

**The Monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm.** District Cllr Mrs Brighton OBE, District Cllr Clarke and County/District Cllr Oxby were present.

Councillors:                    Councillor L.J. Pennell - Chairman  
                                      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:** The Chairman reported that Cllr Canner wished to stand down from the Parish Council and it was agreed to notify the NKDC about the vacancy. An apology from Cllr I.C. Carrington was recorded. Cllr Mrs Griffin declared a personal interest in item 9c Grants, and this was acknowledged.

**2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 16th February 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.

**3. Matters Arising:**

**3a. page 1 item 3a Information Packs for New Residents:** The re-printing of the packs was in abeyance pending the receipt of updated information.

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

**3c. Payphone Provision:** No new information had been received on this topic.

**3d. Mobile Library Service:** Cllr Oxby advised that the County Council were looking into the situation. Cllr Clarke understood that the County Council were going to provide independent mobile library facilities in Canwick. It was agreed to forward a letter to the County Council to request an update following a letter from Washingborough PC indicating a willingness to transfer their mobile facilities to Canwick village.

**3e Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) - Verge Maintenance along B1188:** The Chairman recalled previous correspondence on this subject and advised that a meeting to discuss the enhanced verge maintenance was planned on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 starting at 7pm. Cllr Narborough volunteered to attend.

**4. Planning: None received at the time of printing the agenda.**

The Chairman noted a letter that had been sent to NKDC Planning in support of the proposal to install replacement play equipment at the Playing Field. District Cllrs reported that the development had been approved.

**Environment:**

**5a. Highways Issues:** The mechanical sweeper had swept the village that day and it was observed as being most efficient. A bollard on Pelham Lane had been hit by a vehicle and Cllr Hales agreed to report same to the Highways Officer.

During the meeting with Highways Officials last autumn they had suggested they would mandate the removal of the wooden staircase on the bank at the western end of School Lane. However, there had been no change to date. Cllr Oxby reported an observation about traffic dirt on the bus shelter on Canwick Hill. The Chairman recalled that we had also raised that issue with the Highway Officials when they toured

the village but no feed back had been received. It was agreed to pursue both matters with the Highways Officer.

**5b. Lincs Area Response Teams (ART):** The Chairman recalled a previous letter on this subject and introduced a further letter from the Highways department at the County Council to update about the project to roll out the scheme to groups of parishes. The work that ART is able to complete will depend on requirements identified from each parish and by the relevant Highways Officer. Additional items which have arisen since the initial contact could also be reported while the ART were working in the parish although it might not be possible to complete all items on the list in a single visit. It was emphasised that concerns of an urgent nature should continue to be reported as and when they occur to the Customer Services Centre. A list of appropriate works was noted by Members for information.

## **6. Correspondence:**

**6a. Standards Board:** The Chairman advised that we had been notified that a complaint had been registered about one of our number, but the NKDC Standards Assessment Panel had considered the matter and decided to take no further action. This he considered was a timely reminder about standards that were to be observed by everyone and referred to his attendance at a recent Code of Conduct seminar. Although there was nothing fundamentally new it was a useful refresher and copies of the presentation notes had been given to each Member for information.

**6b. Lincs Police Authority on-line Budget Survey:** The Lincolnshire Police Authority had notified us about a survey on its website and it was considered inappropriate for the Parish Council to respond. However, members could if they wished.

**6c. Area of Special Advertisement Control Review - Parish Council Consultation:** The NKDC advised that they had undertaken a review of this policy and reported that it was their intention to remove various villages from the Area of Special Advertisement but this did not include Canwick. The details were read out and noted by the Chairman for information.

**6d. Funding Fair at Coleby Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009:** The Community and Lottery Officer at NKDC notified of this event. Cllr Mrs Griffin indicated an interest to attend and the booking details were handed over for information.

**6e. Community Consultation Ltd:** A pack of items had been received from the Community Council of Lincolnshire and covered various items to include the Local Council Advisory Service provided by Zurich. Cluster meetings for village halls and playing field committees and training for those responsible for play grounds. Lincs2gether training and mentoring aimed at the voluntary and community sector to enable small/medium organisations to deliver on public sector projects and services. These were noted by the Chairman and it was agreed that the information be passed on to the relevant local organisations.

**7. Four Parishes Cluster Group:** The Chairman reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 meeting when it was agreed to use the devolved funds to purchase display boards, IT and projector equipment.

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

## **9. Finance:**

**9a. Bank Account Update:** There was no change to the balance in the deposit account at £5,738.71 or the current account at £557.24 as no spending had taken place in January 2009.

**9b. Payments in February:** An invoice from Veolia Environmental Services for cutting the boundary hedge of the playing field had still not been received and a revised bill from Lincolnshire County Council for the supply and installation of new signs to the Church was still awaited. Two new invoices were presented. One for £165.00 from NKDC to cover the annual costs to empty the dog bins, and the other for £68.99 to cover the costs to renew the hosting fee for the village website, and payment was approved.

**9c. Grants:** The annual award to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) towards churchyard expenditure was still held pending the receipt of further information.

**9d. Transfer of Funds:** A transfer of £800 was provisionally authorised subject to further consultation with the Chairman by the Clerk following the receipt of the outstanding invoices.

**10. Urgent Items for Information:**

**10a.** The sudden death of a resident was raised and a letter of condolence from the Parish Council was suggested.

**10b.** A break-in at a property along Heighington Road was reported it was understood that the miscreant was apprehended.

**10c.** It was reported that a set of polling booths were still held at the Village Hall as they had not been collected after the last elections. The Clerk was asked to notify Electoral Registration at NK

**10d.** Repairs to the wall had begun at the cemetery on Canwick Hill.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** The next monthly meeting would take place on Monday 16th March 2009 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road Canwick starting at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.