

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 18th January 2010, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick. District Cllr Mrs Brighton and County/District Cllr Oxyby was present.

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

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Apologies from Cllr Mrs Griffin, Police Constable Brown and PCSO Carol Daman-Willems were noted. There were no declarations declared at this point.

2. Clerk's Notes from the Monthly Meeting held on 21st December 2009: the notes had been distributed to each Member 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 for New Residents: No new information.

3b. Web Site: Routine maintenance had been undertaken over the past month.

3c. LALC News: This publication had been distributed to each Member at the previous meeting, to give them a chance to read it. Various topics were highlighted for information and there were no queries raised. LALC had moved office to Dunholme village on the 6th January 2010 and the new address and telephone numbers (no change to email addresses) were noted for information. A list of training events in 2010 had also been received and Members were asked to notify the Clerk if they wanted to attend any of the workshops. An invoice to renew the annual training fee from 1st April 2010 was noted and payment of £45 was approved.

3d. NKDC Consultation Draft Rural Affordable Housing Plan: This document had been brought forward from the meeting on 21st December 2009 for review. The concept was explained as a means for parish councils to work with communities. It was pointed out that Canwick was included in the Ward base with Heighington & Washingborough villages. It was reported that there was a deal of evidence in the Canwick Parish Plan, but there were also difficulties with Canwick being such a small community whether there was sufficient demand to meet the exception criterion as there was no building land available within the village curtilage. Members were however encouraged by the policies in the document and were hopeful that we would be kept informed.

4. Planning

4a. Decision Notice - Tree Work at Beau Vista, Hall Drive, Canwick: Proposed works to trim and reduce by 20% - T1 Holly tree covered by tree preservation order N213 had been granted on 21 December 2009.

4b. N/17/0002/10 Demolition of existing single storey flat roof extension, internal alterations and new pitched roof to single storey extension at Rivendell, 2 Glebe End, Canwick: Members reviewed the details of the proposals and there were no objections raised. It was agreed to return this comment to NKDC.

5. Environment:

Highways Issues: Cllr Hales reported complaints from residents following the start of development on a piece of land on Pelham Lane. Cllr Carrington declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the debate. Cllr Hales advised about mud on the road and damage to the metalled surface along Pelham Lane. He observed that the road had been swept by the contractor that day. Cllr Narborough also mentioned complaints that he had received about the same problems from distressed residents. Huge concrete slabs on large vehicles had been seen in the area and it was queried why smaller more appropriate vehicles could not be used; photographs of the area had also been taken. The Chairman updated on the actions that had already been undertaken by the Clerk to alert the appropriate authorities about the situation, but a response was awaited.

It was also reported that works at the western end of School Lane to renew the column on the 30mph and No Entry signs had started that day.

Reference was made to the recent inclement weather conditions and the sterling efforts by the refuse operators who had continued to empty waste bins on schedule. The Clerk was asked to forward a message to thank the NKDC team.

Cllr O'Melia recalled recent severe weather conditions and raised the issue of good neighbour relations to facilitate a service so that vulnerable people have basic needs if they cannot get around. It was agreed to explore opportunities by first raising the topic with the team who organise the Friday Coffee Morning with a view to adopting an emergency plan for such occasions.

6. Correspondence:

6a. LCC B.1188 Sleaford Road Branston - Carriageway Resurfacing Works: We had been notified of works planned to start at the end of February 2010 for a number of weekends from 7pm on a Friday to 10pm on a Sunday under a road closure. The diversion route via the B1188, B1178, A15, B1131, B1188, vice versa, would be sign posted in advance. However it was noted that the length of highway affected was on the Metheringham side of Branston village and only those wishing to travel beyond that point would be inconvenienced. It was agreed to post a notice about the works on the village website.

6b. Lincs Police Authority Appointment of Independent Member: A letter from the Lincolnshire Police Authority Deputy Chief Executive advised that they were looking to appoint an individual who resides or works in Lincolnshire. A copy of the advertisement and a poster were attached and we were asked to help promote the vacancy by displaying the notice in the village.

6c. NKDC 5th North Kesteven Annual Monitoring Report 2008/09: We had been informed about this document which had been approved by the Executive Board on 5th November 2009. It was available on the NKDC website www.n-kesteven.gov.uk but a printed copy could be provided on request. This was noted by the Chairman for information.

6d. NKDC Roundabout Sponsorship: The District Council's acceptance of planning applications for roundabout sponsorship was noted by the Chairman for information.

6e. Emda News Winter Edition 2009: The receipt of this publication was noted by the Chairman and passed on to Cllr Narborough.

Additional correspondence had been received after the agenda had been printed and Members agreed to review it.

6f. Register of Interest: The Member Services Officer at NKDC advised that the Standards Committee at NKDC had undertaken a spot check inspection of the Register of Interest held for all district and parish councillors. The majority of the registers were in order but there were some issues surrounding a small number of them. In this regard we were reminded that it is a Councillors' individual responsibility to maintain an accurate register and that failure to do so constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct for elected members. The importance to update the register of interests periodically as circumstances changed was reaffirmed.

6g. Lincolnshire Police: A 6th monthly update in a leaflet format from the Chief Constable was noted for information. Members were also forewarned about restructuring and rebranding to neighbourhood policing areas in the west division that will be in place by 1st April this year.

6h. East Midlands Fire & Rescue Control Centre: The receipt of brochures updating about this initiative was noted for information. Cllr Narborough took the publications to read.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group - Update: The Chairman reported the untimely death of the dog warden at the end of December 2009, and advised that he had attended the funeral the previous week, which was very well attended. He then updated on the business discussed at the Four Parishes Meeting on 13th January 2010, which included a presentation about youth councils. Members agreed that they could support this initiative in principle.

8. Parish Plan Steering Group - Update, Parish Plan Consultation: Cllr Carrington advised that the consultation period had closed on 11th January 2010 and noted that there had been an encouraging number of replies. It was anticipated that the Plan and an Action Plan could be reviewed by the Parish Council, prior to the document being approved at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on 19th April 2010.

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: A statement was reviewed by Members (copy on minute file). This showed a balance of £6220.13 in the savings account and £368.36 after the clearance of the un-presented cheques. This was verified by a three quarter year bank reconciliation statement. The position was noted and approved by Members.

9b. Payments due in January: It was noted that the annual grant for £325 had been handed over to the PCC Treasurer at the beginning of January. An Invoice had been received from Cllr Narborough for £208.40 to recover expenses for paper, presentation folders and a toner cartridge associated with the printing of the Parish Plan and payment was approved.

9c. Transfer of Funds: A transfer of £250 from the savings account to the current account to meet the expenses payable was approved.

9d. Precept 2010/2011: Members were advised that the precept request for £5,000 had been submitted to NKDC.

10. Urgent Items for Information:

10a. Cllr Narborough advised that the signage for the platform lift in the Village Hall was complete.

10b. Members were advised that following the completion of the refurbishments at the Village Hall the Trustees would be meeting to discuss the opening ceremony. It was hoped that arrangements could be made for late winter, early spring.

10c. The dates for refuse bin collections was queried. It was confirmed that there were no changes and the dates were already on the NKDC website.

10d. The notice about the parish council vacancy was queried and it was also confirmed that the poster was still displayed on the website and village notice board.

11. Date of the Next Meeting - Monthly Meeting on Monday 15th February 2010, at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick. Starting at 7.30pm