

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 18th July 2011 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick. District/County Councillor R. Oxbey, PCSO Paul Flannigan and the Clerk were also present.

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

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Griffin who was away at a funeral and Cllr Mrs Brighton. The Chairman declared a personal interest in the planning item 4b as he lives next door to the site.

2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 20th June 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.

3. Matters Arising:

PCSO Paul Flannigan reported one recorded crime during the month which related to criminal damage on the allotments. He also stated the Road Safety Partnership at Witham House were aware of a complaint about speeding on Canwick Hill and are putting measures in place to monitor it.

Cllr Hales asked that thanks be recorded for the support of the police at the village fete.

3a. Information Packs for New Residents: No new packs issued this month. Cllr Narborough had generated two new packs to be delivered to Holly Cottage and Stone Cottage.

3b. Web Site: Routine maintenance had been carried out. Cllr Carrington had completed a leaflet drop in the village for the NKDC Broadband Speed Survey. He had also produced notices for the village hall and the notice board and published an article on the website. There had been a good response so far with a vast range of speeds reported.

3c. Development at the Dower House: Cllr Carrington updated members on a detailed e-mail received from the NKDC Enforcement Team earlier that day. Enforcement officers agreed a breach of the rules had taken place. However they did not consider it expedient to take action to ensure the wall was rebuilt in the correct materials. Instead they considered the application of a surface tint to the bricks to be adequate. They had been assured that the brick tint carried 'a lifetime guarantee'. Notwithstanding the fact that the wall had only just begun construction when they were first notified that the wrong bricks were being used, the Enforcement team did not consider that it would have been appropriate to issue a temporary stop order. Members expressed concern that the wall, if finished, was unsatisfactory and that the process appeared to have been flawed. Cllr Carrington had already requested clarification from Enforcement on a number of points but had not yet received any reply. He would report back to members when and if responses were received.

3d. Bus Stop Request: The Chairman had visited the parishioner who had made the request to update him on progress. The parishioner had expressed appreciation of the Council's efforts in the matter.

3e. Highways Village Walk 5th August: Members were reminded that the 'Walk around the Village' with Highways is on 5th August at 2pm meeting in the Village Hall car park. Cllr Carrington offered his apologies as he is away on holiday. Cllr Mrs Griffin, who will also be on holiday, sent her apologies.

4. Planning:

4a. 11/0572/HOUS – Erection of conservatory to side elevation – Elysium, Pelham Lane: Ongoing

4b. 11/0635/FUL – Alteration to form new MOT Bay with 2No. new external doors and associated signage – Canwick Hill Garage: The Chairman explained that the Planning Committee had already submitted a 'no comments' response as the deadline had been before the meeting. The submitted response was endorsed by all members.

4c. 11/0674/OHL – Rebuild the existing 33kv overhead line - Parishes of Metheringham, Dunston, Nocton, Potterhanworth, Branston, Heighington, Washingborough and Canwick: The Chairman explained that as far as Canwick were concerned it was like for like and as the deadline was due before the meeting a 'no comments' response had been submitted by the Planning Committee. The submitted response was endorsed by all members.

5. Environment:

5a. Highways Issues: Cllr Hales said there had been complaints about the piece of land at the junction of Hall Drive and Grange Lane opposite Canwick Hall. There are overhanging nettles and the whole area looks generally untidy. He had spoken to Trevor Hines from LCC who informed him it is the responsibility of Jesus College to maintain. It was suggested the Clerk write to them asking for maintenance work to be carried out. Cllr Mrs Vince will e-mail the Clerk contact details for Jesus College.

Cllr O'Melia stated there was a pothole on Pelham Lane outside Wisteria House. Cllr Hales will report to Highways at LCC.

6. Correspondence:

6a. What's On July 2011: This had been e-mailed out to members.

6b. North Division Travel & Transport Briefing for Spring/Summer 2011 and Programme of Works July/September 2011: This had been e-mailed out to members.

6c. RPS Group – Odour Nuisance and Complaints: The Chairman asked members if they wanted to look at supporting documentation on the matter.

6d. LCC – Community Wildlife Grant: The Chairman asked members if they knew of anyone who might be interested in applying. Cllr O'Melia suggested putting information on the notice board. Cllr Mrs Vince will pass on to the Playing Fields Committee.

6e. Sa Fire Festival: The Chairman asked for member's views and it was unanimously agreed that our policy was to make grants internally within the village and that we could not justify supporting an event that does not benefit the village.

6f. LALC News: A copy had been provided to each member and was taken as read. The Chairman asked members to look at the forthcoming training events and if they wished to attend any to let the Clerk know. He also asked if any members wished to join the LALC County Committee to contact the Clerk for a nomination form.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group: The Chairman reported that amongst other topics on the agenda for the meeting on 6th July there was a presentation on the H.E.L.P. Scheme covering the benefits and eligible criteria. Cllr Narborough stated that many parishioners had already availed themselves of this information via the fortnightly coffee mornings.

8. Parish Plan Steering Group: Cllr Carrington reported that this was almost finished and should be available for approval ahead of the September meeting.

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: The Chairman reported that the Public Works Loan payment of £258.87 had been paid from the current account on 2nd June as previously agreed. This was the only transaction that month and the balances on 30th

June were – Current Account £194.80 and Deposit Account £9237.63. Subsequently, the Veolia invoice for May had been paid as also was the tax on the Clerk's salary as it was due before the meeting. These payments were endorsed.

9b. Payments Due in July: Item 9d. Clerks salary £240.39 after tax is due for payment for the previous three months. The Chairman asked for clearance to pay up to three Veolia invoices if they became due during the August recess. The Dog Warden invoice was also due as was an invoice for admin supplies from Heighington Parish Council. The payments were all agreed.

9c. Transfer of Funds: No transfers were necessary at this stage. However, clearance was given for transfers to be made during the forthcoming recess as and when the payments mentioned in 9b were due.

9d. Clerk's Salary: See item 9b.

10. Urgent Items for Information: Cllr Oxby reported that LCC had won a top award as the Government's Website of the Year.

11. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 19th September 2011 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.