

**WARMSFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2013**

Public Participation – Colin Aylward confirmed that he had applied to WMDC for permission to hold a Transport Rally on Heath Common on 26 May 2013. This was supported in principle by the Parish Council, on the basis that there would be community input into the planning of the event.

District Cllr Blezard agreed to look further into the potential for supplementing the Heath Common Fair with some other event, and District Cllr Dagger reported on the closure of Normanton Post Office. He confirmed that an alternative location was being urgently sought. District Cllr Wassell reported on the current local NHS Consultation exercise, and it was agreed that 2 Councillors from the Parish Council would attend the next meeting at Normanton Town Council on 16 January 2013. Cllr Dagger also confirmed that the Planning Application for the Boundary Lane Traveller Site would be determined at the next WMDC Planning Committee to be held on 17 January 2013.

Community Centre – The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Account currently stands at £1163.03. The need for roof repairs was reported and ways forward to remedy the problem were discussed. The Clerk also reported that the Outreach Post Office will be operative for at least another year.

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

- A final Invoice has been received from WMDC for grass cutting in the Parish, and following representations over the standard received over the summer, a reduction has been agreed.
- Various letters and Emails have been received with regard to the Council Tax Benefit Scheme and localising Council Tax Support. It has become apparent that Parish Councils are to be exempt from any capping at least for 2013/2014.
- There have been a number of letters and Emails with regard to the UK Coal proposal to extract coal from an open cast mine in the Hell Lane area. This issue is the subject of an Agenda Item later in the meeting.
- A response to an Email sent to the Chief Executive at WMDC, regarding a potentially serious incident involving a horse on Heath Common has been received. It was agreed that the Chair would comment further.

Finance – The Clerk provided Members with a statement on the current financial position of the Parish Council, and also presented appropriate Cheques for payment. The Clerk also provided an estimate of future expenditure during the current financial year, and there followed a full discussion on the Precept to be levelled for 2013/2014. It was proposed and seconded that the Precept should remain the same as 2012/2013 in the sum of £13,000.00, and this was unanimously approved.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

5 Goosehill Lane, Warmfield – Construction of 1 & 2 Storey Extensions – Approved by WMDC.

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

This Application to be presented to WMDC Planning Committee on 17/01/2013/
Pineapple Farm, Marshall Hill, Warmfield – Variation of Condition 1 (Temporary Permission) & Condition 2 (Restoration of Land) – Decision Pending.

Willow Lane (Land Adjacent), Kirkthorpe – Metal Frame Barn for use as Stables & Hard-Standing – Approved by WMDC.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

Commons Liaison Committee – Cllr Fisher provided an update following the last meeting, held on 4 December 2012. He will respond to Andrew Balchin and consider whether or not to invite him to the next meeting, which is to be held on 5 March 2013.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr G Wilby reported on the last meeting, held on 8 January 2013. The issues of poor surface dressing in the Kirkthorpe and Warmfield areas, and flooding at various points along Kirkthorpe Lane were raised. It was agreed that the Clerk should also contact WMDC Highways on these matters.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Cllr Wilby also reported on the last meeting of this Committee, held on 6 December 2012. He passed copies of reports to be included within the Councillor's Packs for the next meeting.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Gueli had attended the last meeting, which was poorly attended because of a confusion on venue. He reported that the crime rate for the area remains low, and the police priorities remain unchanged.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – the Clerk reported on the problems of Commercial Waste disposal which now appear to have been solved

Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group – The next meeting of this Group is scheduled to take place on 30 January 2013. Because of the Clerk's absence, the Chair is hoping to attend.

Proposed Open Cast Mining Site – District Cllr Dagger reported on this issue, and the Clerk confirmed that he had received a recent Email from WMDC on the matter. Comments need to be submitted to WMDC prior to 30 January 2013, and it was agreed that the Clerk should submit a formal objection from the Parish Council.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Letter concerning Hanging Baskets on Street Lights.
- YLCA – Proposed New Speed Limits for HGVs
- YLCA – E Bulletin for w/e 14/12/2012
- Highways Agency – Managed Motorways
- WMDC – Hepworth Wakefield – Invitation to Special Event – Agreed that Cllr Vasey should represent the Parish Council.
- WMDC – Wakefield Energy Savers Update.
- Normanton Town Council – Meeting with NHS – Agreed that Cllrs Fisher & Vasey should attend.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Vasey reported on recent announcements that the Government is to consider the removal of unnecessary signage. She and Cllr Fisher agreed to survey roads in the Parish and come up with suggestions to pass onto WMDC in this context.
- Cllr Fisher raised the issue of serious potholes in a number of adopted roads in Heath, and also the problems associated with unadopted roads. The Clerk was asked to approach WMDC Highways on these issues.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 20 February 2013**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.