4x4 vehicle. Clarification was requested and the details of the event were outlined.

Public Participation: The Chairman welcomed the parishioners to the meeting to include the young lady who had been knocked off her bicycle. The Chairman summarised the actions that had been undertaken to notify County Highways the local police team and Washingborough PC about the incident seeking support to the request for a pedestrian/cycle track on that road. Cllr Carrington outlined the roles of both the County & District Councils and pointed out that Highway issues was a County Council responsibility and therefore we could not make a promise on something that was out of our control to deliver. He cited a request for a green man pedestrian crossing at the Washingborough Road/Canwick Hill junction at a potential cost of £10,000 which had failed because there was no funding. Subsequently a scheme had been placed on a list for Rural Priority Initiatives (R.P.I) and would be looked into when funds become available. In discussion various points were raised about the geography, usage and speed limits etc along that thoroughfare. In summing up the Chairman gave an assurance that we would do all that we could. The parishioners were thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point. (*PCSO Carol left the meeting during this item*)

2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 14th September 2009: The notes from this meeting had been distributed to each member and were taken as read. The Chairman proposed that the notes be accepted and approved as minutes for signing and this was unanimously agreed.

3. Matters Arising.

3a. Information Packs for New Residents: No packs had been issued this month.

3b. Web Site: Routine maintenance had been undertaken.

4. Planning:

4a. Erection of Bungalow and Garage, Land at the rear of The Vines, Pelham Lane: Cllr Carrington's interest in the proposal was acknowledged and he left the meeting at this point. The Chairman updated by noting the amended plans and the comments that had been returned to NKDC. A decision notice had been received on 17th October 2009, and advised permission for this development had been granted on 15th October 2009. The details were read out and noted. Cllr Carrington rejoined the meeting.

4b. Decision Notice - TPO N.213/3 Works to Trees at Beau Vista, Hall Drive: A notice advised that works to reduce the height, tidy and reshape past cuts for Yew trees T1, T2, T3, T5, T7, and similar works to a Holly tree T6 had been approved on 30th September 2009. The felling of T4 a Holly tree on a Tree Preservation Order had been refused.

4c. N665/1 Work on a Tree within a Group of Trees on Land at Hall Drive: A notice advised that permission to fell one Pine and one Lime tree had been granted on 28th September 2009. Replacement trees were required and specified 2 x Lime, 12-14cm girth, and container grown.

The Clerk was asked to formally invite the NKDC Tree Officer to visit Canwick for a walk-around the village.

A planning application had been received after the agenda had been printed and was reviewed by Members:-

N/17/0702/09 Change of Use of Garage to additional Nursery Facilities, erection of Sun Room Extension and external Alterations at Glebe Farm Nursery, Heighington Road, Canwick: Members looked at the details on the plans. The proposal was endorsed by Members and it was agreed that this comment should be returned to NKDC.

5. Highways: A request for the removal of overgrown foliage from properties in the village was raised and the Clerk confirmed that she had written to two residents. It was noted that one resident had taken action whilst a second resident had not. It was agreed to monitor the situation. An incident of fly tipping near the junction of Grange Lane and Heighington Road had been reported to NKDC. A second incident of fly tipping (6 tyres) on the Lincoln Road Branston was also noted. The presence of litter along Canwick Avenue was also reported. Overgrown vegetation on the new section of footway Grange Lane was highlighted and the filling of pot holes on School Lane received grateful thanks from Cllr Narborough. The presence of a fire engine in the village was reported. The Clerk updated on her discussion with the Engineer at LCC with regard to the rotted post at the junction of School Lane/Canwick Hill. We were hopeful that in January 2010 work to replace the rotted post and renew the remaining post would be undertaken. An observation about the amount of leaf debris and pine needles at the junction of Pelham Lane and Hall Drive was noted and a date for leaf sweeping in the village was raised. The Clerk was asked to check with NKDC.

6. Correspondence:

6a. Register of Electors - Members to Sign Disclaimer: A disclaimer for the full use of the register was endorsed by Members.

6b. BT Adopt Telephone Kiosk (Village Hall Car Park): The Project Liaison Officer invited the Parish Council to consider adopting the red telephone kiosk situated in the Village Hall car park. This meant that the telephony would be removed and the ownership of the kiosk would be transferred to the Parish Council. It was noted that 31 calls had been made from that call box over the last 12 months. This was considered exceptional under the circumstances as only a limited range of calls could be made because the coin slot had been blocked since October 2008. In discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the NKDC Parish Partnerships Officer regarding the matter.

6c. NKDC Parish Dog Warden & Litter Picking Grants: NKDC invited applications for funding to support these services. The Chairman noted that the dog warden was shared with the Four Parishes Group and NKDC funding was allocated at a rate of 36p per head of population. Heighington PC had submitted a claim for the Four Parishes as they administer the scheme. A similar scheme for litter picking was also noted but there was no formal scheme at Canwick. We were fortunate to have many unofficial voluntary litter pickers who did a sterling job and their efforts were much appreciated.

6d. West Lindsey District Council – Consultation on Possible Locations for Gypsy/Traveller Sites: This was a statutory procedure and we were consulted as an adjacent village. The details were noted for information.

6e. Canwick Mobile Library Service: Correspondence between the Canwick village Hall Letting Secretary and the Mobile Library Services Manager had been copied to us and outlined details regarding arrangements for parking a mobile library van in the car park. The likelihood of a library service at Canwick was received with much enthusiasm and we await formal notification and details about the proposed service.

6f. Lincolnshire Criminal Justice Board – Community Leader Conference: The details about this conference at the Bentley Hotel today were noted.

6g. NKDC, Corporate Priorities – Shaping the Future: We had received notice that the District Council were to hold a workshop on Thursday 12th November 2009 at the Council Chamber, Sleaford. Cllr Narborough volunteered to attend.

6h. The Big Tidy Up – Keep Britain tidy Campaign: Details regarding this initiative were handed to Cllr Hales to pass on to the Playing Fields Committee.

6i: Emda News: The receipt of the latest publication was noted for information. Cllr Narborough took the paper to read.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group: The Chairman reported that the recent meeting had been a very long one and many issues had been aired. Of particular interest was the presentation of the planning portal due to go live in the near future. This will require registration and will give access to view planning applications, archive material etc and looked very promising. We would be able to make use of IT available within the Four Parishes Group and to view planning services as individuals. Parallel to this the parish council would continue to receive a paper copy of planning applications for review by members and the wider community as a consultee.

8. Parish Plan: Cllr Carrington updated on the preparations that had been undertaken prior to distribution for the main consultation. The Parish Plan Steering Group hoped to launch the consultation by the end of October. The Chairman thanked Cllr Carrington for the update.

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: A statement showing the current financial position was circulated at the meeting. This showed the Current account balance at £81.85. The Deposit Account balance after all transfers was £8,113.93. The situation and actions were approved.

9b. Payments Due in October: Members were advised that it had become necessary to carry out an upgrade on the lap top computer and renew the anti virus. This had been undertaken at a cost of £30 for 2 years. A payment to Veolia ES for grass cutting and reimbursement of £30 to Cllr Carrington for the anti virus update was noted the payments were approved.

9c. Transfer of Funds: It was agreed to transfer £100 to meet the expenses payable.

9d. Public Works Loan: The prejudicial interests declared by Cllrs Carrington and Mrs Griffin were acknowledged and they left the meeting at this point. The Chairman reported that the application for approval to borrow was awaited from the Communities and Local Government Department.

10. Urgent Items for Information

10a. Cllr Carrington noted that he might not be available at the next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting would take place on Monday 16th November, at the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.10pm