

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2011**

Community Centre – This Item was discussed prior to the main meeting. The Clerk announced that, following agreement from the PCC, an exhibition of types of possible apparatus to be potentially installed within an improved Children’s Play Area, would be shown at the Village Fete on 25 June 2011.

Election of Chair/Deputy Chair – The Clerk announced that he had received a number of nomination forms, all in the name of Cllr Fisher. Accordingly, after being formally proposed and seconded, Cllr Fisher was unanimously elected as Chair of the Parish Council for 2011/2012. For the post of Deputy Chair, Cllr Smith was proposed and seconded and was unanimously elected. Subsequently, the Chair and Deputy Chair, together with all the elected Members, signed the Declarations of Acceptance of office in turn witnessed by the Clerk.

Co-option of 2 Members – Following an uncontested Parish Council Election, when 7 Members were elected, it was necessary to co-opt 2 more members to the Council. Accordingly, after being proposed and seconded Joe Gueli and Joe Wilby were unanimously elected to serve on the Parish Council, and they too signed the Declarations of Office.

Public Participation – Colin Aylward spoke about the problems of the Normanton & Wakefield Road Safety Committee, and he was advised to look at amalgamation with the other surviving Committees within the Wakefield area.

The state of the surface on Footpath No 4 was again raised, and the Clerk agreed to contact both the Highways and Footway sections of WMDC.

Cllr Dagger formally announced the opening of both the Hepworth Gallery and the Trinity Shopping Centre, which he felt would have positive economic benefits to the Wakefield District. The next area to be looked at in terms of redevelopment would be the Kirkgate area of Wakefield.

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

- Agreement has now been reached that a bench made of sustainable material will be placed on Warmfield Common in memory of John Crowther.
- A further Email from WDH regarding the track behind properties in Kirkthorpe Lane has been received.
- The Clerk reported on correspondence from WMDC with regard to the closure of Kirkthorpe Post Office. It was agreed to send a further letter in support of the principle of it being retained.
- It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to YEDL in terms of the untidy state of the area surrounding the recently completed sub-station in site of the old Wakefield ‘B’ Power Station.
- A letter has been received announcing that the Wakefield Kite Festival will not be held in 2011. It was agreed that soundings should be taken to see if it could be held on a more local basis.
- WMDC have given notice that the fee for maintaining the burial grounds at St Peter’s Church, Kirkthorpe for 2011 will be increased by 2 %. It was agreed that this should be accepted.

Finance – The Clerk provided a statement on the current financial position of the Parish Council and presented appropriate cheques for payment. The updated Financial Risk Assessment was approved by Members, and signed by the Chair and Clerk. The Annual Accounts for y/e 31 March 2011 were also presented by the Clerk. It was

agreed that these should be signed by the Chair and Clerk following perusal by the Members.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

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

71 Park Avenue, Kirkthorpe – 2 Storey Extension to Side – Approved by WMDC.

61 Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Replacement Garage & Office Above – Decision Pending.

The Granary, Heath – Tree Pruning Etc. – Decision Pending.

Cobblers Hall, Heath – New Windows, Roof Replacement Etc. – Decision Pending.

NEW APPLICATIONS

25 Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – 2 Storey Extension to Side – No Objections from PC.

Ivy Cottage, Heath – New Doorway & Rebuilding of Dwarf Wall – Agreed to check with regard to Common Land.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – It was agreed not to report the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2011 until alterations had been made by WMDC. Cllr Fisher reported on the meeting held on 24 May 2011.

Road Safety Committee – No meeting fixed.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Next meeting scheduled for 9 June 2011.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey reported on the meeting held on 10 May 2011. She stated that the Kirkthorpe area was still a priority in neighbourhood policing terms, and that 70% of complaints received had been about the use of quad and off-road bikes.

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

The football season is now finished and a settlement cheque from Altofts AFC for the use of the football pitch is now awaited.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 July 2011, which is the same date as the scheduled Parish Council meeting. A decision with regard to this issue will be made at the next meeting.

Future Speakers – Members were asked to consider possible speakers.

Proposed Byelaws for the Commons – No progress on this issue.

Correspondence

The following items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Wakefield Energy Savers Loans.
- WMDC – Wakefield Green Living Day – 25 June 2011.
- WMDC – Invitation to Council Open Days.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- The Clerk mentioned the problem of weeds in the Community Centre Car Park. Cllr Wood agreed to deal with this issue.
- Cllr Easter reported on the poor state of the footway along the A655. The Clerk agreed to write to WMDC.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

This will be held on 15 June 2011, at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.