

A meeting of Canwick Parish Council was held on Monday 20th September 2021 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick. The Clerk, District Cllr Tinsley, District Cllr Goodwin and one Parishioner (Graham Wallis) were also present.

Present: Councillor L.J. Pennell – Chairman
Councillor I.D. Carrington – Vice-Chairman and District Councillor
Councillor H.L. Dowson
Councillor R.C. Narborough
Councillor L.T. O’Melia

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: Apologies had been received from Cllr Griffin and County Cllr Cawrey. Cllr Carrington stated as a District Councillor he would not be able to give an opinion on Items 4a and 4b. The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4d as he is a neighbour. The Chairman reminded members they could make the appropriate declaration at any stage should it become necessary.

2. Clerk’s Notes from the Meeting held on 26th July 2021: The notes from this meeting had been distributed to each member. The Chairman proposed the notes be accepted and approved as minutes for signing and this was unanimously agreed.

3. Matters Arising:

3a. Information Packs for New Residents: None. The Chairman suggested that long term the pack could be modified and published on the website.

3b. Website: The Chairman reported the new website is now fully functioning. He asked members if they thought of anything that should be published on the website to let himself or the Clerk know.

3c. Defibrillator Maintenance: The Chairman stated that the replacement pads and ChargePak battery had been ordered but unfortunately there was a worldwide delay with the products encompassing all makes of defibrillator and delivery is anticipated to be approximately 12 weeks. It was noted that the defibrillator indicates that the batteries are beyond their normal life but that the manufacturer’s advice was that the device still works until the spanner symbol shows when it should then be taken out of service.

4. Planning: The Chairman reminded members that all District Councillors present could not express an opinion on any of the planning items.

4a. 16/1564/OUT – Canwick Heath Development: The Chairman stated we were still awaiting confirmation of the date for the NKDC Planning Committee meeting.

4b. 20/0057/OUT – Land off Sleaford Road Bracebridge Heath: The Chairman stated this was scheduled to go before the NKDC Planning Committee on 30th September. It was noted that although it does not go into our Parish a significant proportion of the site lies within the SUE.

4c. 21/1124/FUL – Demolition of Existing Bungalow and Single Detached Garage and Erection of a Two Storey Detached Dwelling, Carport and Entrance Gates – Danum, Grange Lane: This had been e-mailed to members. It was noted this is a new application for a single property on the site. After discussion it was agreed we would support the

application although there appeared to be some inaccuracies with the boundary and a potential issue of overlooking. The Clerk to reply accordingly.

4d. 21/1086/TPO – Tree Works – The Gables, Pelham Lane: Refused by NKDC

4e. 21/0881/HOUS – Demolition of Detached Single Garage and Erection of Detached Double Garage – Pantiles, Pelham Lane: Passed by NKDC.

4f. 21/1027/HOUS – Demolition of Existing Conservatory and Erection of a New Garden Room and Extension to Existing Detached Garage – 3 Pelham Lane: No update.

4g. 21/1164/PNDEM – Demolition of Canwick Park Club House – Canwick Park Golf Club, Washingborough Road: The Chairman reported this had been refused initially because of tree related issues and had been re-submitted. It was agreed we remain supportive.

4h. Central Lincolnshire Local Plan: The Chairman reported we had submitted comments supporting the draft revised Plan in principle.

4i. Items Notified since Publication of the Agenda: None.

5. Environment:

5a. Highways Issues: Cllr Carrington praised the efficiency of LCC Highways ‘Fix My Street’ after he reported a flickering light on the corner of Grange Lane and Heighington Road which had been repaired quickly. Cllr Dowson reported that the pothole just before the bollards on Pelham Lane was increasing in size. The Clerk to report via ‘Fix My Street’.

Cllr O’Melia reported a fridge freezer on the verge near Sheepwash Farm. The Clerk to report to Jenny Bailey at NKDC.

5b. Overgrown Hedging/Footpaths: It was noted that the overhanging branches on Heighington Road from a Willow tree at Greenacres on Sibthorp Gardens had been cut back. County Cllr Cawrey had also cut back the hedge affecting the footpath/cycleway to Branston alongside the B1188 from Mill Lodge towards the lay-by on the eastern side of the road. The Chairman had spoken to her and had been disappointed to learn that she had been criticised by LCC officers for doing so. It appeared she had acted before they had served a lengthy notice period on the landowner. It was felt that perhaps the state of the hedging was an annual issue and that notice could have been served earlier.

5c. Sewage Leak – Uppingham, Hall Drive: Cllr O’Melia reported that he had received a call from Anglian Water confirming his drain was clear and that the problem was with the drain at Uppingham. Cllr Carrington will investigate further with NKDC.

