

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 19th September 2011 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick. District/County Councillor R. Oxby 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: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Brighton and the Police.

A report had been received from the police stating that from 18/07/2011 – 19/09/2011 there had been two reported crimes in the parish, one burglary and one criminal damage.

2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 18th July 2011: The notes from this meeting had been distributed to each member and were taken as read. Cllr Mrs Griffin asked for an amendment to item 3e as she had also offered her apologies for the 'Walk around the Village on 5th August. This was agreed and subject to this amendment the notes were unanimously accepted and approved for signing.

3. Matters Arising:

3a. Information Packs for New Residents: Cllr Narborough stated that he had issued three new packs to Holly Cottage, Stone Cottage and Sibthorpe Gardens. He was also going to supply two further packs, one to Sunnyholme and one to new residents in Cathedral View.

3b. Web Site: Routine maintenance had been carried out.

3c. Development at the Dower House: Cllr Carrington updated members following a meeting at NKDC about the matter. A staff training programme is now in progress and it is planned that there will be an overlap in the planning and enforcement functions in future. The Dower House wall is to be monitored over the next four years to see if there is any degradation to the tint applied.

4. Planning:

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

4b. 11/0635/FUL – Alteration to form new MOT Bay with 2No. new external doors and associated signage – Canwick Hill Garage: Passed.

4c. 11/0674/OHL – Rebuild the existing 33kv overhead line - Parishes of Metheringham, Dunston, Nocton, Potterhanworth, Branston, Heighington, Washingborough and Canwick: Passed.

4d. 11/0957/HOUS – Single storey side/front extensions and alterations. Replacement roof to include increase in roof height, - The Pines, Pelham Lane: The plans were displayed for members to view. Cllr Carrington had already received an objection from a neighbour. After discussion it was agreed the principle of the development was fine but we would object on the grounds of the roof design and its increased height. The Clerk was asked to send an appropriate response.

4e. 11/0919/HOUS – Erection of single storey front and rear extensions - Canwick Chase, Heighington Road:

As the deadline had been before the meeting the Planning Committee had submitted a 'no comments' response. This was endorsed by members.

4f. 11/0823/HOUS – To erect ground mounted solar PV system in rear garden – Copperfield, Sibthorp Gardens:

The Chairman explained that the Planning Committee had submitted a 'no comments' response as the deadline had been during the August recess. This was endorsed by members.

5. Environment:

5a. Highways Issues: Cllr Hales gave a brief summary on the 'Walk around the village' with Highways on 5th August.

Following complaints from several parishioners who attended the meeting LCC staff would monitor the speed of traffic on Heighington Road. Cllr Carrington enquired of Cllr Oxby if we should have been informed of works by Openreach which included erection of temporary traffic lights on Heighington Road over the previous weekend. Cllr Oxby stated they may not need to communicate if essential works are being carried out. Cllr Hales would speak to Trevor Hines about the matter.

It was noted from Cllr Narborough that the Pelham Lane sign at the junction with School Lane had been taken down.

Cllr Mrs Griffin commented on the fact that she feels the village is generally untidy and Cllr Oxby was asked if it was the responsibility of LCC to sweep the footpaths. The Clerk was asked to check with Heighington Clerk to see who maintains their footpaths and also to enquire of NKDC as to what is maintained and by whom.

6. Correspondence:

6a. Help your Community Flourish: Noted.

6b. LALC Annual Report: The report was made available for all to see. The Chairman asked anyone who wished to attend the AGM and Conference on 15th October to inform the Clerk.

6c. LCC Parking Policy Draft Consultation: Noted. The Chairman asked Cllr Oxby if he had any further information on the matter. He had nothing to add.

6d. LCC – Cricket Pitches: Noted. The Chairman stated we no longer have a useable cricket pitch.

6e. RHS – Britain in Bloom: Cllr Carrington suggested we could have a local Best Kept Garden competition similar to what Heighington do. The idea is to be followed up at the next meeting and the Chairman suggested the possibility of combining it with the Jubilee celebrations next year.

6f. NKDC – Monthly What's On: These had been e-mailed to members and were noted.

6g. Community Lincs Autumn Review & Autumn Debate: Cllr Narborough will attend this and report back at the next meeting. The Chairman asked if anyone else wished to attend.

6h. Globe Consultancy Limited – Services to Support Local Communities: Noted. The details are to be kept on file for future use if required.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group:

7a. Dog Warden Reports: These had been e-mailed out to members and were noted.

7b. Service Level Agreements: The Chairman stated NKDC seek feedback about how the money is used for Dog Wardens and Litter Pickers.

7c. Date of Next Cluster Meeting: The next Cluster meeting is Wednesday 5th October 7.30pm at Washingborough Community Centre.

8. Parish Plan Steering Group: Cllr Carrington stated he will e-mail members the revised edition shortly

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: The Chairman stated the balance on the current account was £83.74 and the deposit account balance was £8987.63

9b. Payments & Transfers since Previous Meeting: £250 had been transferred from the deposit account to cover the Clerks salary April - June as previously agreed.

9c. Payments Due in September: Item 9e. Clerks salary £240.39 plus £60.00 PAYE is due for payment for the period July- September. Veolia invoices totalling £303.39 for the previous three months were also due for payment. These payments were both agreed.

9d. Transfer of Funds: The Chairman proposed to transfer £550 from the deposit account to cover these expenses. This was unanimously agreed.

9e. Clerk's Salary: See item 9c.

10. Urgent Items for Information: Cllr Oxby reported the latest LCC funding position for the by-pass. He also stated that a Consultation had started on funding for Adult Social Care. The Chairman asked Cllr Oxby if the Council could re-issue the Winter weather guidance notes from last year. He also stated he had completed and submitted the Pre-winter questionnaire as requested.

It was noted that the 2011/2012 Footway Lighting Programme had been received and the Clerk was asked to submit a request for the new light outside the Care Home on Hall Drive.

A letter from East Midlands Councils was read out by the Chairman promoting the benefits of Associate Membership. It was agreed that as we are members of LALC it was not required.

11. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 17th October 2011 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.