

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2013**

Public Participation – Mr John Wilcox a Health Improvement Officer at WMDC was present, and explained the work he is undertaking on a Health Impact Assessment of the effects on adjacent communities of the proposed Deanfield Open Cast Mining scheme. Accordingly, it was agreed that the Clerk should let him have details of all Groups/Associations etc in the Parish.

Colin & Glynis Wilson, from the Warmfield-cum-Heath fundraising Group, were also present, and put forward their preference in terms of the car parking arrangements for the forthcoming Jazz Festival to be held in the grounds of Heath Hall. Their preferred option, from a security & health & safety point of view, is to park cars on the Common directly outside Heath Hall. Following discussion it was agreed, subject to a number of strict conditions, to support this proposal.

District Cllr Wassell explained the latest situation with regard to the Boundary Lane Planning Application, and again urged attendance at the WMDC Planning Committee when it is to be determined. Cllr Wassel also reported on the recent extremely successful visit of Mr David Attenborough to the City, when he officially opened the new Wakefield Museum at the Wakefield One building.

Parishioners present complained at the state of the carriageway in Elsicker Lane, and about blocked gullies in Warmfield Lane. The Clerk agreed to contact WMDC Highways.

Community Centre – The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Account currently stands at £954.53. It was agreed that he should approach the firm who provided the Centre with regard to the problems with the roof.

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

- As requested, the Clerk reported that he has made arrangements to obtain a map showing the areas of Heath Common which are to be regularly cut, and also that the position of new litter bins will be discussed at a meeting arranged with WMDC.
- A meeting has been held with WMDC Highways when the condition of highways in the Heath area was raised. WMDC Officers provided a map of the area indicating the sections of adopted/unadopted roads in the area. This map will be circulated to all Members.
- The work done on 'Road Sign Clutter; has been forwarded to WMDC Highways, who received it with thanks.
- Cllr Fisher reported on his attendance at the recent Normanton & Featherstone Area Forum, and recommended Members to consider attending future meetings of the Forum.
- The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mrs Mary Creagh MP about the problems with horses which constantly affect the Parish.

Finance – The Clerk provided Members with a statement on the financial position of the Parish Council at the end of the current Financial Year. He also reported on a letter received from Cllr Peter Box, leader of WMDC, regarding the setting of Parish Precepts. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond appropriately, and that a copy of the letter should be published in the Parish Magazine.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

Boundary Lane (Land Off), Warmfield – Use of Land for Stationery Caravans for Residential Purposes, Hard-Standing & Dayroom etc, - Decision Deferred

Pineapple Farm, Marshal Hill, Warmfield – Variation of Condition 1 (Temporary Permission) & Condition 2 (Restoration of Land) – Decision Pending.
Proposed Deanfield Open Cast Mining Scheme – Decision Pending.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The following reports were presented.

Commons Liaison Committee – Cllr Fisher reported on the last meeting, held on 5 March 2013. The issues discussed included: events on the Common, horses on the Common, Heath Residents ‘birdmouth’ fencing proposals, and the Heath Common Action Plan.

Road Safety Committee – The Clerk confirmed that issues raised at the last meeting had been taken up with WMDC Highways. Cllr G Wilby reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 16 April 2013.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Cllr G Wilby confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 20 June 2013.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his regular inspections of the site, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report. Instructions have been given for the Parish Notice Board to be repaired.

Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group – The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of this Group is to be held on 24 April 2013, in the Old Restaurant, Town Hall, Wakefield, at 2.00 pm.

Proposed Open Cast Mining Scheme – The Clerk confirmed that following the deposit of a formal Planning Application a letter of objection had been sent from the Parish Council. As reported above a Health Impact Assessment is currently being prepared by WMDC & the NHS.

Proposed High Speed Rail Line – The Clerk reported on correspondence being received from both ‘Action Groups Against High Speed Rail (AGHAST) & the ‘Stop HS2 Campaign. It was agreed that further information should be awaited, but that the Clerk should continue to receive and collate correspondence from these sources.

Parish Council Website – It was agreed that this issue should be a priority for consideration during the next Municipal Year.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Mayoral Charity Events.
- NHS – ‘Meeting the Challenge’ Brochure.
- WMDC – Energy Smart Club.
- WMDC – Carbon Saving Bulletin.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Vasey reported on the extremely poor Broadband provision available in the Half Moon Lane area of the Parish. It was agreed to write to BT Open Reach if she could find the appropriate point of contact.
- Cllr Easter reported on complaints he had received regarding parking associated with the Heath Tea Rooms. It was agreed that the Clerk should discuss with the owners.
- The Clerk reported that in order for an Application for Grant Funding for the proposed ‘birdmouth’ fencing on Heath Common to be made by Heath Residents Association, a letter of support from the Parish Council was required. It was agreed that this should be provided.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed by the Clerk that the next meeting of the Parish Council, which would also include the Annual Parish Meeting, will be held on **Wednesday 17 April**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.