

The Monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick on Monday 16th March 2009 at 7.30pm. District Cllr Clarke was present.

Councillors: Councillor L.J. Pennell - Chairman
 Councillor I.C. Carrington
 Councillor Mrs C.M. Griffin
 Councillor M.T. Hales
 Councillor R.C. Narborough
 Councillor L. O'Melia

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to those present.

1. Apologies & Declarations of Interest: Apologies from PCSO Carol Daman-Willems, District/County Cllr Oxby and Cllr Mrs Brighton were noted. Cllr Carrington and Cllr Mrs Griffin declared a prejudicial interest in item 11d, when a possible application for a Public Works Loan for work on the Village Hall would be discussed, as they were both trustees on the Village Hall.

2. Parish Council Vacancy: The Chairman reported that a notice to advertise the vacancy had been displayed on the notice board in the village and on the village website.

3. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 16th March 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 and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Matters Arising:

4a. page 1 item 3a Information Packs for New Residents: The re-printing of the packs had been held until the parish council vacancy had been filled.

4b. page 1 item 3b Web Site: Routine maintenance had been undertaken over the past month.

5. Planning:

5a. Decision Notice - Erection of replacement play area at Canwick Playing Field, Heighington Road: The Chairman was pleased to report that planning permission had been granted on 26th February 2009. The particulars of the decision had been received from NKDC and were read out and noted. Members were also advised that the equipment would be delivered on 7th April for installation on the following day. Members congratulated the Playing Field Committee for their sterling efforts.

5b: Cllr Carrington updated the meeting on the adoption of the Regional Spatial Strategy as the new East Midlands Regional Plan. This would replace the Lincolnshire Structure Plan in the local development plan, and key points included housing provision and the emphasis on the preservation of the Lincoln Green Wedges.

6. Highways:

6a. Highways Issues: Cllr Hales said that he had reported the loose bollard on Pelham Lane to Highways and had been told that a replacement would be installed in the near future. It was observed that the surface water gullies had been cleaned out in the village that day. The Highways Officer had been told about the wooden staircase that was still in situ at the western end of School Lane and advised that he would forward a reminder about its removal to the land owner.

6b. Dog Warden Report: An extract from the Four Parishes Dog Warden Report covering Canwick village was noted by the Chairman for information. Reference was made to an ongoing situation with a dog that keeps escaping from its owner's property and concern was raised that the dog could be aggressive on occasions. Members were informed that both PC Andy Brown and PCSO Carol Daman-Willems were aware of the problems and had spoken to the residents. In this respect it was felt that no

more could be done other than to forewarn our Dog Warden about the situation and keep reporting the incidence to the Police. This prompted a call for an update on the contact details for the Police especially the new PCSO. The Clerk was asked to progress.

6c. Litter: A request to NKDC to empty the litter bin at the top of Canwick Hill and for a litter pick along the (B1188) Lincoln Road was noted for information. A full litter bin at the junction of Hall Drive and Canwick Hill and the presence of cardboard and wood on the west side of the B1188 were reported by Members and the Clerk was asked to notify NKDC.

7. Correspondence:

7a. LCC Access Mapping and the Definitive Map - Public Rights of Way: LCC advised of recent changes to the way in which they make the Definitive Map available to Parishes. A paper working copy had been provided previously but has been replaced by a new electronic mapping system (GIS). Disappointment was expressed at this modification and the Clerk was asked to enquire about us retaining a paper copy for the Parish.

7b. Rural Services Community - Rural Services Network: An invitation to join this group was noted and the details were read out by the Chairman for information. It was decided not to join.

7c. Calor Lincolnshire Village of the Year Competition 2009: An invitation to enter this competition had been received and was noted for information. It was agreed that we would not enter the competition.

7d CPRE Affiliation and Best Kept Village Competition 2009: An invitation to join the Lincolnshire Branch of CPRE which included one free entry into the Lincolnshire Best Kept Village Competition was noted. The affiliation was declined. However, it was agreed that the village be entered into the BKV competition and Cllr Narborough volunteered to complete the entry forms and return them to the Competition Organiser at Community Lincs.

7e. LALC News No 133 February 2009: The latest edition of the LALC News had been copied to all Members and various topics were highlighted for information.

7f. Lincolnshire Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund: The availability of grant funding from this source was noted. Members were informed that the Trustees were going to re-apply for funds towards the refurbishment project at the Village Hall.

8. Four Parishes Cluster Group: The Chairman reported that the display boards had been ordered and the purchase of the IT and projector equipment was being progressed by the IT department at NK. The next meeting would take place on 8th April 2009 at the Washingborough Community Centre, where the garden scheme would be discussed. He considered that there was no where suitable in Canwick village and suggested that other larger villages might be better placed to take up the Canwick allocation and this was agreed.

9. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place at approximately 8pm on Monday 20th April 2009, following the monthly Parish Council meeting. District Cllr Mrs Brighton and District/County Cllr Oxby would be invited to make a report.

10. Parish Plan Steering Group: Members were advised that work was on-going.

11. Finance:

11a. Bank Account Update: A statement showing a balance of £5,738.71 in the deposit account and £323.25 in the current account following the clearance of a cheque for £68.99 was reported.

11b. Payments in March: The Clerk reported that we had still not received an invoice from Veolia Environmental Services for cutting the boundary hedge of the playing field and a revised bill from Lincolnshire County Council for the supply and installation of new signs to the Church. Three new invoices were presented to include a quarter year salary payment to the Clerk and a payment to Inland Revenue

for the same period, plus one to Heighington Parish Council to cover dog warden services, photocopying and a payment for use of their office facilities. These were all approved for clearance. An agreement to pay the outstanding accounts on receipt of same was renewed.

11c. Grants: Further information had been received from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) together with a contribution towards the notice board. A grant of £325 towards Churchyard expenditure in the 2008/09 financial year was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman and unanimously agreed.

11d. Public Works Loan: Cllrs Carrington and Mrs Griffin reaffirmed their prejudicial interest. Before leaving the room, they accepted the Chairman's offer of an opportunity to address the meeting as Trustees of the Village Hall. They explained that they were refining the plan to provide disabled access and facilities at the Hall. The project would now be done in stages, and they were preparing grant applications. They wished to seek confirmation that the Parish Council were still prepared to take out a Public Works Loan to provide funding from the Parish Council on behalf of the Village, as had been indicated late last year. This local commitment would need to be demonstrated when applying for other external funding. They then left the room. In discussion, the remaining Parish Councillors were unanimous in their continued support for taking out such a loan. Further, the Chairman confirmed that the Precept had been set to take account of the step. Cllrs Carrington and Mrs Griffin rejoined the meeting.

11e. Transfer of Funds: A transfer of up to £1,200 was provisionally authorised subject to further consultation with the Chairman by the Clerk following the receipt of outstanding invoices.

12. Urgent Items for Information: None raised.

13. Date of Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting would take place on Monday 20th April 2009 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road Canwick starting at **7pm**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.