5d. Tree Planting Scheme: The Chairman reported that the Playing Field Committee had applied to participate in the scheme.

6. Correspondence:

6a. NKDC Parish Funding – Litter Picking Grant: This had been e-mailed to members. The Chairman stated there is a grant available for a litter picker and asked members if they knew of anyone that might be interested to let himself or the Clerk know.

6b. Police Correspondence: This had been e-mailed to members and was noted.

6c. Trees in Canwick Churchyard: An email had been received from the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council and forwarded to members. The Chairman stated they are facing a drain on their limited resources of approximately £900 to have two dead trees removed from the churchyard. Cllr Carrington suggested we should help support them. The Chairman suggested we bring the annual grant forward and increase it to £1000. All agreed. It was also agreed to review our financial again in December with a view to providing a further grant.

6d. NKDC Good Cause Launch: This had been e-mailed to members. The Chairman asked members if they knew of a charity or group that might be interested to let himself or the Clerk know.

6e. LCC – Volunteering Days: This had been e-mailed to members. The Chairman stated it is one project for each division. Noted.

6f. NKDC – Recycling: This had been emailed to members. It was noted that NKDC staffs were aware there was an issue with the depression in the lid of the purple bin which could allow a little water to enter the bin when opened. However, the advice was that the quantity of water did not affect the quality of the recycled paper and card.

6g. Lalc News Hard Copies – Price Increase: Lalc had increased the price of the hard copies of Lalc News so the Chairman suggested we no longer subscribe. All agreed.

6h. Brylaine Bus Service: The Chairman invited Graham Wallis to describe his concerns on the situation with the service. He stated that the IC5 service has now been re-routed at the Branston by-pass roundabout and does not serve Canwick at all. The Chairman had asked Cllr Cawrey to investigate and we are awaiting an update. It was noted the Stagecoach bus service is much less frequent and does not run at weekends. Cllr Carrington questioned if the Brylaine service is subsidised and suggested we need more information before we can take the matter any further. It was noted the Call Connect service is very good but needs a bit of tweaking. It was agreed we would wait for more detail on contractual arrangements from LCC.

6i. Items Received since Publication of Agenda: An e-mail had been received from Washingborough Parish Council reporting on the success of the recent Washingborough and Heighington scarecrow festival. It is expected to be held again next year and we have been asked to consider if we would like to participate. The Clerk to forward the e-mail to the Playing Field Association, the Parochial Church Council and the Social Club asking them to put before their committees to see if there is any interest. Cllr Goodwin stated it has been very successful in Bracebridge Heath.

7. Four Parishes Cluster Group: No update.

8. County and District Councillor Reports:

No County Council report.

A District Council report had been received and e-mailed to members. Noted.

Cllr Tinsley stated the Pitts Road/Sheepwash Lane junction in Heighington is dangerous and there had been numerous accidents. He stated that more signage and white lines are needed.

9. Finance:

9a. Bank Account Update: The Chairman reported that on 31st August 2021 the balance on the deposit account was £13,812.55 which included £3.40 new interest in July and £3.52 in August. The current account balance was £336.54 with two cheques totalling £274.58 outstanding leaving a net balance of £61.96.

9b. Website Maintenance: The Chairman confirmed the contract had started with Lalc at £15 per month plus VAT and we had paid the invoice of £126 for services from 01/09/21 – 31/03/22 as previously agreed.

9c. Clerk's Salary July – September: This had been e-mailed to members. The Clerk's salary for the period July – September 2021 totalling £375.84 was due for payment. Payment agreed.

9d. Payments made since Last Meeting: A payment of £148.58 was made to Glendale on the 17th August for grass cutting weeks ending 2nd and 16th July. A payment of £126 was made to Lalc on the 19th August for website maintenance from 01/09/2021 to 31/03/2022. These payments had been agreed at the last meeting.

9e. Payments due in September: See 6c and 9c. A direct debit of £35 was due to be taken on 30th September for the Data Protection Fee. The Chairman sought reimbursement of £229 for the purchase of a printer and 5 spare toners for the Clerk's use. All payments agreed.

9f. Transfer of Funds: The Chairman proposed transferring £1800 from the deposit account to the current account to cover the payments due. All agreed.

9g. Audit: The Chairman stated we had advertised the appropriate forms on the website and the notice board for the requisite period. No parishioners had requested to view so the FY2020/21 audit was now complete.

10. Urgent Items for Information: None.

11. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 18th October 2021 at the Village Hall, Montagu Road, Canwick.

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

Signed:

Date: