

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2013**

Election of Chair/Deputy Chair – Only one nomination for Chair was received, in the name of Cllr Fisher. Accordingly, after being formally proposed and seconded, Cllr Fisher was unanimously elected as Chair of the Parish Council for 2013/2014. For the post of Deputy Chair Cllr G Wilby was proposed and seconded, and was unanimously elected. Subsequently, the Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

Public Participation – Colin Aylward was present and reminded Members that the Heath Classic Car Rally was to take place on the coming Sunday 26 May 2013. He asked for, and was promised, support from Members of the Parish Council. All proceeds will be donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service. He also confirmed that the failed surface dressing in the area has now all been renewed.

District Cllr Wassell pointed out that the Public Consultation Exercise related to the proposed High Speed Rail Line has yet to commence, and any statements currently being made should be viewed in this context.

District Cllr Dagger confirmed that the Travellers Christian Mission, which was responsible for the invasion of Heath Common at this time last year, had been refused use of a site near Pugneys by WMDC. He promised to let the Chair and Clerk have details.

Community Centre – The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Account currently stands at £540.70. He also confirmed that the repair work on the Community Centre roof has now been completed, and also that the Fire Extinguishers have been checked and renewed where necessary. The Alzheimer's Society are looking at various locations and will let the Clerk know if they are interested in the Community Centre.

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

- There has still been no response from Mary Creagh MP in terms of the letter, and reminder, sent on the subject of ongoing problems of horses. The Clerk agreed to take the matter further as necessary.
- The Grant Application to WREN, for birdmouth fencing on Heath Common, has now been submitted by Heath Residents Association.
- A letter from YLCA regarding revisions to the 'Community Infrastructure Levy' had been previously circulated to Members.
- The Showman's Guild have submitted a proposal to WMDC to hold a fair on Heath Common from 15-18 August 2013, following the cancellation of the annual Easter Fair this year because of bad weather conditions. Following discussion, it was agreed to support this proposal on a one-off basis for this year only.

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

The Annual Accounts for y/e 31 March 2013, and the updated Financial Risk Assessment, were approved by Members, and signed off where appropriate by the Chair and Clerk. The appropriate sections of the Annual Return were also signed by the Chair and Clerk.

The Clerk reported on a letter from Cllr Peter Box, leader of WMDC, congratulating the Parish Council on the way it had publicised the issues affecting the Council's Budget and Council Tax for 2013/2014.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed.

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.

Proposed Deanfield Surface Mining Scheme – Decision Pending.

Ivy Cottage, Heath, Wakefield – Temporary Change of Use of Land to form 4 No Traveller's Pitches, Construction of Dayrooms/Utility Blocks Etc. – Decision Pending. (Letter to WMDC asking for effect on Common Land to be Checked)

Half Moon Cottage, Kirkthorpe Lane, Old Kirkthorpe – Removal of various Trees – Approved by WMDC.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

Commons Liaison Committee – The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for 11 June 2013.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr G Wilby reported that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on 6 June 2013.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Cllr G Wilby also confirmed that this Committee is due to meet on 20 June 2013.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey reported on the last meeting, which was held on 14 May 2013 at Normanton Fire Station. The meeting was well attended, at what proved to be a popular venue. Normanton NPT confirmed that they would continue to conduct speed tests on vehicles using Kirkthorpe Lane, and also monitor the use of Quad Bikes.

National Coal Mining Museum – Cllr G Wilby reported on the Liaison Committee meeting held on 26 April 2013, and confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 4 June 2013.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly inspections, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report.

Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group – Neither the Chair nor Clerk was able to attend the last meeting of this Group. Both hoped to be able to attend the next meeting.

Proposed High Speed Rail Line – Following the comments made by Cllr Wassell in the Public Participation item, it was agreed that the Parish Council would debate this issue, and form a view, when the formal Public Consultation Exercise is announced.

Parish Council Website – It was agreed that the Parish Council Website was in need of refreshing, and Cllr Sanderson agreed to look into this issue and report back to the next meeting.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WY Police – Police & Crime Plan 2013-2018.
- NALC – Feedback on APPG Meeting.
- WMDC – 'Green Deal' Scam.
- YLCA – E-Information Bulletin.
- WMDC – Carbon Saving Bulletin
- WMDC – Waste Management Project.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Vasey reported on the improvements to Broadband reception which have been provided in the Old Kirkthorpe area.
- Cllr J Wilby expressed concern over the problem of dog fouling in the Kirkthorpe area. The Clerk agreed to take this up with appropriate Officers at WMDC.
- The regulations concerning the height of front fencing was raised, and the Clerk agreed to speak to WMDC on this issue.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 19 June 2013**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.

