

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2012**

Public Participation – There were a number of Parishioners present, several of whom were concerned about the Traveller's site at Boundary Lane, Warmfield. Accordingly, District Cllr Dagger explained that a retrospective Planning Application has been lodged on behalf of the site owner seeking to gain approval for the siting of residential caravans and the use of the existing building as a dayroom. He pointed out that both himself, and the Parish Council, had objected to this proposal, and urged all local residents who felt the same way to similarly object in writing to WMDC.

He also pointed out that a Planning Application, to waive the conditions attached to the temporary permission for the Traveller's site on Marshall Hill in Warmfield, had also recently been lodged, and Parishioners who objected to this proposal were also advised to submit these in writing to WMDC.

Two ladies present made an application to use the Community Centre, on alternate Sundays, for meetings of 'CONST' (Children of Normanton Support Team). It was subsequently agreed to agree to this on a 3 Months trial basis.

Cllr Dagger confirmed that the Olympic Torch would be passing through Wakefield on 25 June 2012, and also announced that although the Hepworth Museum had passed the 500,000 visitor mark in it's first year, it unfortunately did not win the Museum of the Year Award.

He also gave details of the proposed closure of Kirkthorpe Lane at Warmfield, for resurfacing, between 12 & 17 July 2012.

Mr Martin Womersley, a Manager at the WMDC 'Street Scene' Service was present and gave a detailed presentation on the work of this Service. Following questions he conceded that the grass cutting performance this year was not up to the required standards in certain areas, and agreed to look towards improving this. His presentation was much appreciated and well received.

Community Centre – The Clerk confirmed that a request for a Parish Council – Community Centre account had been made, and as soon as this has been set up the existing account will be closed. The Post Office in the Community Centre is slowly being used, and a banner has now been fixed to the fence to remind residents of the facility. It was agreed to contact again interested parents in terms of the proposed improvements to the Children's Play Area.

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

- In terms of the recent Heath Transport Rally, whilst this had been well attended on an ideal day for weather, there were a number of issues which were a cause for concern. It was agreed that the Clerk should make WMDC aware of these.
- Following the concern expressed at the last meeting over the recent invasion of Heath Common by Travellers, and the attendance at that meeting by Corporate Director from WMDC with responsibility for such matters, it was agreed that the Clerk should pursue a definitive response on this matter.

Finance – The Clerk provided a statement on the current financial position of the Parish Council, and presented cheques for payment. He also confirmed that the Annual Accounts for y/e 31 March 2012 have now been passed to the Council's External Auditors, and the appropriate Notices have been displayed on the Council's notice boards.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

Kings Arms Cottages – Non-Illuminated Signage Scheme – Approved by WMDC.

Hell Lane, Heath – Use of Land for Outdoor Sports – Decision Pending.

5 Goosehill Lane, Warmfield – Construction of 1st & 2nd Storey Extensions – Decision Pending.

Boundary Lane, Warmfield – Use of Land for Stationary Caravans for Residential Purposes, Hard-standing & Dayroom Etc. – Decision Pending.

Letter of Objection sent 25/05/2012.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Pineapple Farm, Marshall Hill, Warmfield – Variation of Condition 1 (Temporary Permission) & Condition 2 (Restoration of Land).

Letter of Objection sent 28/05/2012.

Kings Arms Cottages, Heath – 1 No Wooden Sign.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – The last meeting was held on 01/05/2012, and the minutes were included in the Councillor's Packs. The next meeting is scheduled for 04/09/2012. The Heath Common Action Day is scheduled for 29/06/2012.

Road Safety Committee – The minutes of the last meeting, held on 24/04/2012, were included within the Councillor's Packs.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey reported that the next meeting of this Group would be held on 02/07/2012.

NCMM – An invitation to the opening of the Furnace Shaft was passed to Cllr Sanderson.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly 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 would be held on 25/07/2012.

Wakefield Kite Festival – It was confirmed that this event would be held on Sunday 23 September 2012, and the required actions/decisions were discussed in detail.

Funding for Bike for Normanton NPT – In the absence of a WY Police presence at the meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain more details with regard to this request prior to the next meeting.

Adoption of New Code of Conduct - A copy of the NALC publication of the New Code of Conduct had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr J Wilby and seconded by Cllr Wood that the Code should be adopted by the Parish Council from the date of this meeting. This was approved by way of a unanimous show of hands.

Correspondence – The following items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Mayor's Civic Parade & Service – Cllr J Wilby to attend if possible.
- WMDC – Free Home Insulation.
- WMDC – Carbon Saving Bulletin.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Gueli raised the issue of a possible Jazz Festival on Heath Common in 2013. No basic objections – Further information required.
- Cllr Wood reported on the problem of speeding vehicles through Kirkthorpe Village – Cllr Vasey to raise at next PACTS meeting.

Date/Time of Next Meeting – It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18 July 2012**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.

