

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2012**

Public Participation – District Cllr Dagger reported further on the potential open cast operation, by U K Coal, between the A655 and the railway line at Sharlston, part of which lies within the Parish Boundary. He reported on the recent public meetings, which had been attended by Members, and confirmed that whilst the coal, (approx 1.18 million tonnes), would be removed by rail, the large amount of fireclay overburden (approx 100,000 tonnes) would be removed by road via the A6565 Black Road. It is also proposed to close Hell Lane as a through route, probably on a permanent basis. It was agreed that a formal Parish Council would be made in response to any formal Planning Application.

Cllrs Dagger and Wassell both commented on the report in the Wakefield Express on the subject of Gypsy Sites, which it was agreed was totally misleading. There has been no green light for illegal Gypsy Sites, but there is a need to identify official sites in order to have one to offer when illegal sites are the subject of any Inquiry etc.

Community Centre – The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Account currently stands at £496.61. The Centre had been used for the recent Elections for the Police & Crime Commissioner, but the possibility of use for a village shop had not come to fruition.

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

- The Clerk reported that the recent invoice from WMDC for the maintenance of the Kirkthorpe Church Burial Grounds had been challenged, and a reduced demand was expected.
- A letter had been sent to WMDC Environmental Health Dept, regarding the sale of Fruit & Vegetables etc from a local front garden) and a response received. The householder is limited to farm/home gate sales, ie surplus food produced in a garden or Allotment.
- Emails have been sent to WMDC Highways regarding the proposal to site a public bench at the junction of Warmfield Lane & Boundary Lane, and also the condition of the footway in Kikthorpe Lane around the bend on the approach to Heath Village. To date no response has been received.

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

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

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

Boundary Lane, (Land Off), Warmfield – Use of Land for Stationary Caravans for Residential purposes, Hard Standing & Dayroom etc. – Decision Pending.

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

Email to WMDC Planning Services – Ian Garratt – 25/10/2012.

(Clerk to send further Email requesting an update on the status of the above 2 Applications.)

Willow Lane, (Land Adjacent), Kirkthorpe – Metal Frame Barn for use as Stables & Hard Standing – Decision Pending

Letter to WMDC Planning Services – 28/07/12. (Clerk to send further Email asking for details of Elevation and Building Materials)

Gardener's Cottage, Heath – Removal of 2 No Sycamore Trees – Approved by WMDC.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

Commons Liaison Committee – Next meeting scheduled for 4 December 2012. The banning of Motor Vehicles from Heath Common will be discussed, as will the programme for future areas to be left fallow.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr G Wilby provided an update on the last meeting, held on 6 November 2012. The condition of Croft Edge was discussed, as was the proposal to replace the Bridge Deck at Cow Lane Bridge. The next meeting is scheduled for 8 January 2013.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – The next meeting of this Committee will be held on 6 December 2012.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey attended the last meeting, and reported that there has been some anti-social behaviour problems in Kirkthorpe. These are being addressed by Normanton NPT, with the use of the 'Street Pact' system.

National Coal Mining Museum – Cllr G Wilby reported that he had been present at the recent opening of the Miner's Memorial Garden.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on the problems of Commercial Waste disposal which are being experienced, and hoped that these will soon be resolved.

Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group – Both the Chair & Clerk attended the last meeting of this Group, held on 24 October 2012, when a presentation on the Council's 'Horse Protocol' was given. The next meeting of the Group will be held on 30/01/2013.

Proposed Open Cast Mining Site – This item was fully discussed under Public Consultation, but the dates of further Public Meetings were provided.

Future Speakers – It was agreed not to invite any further speakers during the current Municipal year.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- SLCC – Newsletter (The need for only one signature on cheques was noted, but the Parish Council has already resolved to retain the need for 2 signatures).
- WMDC – Local Council Tax Support (The protection to be given to Precept Payments for small Parish Councils was noted).

Additional Matter/ Items for Next Meeting

- Cllr Fisher raised the issue of Winter Grit provision. It was agreed that, if available, the Parish Council should apply for a supply of the small bags, to be located at strategic locations within each village.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 9 January 2013**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend.