

The **Monthly meeting of the Parish Council** was held in the Village Hall Montagu Road, Canwick on Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.30pm. District Cllr Mrs Brighton OBE, District Cllr Clarke and Police Constable Andrew Brown were present.

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

Apologies & Declarations of Interest: Apologies from Cllr Mrs Griffin and District/County Cllr Oxby were recorded. Cllr Carrington declared a prejudicial interest in item 9e Public Works Loans and 9f Precept 2009/10, as he was also a Trustee on the Village Hall and this was acknowledged.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to those present. PC Brown updated on one reported incident over the past month which involved a forced entry at a property in Canwick on Christmas Eve. He recorded the appointment of PCSO Carol Damen-Willems who had joined the North Area Team on 5th January 2009. Carol was working alongside PSCO Gareth Walters before his move as a Police Constable at the end of the month. The Chairman raised the issue of Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership's (LRSP) enhanced verge maintenance regime along the B1188 and was interested to learn from PC Brown that he knew of no apparent improvement. Cllr Narborough raised transitory noise during the evening and recalled a previous incident when boy racers used the Tesco car park in Lincoln; he wondered if that practise was reoccurring. PC Brown said that he had not heard of any problems but he would speak with the local team manager for that area. However, he wondered if the sound was coming from the go-carting track as sometimes they leave the large doors open and this was noted. There were no further queries raised and PC Brown left the meeting at this point.

2. Clerk's Notes from the Meeting on 15th December 2008: 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: It was reported that re-printing of the packs had been held pending the receipt of updated information.

3b. page 1 item 3b Web Site: It was reported that copyright arrangements and the Freedom of Information Publicity Scheme had been posted on the village website. Cllr Carrington was thanked by the Chairman.

3c. Payphone Provision: Cllr Mrs Brighton reported that the District Council were working to support the parishes, some of whom have requested retention or removal with one exception where the situation was similar to the problems experienced at Canwick (i.e. coin slot blanked off). No written information had been received from NKDC.

3d. Mobile Library Service: In the absence of County Cllr Oxby there was no update regarding our enquiry to transfer the mobile service from Washingborough village. Cllr Narborough confirmed that he had supplied dates for coffee mornings. District Cllr Mrs Brighton reported that Washingborough PC had written a formal request to confirm that they were willing to transfer the two hours allocated for a mobile service from their Community Centre to Canwick village.

4. Planning:

4a. Erection of Replacement Play Equipment at the Playing Field, Heighington Road, Canwick: Members looked at the plans on deposit. The scheme had been produced by the Playing Field Committee following a consultation with residents. Members were pleased with the proposal and gave full support to the development.

4b. Appeal Decision Notice - Conversion and alterations/extensions to existing 9 garages and 2 flats to form 5 dwellings at The Dower House, Montague Road, Canwick: The Planning Inspectorate had dismissed the appeal by the applicant. A copy of the decision notice had been received and copied to each member. The details were noted by Members for information.

5. Environment:

5a. Highways Issues: It was reported that an accumulation of leaves on the footways along Hall Drive and at the end of School Lane had been reported to NKDC and the areas had now been cleared. New lights had been fitted into the No Entry signs at the end of School Lane so at long last they were illuminated. The dilapidated post on the 30mph speed sign at the same location still awaited repair. Litter bins on Canwick Hill and Hall Drive had not been emptied and the Clerk was asked to report the matter.

6. Correspondence:

6a. LRSP – Verge Maintenance along the B1188: The Project Manager at the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) asked for feed back about the enhanced verge maintenance work along this route. The first cut had reportedly taken place in October 2008. In addition a meeting was being planned in the near future and the availability of a parish representative was requested. No one had noticed that any work had been undertaken between Canwick and Ruskington (see Police Report). The request to attend a meeting was noted but it was agreed to await fuller details before making a commitment to attend a meeting.

6b. Cluster News December 2008: The Chairman highlighted various topics in this publication. An article entitled Your Favourite Green Space was raised with reference to the group of trees opposite Canwick Hall and those along the old coach road. The Chairman intended to attend a Code of Conduct seminar at Sleaford Offices and the Clerk was asked to notify the Member Services Officer at NKDC. A table of plans and strategies that NKDC were working on was noted. It was suggested that this type of information would be best notified to clerks direct as opposed to attaching a grid onto the cluster news publication. This would enable clerks and specialist members to act promptly and give parish councils more time to respond.

6c. NKDC Climate Change Strategy Consultation: The Community Initiatives Coordinator invited comment on the draft document by 28th January 2009. The particulars could be viewed on line at the NKDC website or a paper copy could be requested.

6d. Communities & Local Government Code of Practise on Local Authority Publicity Consultation: Cllr Carrington volunteered to view this document and notify of any comments for return.

It was agreed to review the following additional correspondence that had been received following the printing of the agenda.

6e. Mencap: An appeal for funding towards the work of this charity was noted and declined.

6f. Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association (LPFA): The Community Foundation advised on an endowment initiative and informed the availability of grants from the LPFA. Cllr Hales volunteered to pass this information to the Canwick Playing Fields Committee.

6g. Branston Community College: The Chairman noted an invitation to attend a forthcoming production at the College but declined as he would not be available on the date. The Clerk was asked to notify the College.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group: The Chairman summarised the business that had taken place at a meeting on 7th January 2009. Topics highlighted included the District Council's support to parishes in regard to BT's proposal to remove various payphones in the North Kesteven District. The work at Hill Holt Wood especially the initiative to work with young people to develop skills. Project scoping for two schemes in the four parishes cluster group as a result of the Healthy Lifestyles project. There was a plan to develop a gardening project and each of the parishes had been tasked to find 2 gardens and 2 volunteers to work those gardens. The second project involved bringing people of all ages together across the parishes to make a book entitled Food Glorious Food. The spending of the devolved funds on IT and

display equipment had also been approved and the goods were to be sourced. Washingborough PC had agreed to store and monitor the loan of the equipment.

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

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: It was reported that the balance in the deposit account was £5,738.71 with a balance of £557.24 in the current account. The situation was noted and accepted by Members.

9b. Payments in January: An invoice from Veolia Environmental Services for cutting the boundary hedge of the playing field had still not been received. The previous authorisation to pay the invoice on receipt was reaffirmed. Lincolnshire County Council had sent a £358.68 invoice to cover the charges for the supply and installation of new signs to the Church. Unfortunately, the invoice had been addressed to Heighington PC and the Clerk had asked for an invoice with the correct council name to avoid problems at audit. A revised invoice was awaited.

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

9d. Transfer of Funds: A transfer of £600 was provisionally authorised subject to further consultation with the Chairman by the Clerk.

9e. Public Works Loan: Cllr Carrington's declared interest was acknowledged. Discussion on this topic was held until we had been advised about the amount that might be required.

9f. Precept 2009/2010: The declared interest of Cllr Carrington was noted and he left the meeting at this point. The Chairman recalled a preliminary discussion at the previous meeting and updated on the particulars regarding the Village Hall refurbishment scheme and the public works loan to help fund the work. He reaffirmed that last year's precept had been £4,400 and that we had provisionally looked at a figure of £5,000 for the forthcoming year. In discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hales and seconded by Cllr Narborough that a precept of £5,000 be approved and this was unanimously agreed. The Clerk was asked to submit a request for a precept of £5,000 to meet the expenses payable by the Council during the 2009/2010 financial year. Cllr Carrington rejoined the meeting.

10. Urgent Items for Information: None raised.

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

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