

**A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Montagu Road Canwick.** County/District Cllr Ron Oxby was present.

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

**1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest:** Apologies from District Cllr Mrs Brighton, PC Brown and PCSO Daman-Willems were recorded. Due to his role of County & District Cllr for the area, Cllr Oxby declared a personal interest in the Lincoln Eastern Bypass at agenda item 4a. Cllr Carrington also declared a personal interest in this item as Ward District Councillor for the area.

**2. Clerk's Notes from the Monthly Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010:** the notes had been distributed to all Members and were taken as read. The Chairman proposed that they be approved for signing and this was unanimously agreed.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

**3a. Information Packs to New Residents:** No new information.

**3b. Web Site:** It was reported that maintenance issues were currently preventing updates.

**3c. Pelham Lane:** The Chairman recalled the complaints reported at the previous meeting following the start of development on a piece of land off Pelham Lane. Cllr Carrington declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the debate. Members were informed that the Clerk had sent a letter to the complainant to update about the actions that had been taken to report the matter to the appropriate authorities. PCSO Daman-Willems had increased patrols in the area and a watching brief had been ongoing since the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January. It had been observed that the contractor now appears to clear the highway on a daily basis. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

**3d. B1188 Sleaford Road, Branston - Carriageway Resurfacing Works:** The works had been confirmed and will be undertaken over three weekends - 19 to 21 March 2010, 26 - 28 March 2010 and 9 to 11 April 2010. The road will be closed from 7pm on Friday to 10pm on Sunday, on each occasion. Access will only be permitted to residents and businesses who reside within the area affected by the closure.

### **4. Planning**

**4a. Lincoln Eastern Bypass:** The interest declared by County/District Cllr Oxby and District Cllr Carrington at the start of the meeting were noted. The County Council's Head of Spatial Planning notified that an application for planning permission to carry out the development had been made. A copy of the application and associated Environmental Statement had been received on Friday 12 February. Comments /observations about the proposal were invited via the County Council's planning portal, or in writing by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The receipt of the particulars was noted. The matter was deferred to the next meeting to allow us to gauge local opinion.

**4b. Online Planning:** The Chairman recalled that all Members had opted to register for this service. Members were asked if they could access the site and this was confirmed.

**5. Environment:** The damaged finger post marking the direction of the recreational footpath down Glebe End, at the junction of Pelham Lane, had still not been renewed. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the footpaths officer at the County Council.

A query about road sweeping provoked concern about the amount of loose chippings propelled by vehicles on to the footway along Heighington Road, and other roads in the village. The date for the mechanical sweep was unknown and the Clerk was asked to look into the matter.

The state of the footway near the cottages on Canwick Hill was raised. It was reported that the leaves had turned to mulch and the surface was very slippery. The Clerk was asked to request the footway be swept.

Concern was raised about the metal railings fronting a property along Hall Drive. It was reported that due to inclement weather the soil/clay that had been transferred to the garden when the new drive was constructed had expanded, pushing the metal railings with sharp edges on to the footway. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Highways Officer.

A letter regarding grit bin provision had been received from the County Council's Executive Cllr for Highways & Transport. The contents advised the County Council provides and maintains a number of grit bins at known trouble spots where difficulties arise because of ice or snow e.g. steep hills, sharp bends and foot-bridges etc. Parish councils need to send a written request for additional grit bins to the local area highways office and each site will be assessed on its own merits. Approval is only given where there is an identifiable heightened risk - parish councils undertake to spread the grit when necessary, and notify the County Council when the bins need refilling. A review of the winter maintenance service was being carried out and any amendments will be introduced from October 2010. No more grit bins will be approved for the current winter period. The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Officer had been informed about the request for a grit bin at the junction of Hall Drive and Canwick Hill.

Cllr Oxby reported observations from a fellow district councillor about the state of the bus shelter on Canwick Hill. Previous discussions with the Highways Officer about cleaning/maintenance of the bus shelter were recalled. Cllr Oxby agreed to raise the matter with the local Highways Officer.

## **6. Correspondence:**

**6a. NKDC - What's On February 2010:** A programme of events at the Hub National Centre for Craft & Design at Sleaford was noted for information. It was agreed to place the paper in the foyer at the Village Hall for residents to read.

**6b. Marshalls Paving Systems:** A letter from the Director of Sustainability referred to recent changes to the permitted development rights and outlined a range of surfacing available. The details were noted for information.

Additional correspondence has been received since the agenda had been printed and it was agreed to review same.

**6c. West Lindsey District Council - Consultation on the best locations for additional Gypsy and Traveller sites:** This was a statutory procedure and we were consulted as an adjacent village. The details were noted for information.

**6d. LALC Affiliation Renewal:** An invoice for £123.38 to cover the annual subscription for 2010/11 financial year was received and payment in March was approved.

**6e. LCC Lincolnshire Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund:** The availability of grant funding from this source was noted. Cllr Hales took the notice to hand over to the Playing Fields Committee.

**6f. NKDC Calendar of Meetings 2010-2011:** A schedule of meeting dates for the forthcoming civic year was received. The Clerk was asked to retain on-file for reference.

## **7. Four Parishes Cluster Group:**

**7a. Devolved Fund Equipment:** The Chairman reported the receipt of a projector and screen that had been purchased for Canwick from this fund.

**7b. Memories Book Initiative:** The Chairman explained that this project had been changed from an earlier proposal following the Healthy Lifestyles Initiative. The current project was linked to food and it was hoped that two people from Canwick would join with volunteers from the other Parishes to initiate and develop the new project. Members were asked to notify the Clerk if they hear of anyone interested in the project, as enquiries to date had been unsuccessful.

**8. Parish Plan Steering Group:** Cllr Carrington reported that he was working on the final draft.

**9. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place at approximately 8pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Cllr Carrington would update about the Parish Plan. County Cllr Oxby and District Cllr Mrs Brighton were invited to make a report.

## **10. Finance:**

**10a. Bank Account Update:** A statement (*copy of the minute file*) showing a balance of £7,463.93 in the savings account following a transfer of £250 agreed at the 18<sup>th</sup> January meeting. The balance in the current account was £84.96 following the clearance of all payments and outstanding cheques. The situation was noted and approved.

**10b. Payments in February:** A £70.49 invoice from Cllr Carrington to reimburse expenses for the hosting fee for the village website was approved for payment.

**10c. Transfer of Funds:** No transfer was required.

## **11. Urgent Items for Information**

**11a.** It was reported that there was a mole problem on the playing field and the grass was worn away near the goal mouths. Cllr Hales volunteered to liaise with the Playing Fields Committee.

**11b.** The Chairman reported that a replacement for the Clerk had been identified and explained that the candidate could not take over until June 2010. The current Clerk had agreed to continue until that time but he was conscious that some of the tasks and actions might have to be undertaken by Members over the transition period.

**11c.** Cllr Narborough reported that the large recycling bin at the Village Hall had been stolen the previous week and he was grateful for the prompt action by NKDC to install a replacement bin. District Cllr Carrington was asked to thank the NKDC Team Manager for their sterling efforts.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** To be advised.