

**A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick.** District Councillor Mrs M. Brighton OBE, District/County Councillor R. Oxby, PC Wayne Pilkington, PCSO Lisa Duckworth, 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 L. O'Melia  
Councillor Mrs Z. Vince.

**1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest:** There were no apologies for absence and no declarations of interest.

**2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 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.

PC Pilkington reported that there had been 3 reported crimes in the village in the previous month. Two of them were damage to motor vehicles which were both at Mill Lodge plus a theft.

The Chairman invited the resident to speak who informed us that North Kesteven are conducting a survey on Broadband coverage involving individuals determining their Broadband speed and then sending details to NKDC. Details can be downloaded and the resident suggested publicising it around the village with notices and possibly a flyer drop. It was felt that this should be done. The resident would send details of the scheme to the Webmaster. The resident elected to remain for the remainder of the meeting to observe.

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

**3a. Information Pack for New Residents:** These have been updated with the Clerks details and a set delivered to Montagu House.

**3b. Web Site:** Routine maintenance has been carried out. Cllr O'Melia enquired if we can tell how many people visit the site each month. Cllr Carrington, the Webmaster said that he could obtain a count and that the site is accessed regularly by a wide variety of users.

**3c. Provisional Meeting Calendar 2011-2012:** A provisional list of dates had been issued to each councillor to which all agreed. The Clerk to liaise with the Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall to check availability.

### **4. Planning:**

**4a. 10/1126/HOUS – Extension at 3 Pelham Lane:** The Chairman made everyone aware that a more complex appeal had been instigated for this allowing representations until 7<sup>th</sup> April. It was resolved that our previous objections would be reaffirmed. It was noted that a Planning Inspector would visit the site as part of his consideration of the appeal.

### **5. Environment:**

**5a. Highways Issues:** The report issued by Trevor Hines had been received and distributed. Various items on it were discussed. The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from L.C.C stating the street light on School Lane would

be reconnected on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Cllr Hales confirmed this had been done. It was also observed by Cllr Hales that in a couple of instances where black rubbish bags had been dumped these were removed in 2-3 days.

**5b. NKDC – Lighting Consultation:** The exact location is still to be decided on.

**5c. Proposed Litter Bin - School Lane/Canwick Hill Junction:** The Chairman will come back with a proposal for the siting of this next month.

**6. Correspondence:**

**6a. What's On March 2011:** The Chairman had displayed this in the Village Hall

**6b. Sports Surfacing Solutions:** The Chairman will forward this to the Secretary of the Playing Fields Committee for consideration.

**6c. The Great British Fish and Chip Supper:** This suggested holding an event on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was passed to Cllr Narborough for the Social Club to consider.

**6d. KOMPLAN Unique Playgrounds:** The Chairman would also forward this to the Secretary of the Playing Fields Committee for consideration.

**6e. Candidates Mini Nomination Packs:** The Chairman went through the election timetable and asked all councillors to complete their nomination forms by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March and deliver them to him. He would arrange for checking and their delivery to North Kesteven District Council ahead of the deadline.

**6f. Lalc news;** Various topics were discussed including the changing legislation of requiring two signatures on cheques or orders for payment. It is intended these changes will take effect later this year. Cllr Mrs Brighton raised concern about premature statements on the Localism Bill as it has not yet been passed.

**6g. L.C.C. Bus Services Reduction:** It was noted there were a number of cuts to the services in the evening. Cllr Hales was given the new bus timetable for the notice board. It was felt that whilst we were close enough to Lincoln for the changes to have little effect, other villages might have bigger issues. Cllr Narborough will display the Concessionary Bus Pass notice in the Village Hall.

**6h. Best Kept Village Competition:** After discussion it was resolved to decide whether to enter at the next meeting. Regardless, it was suggested by Cllr O'Melia that notices be put up to keep the village tidy.

**6i. Veolia – Grounds Maintenance Quotation:** It was decided the quotation was a nominal increase and to proceed with the usual 11 cuts a year as necessary and 1 hedge cut. Clerk to inform Veolia.

**7. Four Parishes Cluster Group:** The next meeting will be held at Washingborough Community Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. The Chairman stated that the Dog Warden Contract would be extended for a further year at an unchanged hourly rate. However as the subsidy from NKDC has nearly halved it would be more expensive this year. The Dog Warden report for February had just been received and the Clerk will e-mail out to everyone.

**8. Parish Plan Steering Group:** Cllr Carrington reported that the Plan will be finalised after the May elections.

**9. Finance:**

**9a. Bank Account Update:** Taking account of an outstanding cheque there will be £26.15 left in the current account. The balance of the deposit account is £6185.70.

**9b. Payments Due in March:** The Lalc subscription £126 (including VAT) is due for payment. A further invoice was received from Lalc for £6 for the Clerk's lunch on her training day. An end of year statement from Heighington Parish Council for the Dog Warden service had been received and we have £416.98 to pay. The Clerk's salary from 1/12/10 – 31/03/11 also has to be paid totalling £400.52 including income tax. The payments were agreed.

**9c. Transfer of Funds:** It was proposed by the Chairman to transfer £950 from the deposit account to cover these payments and this was unanimously agreed.

**9d. Clerk's Admin Arrangements with Heighington P.C.:** Heighington PC had agreed to allow the Clerk to use the photocopier at Heighington Parish Office @ 1p per copy. They would order our paper requirements along with theirs and store some ready for when photocopying is required. Periodic bills would be raised.

**9e. Clerk's Salary:** This had been dealt with under item 9b.

**9f. Lalc Subscription:** Payment of this when it came due had been agreed at an earlier meeting. It was now due (see item 9b).

**10. Urgent Items for Information:** The Chairman had received a complaint from a resident about loud industrial hammer noises during the night and early morning. After discussion it was felt that these activities occurred within the Lincoln City boundary and had taken place for many years. Whether they could be heard largely depended on wind direction.

Community Consultation Ltd had sent details of a Parish Council insurance scheme underwritten by Zurich which we will hold until renewal date and compare.

Jenny Bailey from NKDC had asked to be made aware of any street closures in Canwick for Royal Wedding street parties on the 29<sup>th</sup> April as refuse collection is as normal that day. There were none known.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.