

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Speakers – Denise Teale JP and Pat Coolien JP from the Wakefield Magistrates Community Engagement Initiative gave an entertaining talk on the work of the Wakefield Magistrates Bench. Both women have been Magistrates for over 10 years and explained that they see the work as a public duty, but rely on their employers for release of one day every two weeks. They pointed out that 3 Magistrates, a chair and two “wingers” make up a bench, all are independent and give judgements based strictly on sentencing guide-lines. They are lay people of good character who apply basic common sense to all decisions.

The talk was extremely well received, and a vote of thanks was given by Cllr Fisher.

Community Centre – The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had now audited the accounts of the Community Centre for the last financial year.

A Quotation for the supply of gas to the Community Centre had been received, and it was resolved to obtain some alternative quotes.

Public Participation – Concern was expressed with regard to the state of a section of Warmfield Lane, Warmfield, and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to both the prospective Developer, and to the new Minister for the Environment.

Clerk’s Progress Report – A number of Issues were reported as follows:

- The Clerk reported on correspondence received from the Planning Inspectorate, with regard to the “Pineapple Farm” Application, and it was resolved that we should now write again to the WMDC Enforcement Officer.
- The bollards recently erected at the end of “Footpath No 4” are to be complemented with additional bollards in the near future, but the proposed village signs for Warmfield are not now to be erected.
- The Clerk reported on recent correspondence regarding the situation with the horses on Heath Common. It was resolved that a meeting with the Chief Executive of WMDC should now be sought in order to resolve this issue.
- A letter sent to the owner of the Old School House, Warmfield has not yet received a response.
- The latest situation with regard to the recent incursion onto Common Land at Heath was set out by the Clerk and Cllr Fisher.
- Following the recent spate of burglaries in Kirkthorpe, the Clerk was instructed to make contact with PC Colette Duffy, who is responsible for this area.

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

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

76A Crossley Street, New Sharlston – 1 No Dwelling – Approved by WMDC.

Rose Cottage Bungalow, Heath – COU of Existing Building to Dwelling House – Refused by WMDC.

Plot 2, Holly Farm, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Conversion of Redundant Agricultural Buildings to form 3 No Dwellings – Approved by WMDC.

2 Elm Cottages, Heath – Renewal of PP for Two Storey Extension – Approved by WMDC.

West Pavilion, Heath – COU to Single Dwelling – Approved by WMDC.

NEW APPLICATIONS

3 Old Hall Courtyard, Heath – Crown Lifting.

12 Old Hall Cottages, Heath – Tree Pruning.

Went Farm, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Minor Amendments – Roof lights to Front and Side.

No Objections from the Parish Council to any of these Applications.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – Cllr Fisher provided a report of the last meeting, held on 27/07/10, with most discussion being on the issue of the recent incursion onto Common Land at Heath. The next meeting is to be held on 21/09/10.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr Wilby reported on the meeting held on 13/09/10. There were no issues affecting the Parish. The Chair of the Committee has resigned.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Cllr Wilby also reported on the last meeting, held on 09/09/10, which mainly consisted of a site visit, which was most informative. A copy of the minutes will be included in the Councillor's Packs for the next meeting.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey reported on the meeting held on 23/08/10, when she raised the issue of the recent spate of burglaries in Kirkthorpe.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly inspections, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report, Cllr Smith and the Clerk reported on their recent meeting with Jerry Harrington from WMDC, who is responsible for playing fields improvement and development. He is prepared to work up a scheme for improving the Kirkthorpe Play Area if an agreed plan can be developed by the community. It was resolved that a form should be placed in the Post Office to gauge public interest.

Town & Parish Liaison Group – the Clerk confirmed that the next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20 October 2010.

Future Speakers – Inspector Lisa Kirkland from WY Police, Normanton PCT, is scheduled to speak at the meeting scheduled for 17 November 2010.

Proposed Byelaws for the Commons – The Clerk confirmed that he is awaiting a response from DEFRA on this issue.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – LDF Specific Proposals – Cllr Haworth to attend the exhibition in Normanton Library.
- YLCA – New Chief Officer.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- The issue of Grit Bins was raised – The Clerk to write to WMDC Highways on this matter.
- It was agreed to send a copy of the Tender Documents for the Maintenance of the Burial Grounds to the PCC.
- Cllr Vasey raised the issue of over enthusiastic grass cutting in various areas. The Clerk to contact WMDC Grounds Maintenance.
- Cllr Wilby pointed out the poor state of highway maintenance in Goosehill Lane at Warmfield. The Clerk to contact WMDC Highways.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 20 October 2010**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe, at 7.00 pm.