

WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Prior to the meeting Cllr Fisher informed those present of the sad death of Colin Holmes, who had been an active Parishioner and a former Member of Warmfield-cum-Heath Parish Council.

Public Participation – Ian Roland & Gary Robins from WMDC were present, and gave a joint presentation on the Protocol for protecting Heath Common from intrusion. They pointed out the work that has been carried out since the major intrusion in May 2012, including the re-seeding and restoration of the damaged area, the deepening, widening and extension of the ditches and the removal of the adjacent earth bunds. It is hoped that this will go a long way towards preventing any future intrusion. However if these measures are breached, they also explained the protocol, already in existence for the ultimate removal of illegal encampments, which is an extensive process involving partnership action on behalf of WMDC and the Police. There was a prolonged discussion on this matter, before an acceptance that, unless there is a change in the law, everything is currently being done to prevent any further intrusions onto Heath Common.

District Cllr Dagger explained the current position with the outstanding Planning Applications in respect of the Travellers sites at Marshall Hill and Boundary Lane. Sgt Peter Roberts and PCSO Katie Hester, from Normanton NPT, were present and Cllr Fisher, Chair of the Parish Council, presented them with a cheque for £250 to be used to purchase a bicycle for assisting in the policing of the Parish.

Community Centre – The Clerk presented a report on the financial position with regard to the Centre, and stated that he would be speaking to about the latest heating bill received. He also reported that the interest expressed by the Wakefield Stroke Association in using the Centre on a daily basis, had not come to fruition.

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

- In terms of problems associated with domestic waste collection in Old Kirkthorpe, Cllr Vasey reported that these had been largely resolved. However the problem of surface water running across from Green Lane, following heavy rain, has not been resolved, and Cllr Vasey was advised to contact WMDC Highway Maintenance on this issue.
- The Outreach Post Office at the Community Centre is still not being fully used, and Parishioners are asked to make use of this facility, or risk losing it.
- Following the recent presentation by Martin Womersley, from WMDC Street Scene, the issue of grass cutting was raised, and a meeting has been arranged with him, to be attended by the Clerk & Cllr Smith, to take this matter forward.

Finance – The Clerk provided a statement on the current financial position of the Parish Council, and presented cheques for payment. He confirmed that the second instalment of the Parish Precept has now been received.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

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

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.

Kings Arms Cottages, Heath – 1 No Wooden Sign – Approved by WMDC.

Heath View, Heath – Demolition of Conservatory to Rear & Construction of a Garden Room (Re-submission of Application No 11/02023/FUL) – Approved by WMDC.

Willow Lane (Land Adjacent), Kirkthorpe – Metal Frame Barn for use as Stables & Hard-standing – Decision Pending. (Letter, dated 28/07/2012, sent to WMDC Planning asking for stringent conditions to be attached to any approval).

NEW APPLICATIONS

No new Applications have been registered.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – The Clerk & Cllr Fisher provided a report on the meeting held on 11 September 2012.

Apart from the Heath Common intrusion issue, minuted above, it was reported that horse warning signs are to be erected adjacent to Warmfield Common, and the boulder at Half Moon Lane has been removed to be replaced by a suitable Bollard. The future of Heath Common Fair was discussed, as was the need to extend the number of events allowed on Heath Common from 4 to 8.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr G Wilby reported that the next meeting of this Committee is to be held on 18 September 2012.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Cllr G Wilby updated Members on the last meeting of this Committee, which included a most informative site meeting. He reported on the probable extended time limit on this site because of the success of recycling. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 December 2012.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey reported on the last meeting she had attended and confirmed that illegal off-road motor-cycling was still a priority for the Police. A local speed check had been carried out recently, and a number of motorists ticketed. It was agreed to suggest litter picking along the A655 & Boundary Lane as being suitable tasks for the Community Payback Team.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on the removal and illegal emptying of the Wheelie Bin which had to clear up, and Cllr Vasey reported on the use of the grounds as an impromptu skate park by youths from outside the Parish.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – Neither the Chair nor Clerk were able to attend the last meeting, held on 25/07/2012, but both are hoping to attend the next meeting scheduled for 24/10/2012

Wakefield Kite Festival – The Chair & The Clerk went through all the required actions/decisions and confirmed that all was in place for the forthcoming event. It was agreed that the Sainsbury Display Unit should be accommodated.

Funding for Bike for Normanton NPT – As mentioned under Public Participation, a cheque for £250 was presented to Police Officers for the purchase of a bike to be used to police the Parish.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Mark Hooton – Winter Warmth Information.
- WMDC – Mark Hooton – Free-To-All Insulation.
- Rural Action Yorkshire – Training DVD.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Vasey asked for formal information on the current situation with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

- Cllr J Wilby reported on a large amount of mud on the road at the Warmfield Lane/Boundary Lane junction. The Clerk to contact WMDC Highways.

Date/Time of Next Meeting – It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 17 October 2012**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.