

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2010**

Community Centre – This item was discussed prior to the main meeting. The Clerk presented a further detailed update on the current income and expenditure accounts. In terms of the heating issue it was agreed that recent electricity bills would be analysed with regard to checking that the most appropriate tariff was being applied, and that the Clerk should obtain estimates for providing gas to the building. It was also agreed that appropriate notices, together with attendant lined bins should be provided in the ladies toilet.

Public Participation – The issue of horses on the Commons was raised, with particular regard to the numbers, both legal and illegal, which are currently perceived to be a threat to the environment, and often a danger to the public. Accordingly, District Cllr Blezard agreed to take the matter up immediately with the responsible Officers at WMDC.

A Parishioner also raised the issue of the refusal, on appeal, for residential development adjacent to Went Farm, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield. It was agreed to discuss this matter under Planning Matters later in the meeting.

Clerk's Progress Report – A number of issues were reported, as follows:

- The Inspector's report, following the hearing into the Appeal against refusal of retrospective Planning Approval for development at "Pineapple Farm", is still awaited.
- The installation of permanent bollards at the Black Road end of "Footpath No 4" has been promised for the current financial year by WMDC.
- The provision of 4 village signs for Warmfield has also been indicated as imminent by WMDC.
- The support of the Parish Council for the proposed Heath Classic Transport Rally, to be held on Heath Common on 16 May 2010, has been registered with WMDC.
- An Email, dated 27/02/10, flagging up a number of highway issues raised at the last meeting, has been sent to WMDC Highways.
- In addition, a letter, dated 02/03/10, complaining about the problems of vehicle "rat running" through the Parish, has also been sent to WMDC Highways.

Finance – The Clerk provided a statement on the financial position of the Parish Council, for the end of the financial year, and presented appropriate cheques for payment.

Planning Matters

The following Applications were discussed.

East Pavilion, Heath – Tree Pruning & Crown Raising – Approved by WNDC.

Rose Cottage Bungalow, Heath – Conversion of Existing Building to Dwelling House – Application Withdrawn.

(A letter of objection, dated 26/02/10, was sent to both Planning Services & Legal Services at WMDC,)

NEW APPLICATIONS

Goosehill Cottage, Goosehill Lane, Warmfield – Erection of Stable Block, Hay Store & 1.8m high Fence. (Retrospective) – No Objections from PC.

59 Elsicker Lane, Warmfield – Demolition of Existing Garage & S/S Extension – New 2 Storey Extension & Dormers – No Objection from PC.
The refusal of Planning Approval, on Appeal, for Residential Development adjacent to Went Farm, was discussed in detail. Accordingly, it was agreed to instruct the Clerk to write to WMDC to register the fact that the main reason for refusal (detrimental affect on “Openess”) is not considered to be robust, and that the majority of residents would prefer to see development of this untidy site.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – Cllr Fisher confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee was to be held on 20 April 2010, and a report would be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr Crowther reported that no date had been fixed for the next meeting.

Welbeck liaison Committee Cllr Wilby provided a report from the last meeting of the Committee, held on 11 March 2010, and confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for 10 June 2010.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly site inspections, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report.

Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group – The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of this Group is scheduled for Wednesday 21 July 2010 at 2.00pm, in the Featherstone Old Town Hall.

Future Speakers – The Clerk reported that a speaker from the Wakefield Magistrates Courts Community Engagement Initiative would be attending the meeting to be held on 15 September 2010.

Proposed ByeLaws for the Commons – Cllr Fisher confirmed that there was no further progress to report on this issue.

Correspondence

The following Item of Correspondence was reported upon:

- WMDC – Letter from Bernadette Livesey – Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services. (As the Officer responsible for Members Register of Interests, she would be organising Workshops in the near future.)

Additional Matters/Items for the Next Meeting

- The Clerk stated that he hoped to report on the review of Standing Orders for Local Councils at the next meeting.
- Cllr Wilby asked about the forthcoming Heath Common Fair. Cllr Smith reported that the Pre-Event meeting had recently been held and that all present were comfortable with the proposed arrangements.
- Cllr Smith reported that the incidence of “Lamping” for local wildlife was becoming an increasing problem. Anyone witnessing anything suspicious is urged to report it to the police on 08456 06 06 06.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 21 April 2010**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe, at 6.45pm.