

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

Community Centre – The Clerk reported on the financial position which remains positive. Cllr Gueli explained what has been done in terms of the heating system, which would now hopefully solve the problem. Following the degree of public interest in a possible upgrade of the Children’s Play Area, the appropriate Officer at WMDC has been contacted, and a site meeting is to be arranged.

Public Participation – Inspector Lisa Kirkland and PC Simon Hewitt, from WY Police, Normanton NPT had kindly agreed to attend the meeting. Inspector Kirkland explained that she had been in the Force for 18 years, but was new to Wakefield and to the Neighbourhood Policing policy.

She confirmed that there had been a spike in crime locally, with some arrests, and that a strict Offender Management policy was in place. Accordingly, it is hoped to provide cover on all 3 shifts for the Warmfield-cum-Heath area.

A number of plain clothes operations have been carried out in the area, and Lisa asked that the public contact the Police, by phone or Email, with any information, however trivial, about suspicious events or characters. There is also a stall on Normanton Market every Tuesday staffed by Police Officers. Cllr Fisher thanked the Officers for attending the meeting.

Clerk’s Progress Report – The Clerk reported on a number of issues, as follows;

- Cllr Fisher, Cllr Smith & the Clerk attended a meeting with Joanne Roney, CEO & Glynn Humphries, Service Director at WMDC, which was most productive, and a report was given. The structure of the Commons Liaison Committee is to be investigated, and a comprehensive action plan, with target dates, is to be formulated. In addition administrative support is to be provided in terms of funding opportunities. Glynn Humphries is to call, and chair, the first of these reconstituted Liaison Committee meetings.
- Cllr Smith and Cllr Vasey attended a meeting, called by WMDC, on Winter Maintenance Procedures, and provided a report. Councils are to be informed of any cuts to gritting routes, and documents are to be circulated regarding the clearance of footways. The positions of all grit bins have been investigated, and all bins should now be in place.
- The damaged notice board at Warmfield has been repaired, and a new board will be provided in due course.
- The Pinfold at Heath Common has been maintained and cleaned up for the Winter.
- Cllr Haworth reported on her attendance at the formal WMDC Remembrance Service at Wakefield Cathedral.

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:

3 Old Hall Courtyard, Heath – Crown Lifting Etc. – Approved by WMDC.

Highcroft, Heath – New PP to Replace Existing – Replacement Dwelling & Garage – Decision Pending.

27 Elsicker Lane, Warmfield – SS Porch to Front – Refused by WMDC.

42 Kirkthorpe Lane, Kirkthorpe – Dropped Crossing – Decision Pending.

Holly Farm, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Amendments to PP – Decision Pending.
West Pavilion, Heath – Crown Lifting Etc. – Decision Pending.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The following reports were presented;

Commons Liaison Committee – Cllr Fisher provided a report on the last meeting of this Committee, held on 16/11/2010. The issues discussed included the manner in which incursions onto Common Land are to be dealt with, provisions to stop the circumvention of the bollards at the A655 end of 'Footpath No 4', and the Heathland Restoration Programme.

Road Safety Committee – The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for January 2011.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – The next meeting of this Committee is to be held on Thursday 9 December 2010 at 6.00 pm.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Gueli reported on the last meeting, held on 15 November 2010. The meeting was provided with definitive information on burglaries which had occurred in the area, and the public is asked to report any large piles of wood to the Fire Service, to prevent these from being maliciously set on fire.

Cllr Haworth reported on her dismay to learn that most of the buildings at Freeston School have now been formally condemned.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly inspections, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report. Jerry Harrington is to supply dates for a site meeting to discuss improvements to the Children's Play Area.

Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group – The next meeting of this group is to be held on 26 January 2010, when the Leader and Chief executive of WMDC are expected to attend.

Proposed Bylaws for the Commons – The Clerk reported that he had again sent a reminder Email to DEFRA asking for a definitive response on this issue.

Correspondence – The following items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Sustainable Communities Act.
- WMDC – Wakefield Spending Review – Meeting 01/12/2010.
- Rural Action Yorkshire – Country Air Magazine.
- Wakefield Hospice – Invitation – Light up a Life Appeal.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Vasey reported on the gate at the bottom of Half Moon Lane, which provides access to the path alongside Half Moon Lake. This used to be self-closing, which prevented motorcycles from being able to speed around the corner, but now remains in the open position. The Clerk agreed to contact the Rights of Way Section of WMDC with a view to it being repaired as soon as possible.
- The Clerk reported on an invitation from WMDC Environment Services – Neighbourhood Action Team to take part in an Environmental Audit/Walk around the Parish. The Walk will start in Heath Car Park at 1.30 pm on Friday 26 November 2010.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the parish Council is to be held on **Wednesday 19 January 2011**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe, at 7.00 pm.