

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 18th April 2011 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick. District Councillor Mrs M. Brighton OBE, District/County Councillor R. Oxby, one resident and the Clerk 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 R. Narborough
Councillor Mrs Z. Vince.

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Apologies were received from Cllr O'Melia who is out of the country and the police. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 21st March 2011: The notes from this meeting had been distributed to each member and were taken as read. The Chairman proposed the notes be accepted and approved as minutes for signing and this was unanimously agreed.

An e-mail had been received from the police informing that there had been no reported crimes in the past month.

The Chairman invited the resident to speak who replied he had just come to observe ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting which was to follow.

3. Matters Arising:

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

3b. Web Site: Cllr Carrington reported that routine maintenance had been carried out during the previous month.

3c. Best Kept Village Competition: After discussion it was resolved not to enter this year but to prepare ahead of time for entry next year.

3d. NKDC Broadband Survey: Cllr Carrington had spoken to relevant officers at NKDC and they would be happy to liaise with us on our scheme. It was resolved to take forward with a flyer and details on the website.

4. Planning:

4a. 10/1126/HOUS – Extension at 3 Pelham Lane: The Chairman reported that nothing more had been heard since our letter sent restating our views. We now await a Planning Inspector visit and a decision to be notified to us.

5. Environment:

5a. Highways Issues: It was noted that tree works had been carried out on Canwick Hill following the closure of the hill the previous day. The pothole at the junction of Hall drive and Canwick Hill had also been repaired then. Cllr Hales enquired of Cllr Oxby as to whether we should be notified of a major road closure as he had received several enquiries about it. Cllr Oxby will investigate the matter.

Cllr Narborough commented on the quality of the road sweeping work last time as he noticed the School Lane/Canwick Hill junction was untouched. Cllr Mrs Brighton suggested contacting Nina Camm at NKDC. The Clerk will do this and ask for a schedule of when the work is being done so we can monitor it.

Cllr Hales mentioned that the overhanging trees at Greenacres on Heighington Road had still not been cut although Cllr Narborough had been unable to make contact with them as he had hoped. It was suggested writing a letter to the occupants to make them aware that their garden is affecting the footpath.

6. Correspondence:

6a. AON Insurance Renewal: This was noted and resolved to compare with another company and take forward at the next meeting.

6b. LCC Supporting Independence: This change to adult social care was discussed and the Chairman asked Cllr Narborough to display the notice in the Village Hall.

6c. Rural Lincs: This was passed around the Councillors to read and will then be displayed in the Village Hall.

6d. NKDC Precept Payment: The Chairman confirmed this had been paid into the bank account. He also stated ours was correct on the Council Tax bills unlike some others.

6e. Localism in Lincolnshire: This was noted. Cllr Mrs Brighton commented this was changing on a weekly basis at the moment.

6f. Election 2011: The Chairman confirmed the Nomination Packs had been delivered and as no election is to be held everyone would be duly elected. He reminded everyone that an expense return needs to be sent even if a nil return.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group: The Chairman gave a short summary of the business of the last meeting. It was noted the Dog Warden contract had been rolled over for another year although Washingborough had made a one hour reduction.

8. Parish Plan Steering Group: Rolled over to next meeting. The Chairman confirmed this would be published after the May Elections.

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: Taking account of an outstanding cheque there will be £26.65 left in the current account at the end of the financial year. The balance of the deposit account was £5235.70 at the end on the financial year. With the addition of £1.93 interest and the £5000 precept this now stood at £10237.63.

9b. CiLCA Training Package: The Clerk attended a two day training event for CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration). The cost of this was £110 which was not in the remit of the LALC Training subscription. A bursary for 50% of the amount has been applied for and granted.

9c. Payments Due in April: As the above bursary was not yet in the bank account it was suggested to allow the full amount of £110. It was noted that the playing field had been cut so we would need to allow for payment of that. The payments were agreed.

9d. Transfer of Funds: It was proposed by the Chairman to transfer £200 from the deposit account to cover these payments and this was unanimously agreed.

9e. Annual Audit: We have been notified by Clement Keys of the audit and need to prepare accounting statements for the last financial year. It was noted that the Annual Return needs to be approved by 30th June and published and displayed by 30th September. It was resolved to have accounts ready for approval next month and then finalised by the June meeting.

10. Urgent Items for Information: It was noted that the Playbus had visited the village for a day and was well received. Cllr Narborough had advertised it around the village to obtain as much coverage as possible. When the Chairman visited later in the day it was thought there had been approximately 15 children attending both morning and afternoon. It was agreed it would be an attraction at the Summer Fete but Cllr Brighton stated anything out of normal timetable is chargeable. The idea would be passed to the Fete Committee for consideration. Cllr Carrington felt we should bring to the attention of the Enforcement Team at NKDC work being done at the Dower House to check it is compliant. This was noted by the Clerk.

11. Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 16th May 2011 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick starting at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm