WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 27th JULY 2026
AT 7.00PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRKTHORPE

092/07/26. PRESENT
Present:- Cllrs Wilby (Chair), Vasey, Smith, Medford, Wood, Wallis, Dunbavin, Sanderson and Naven.
3 Members of the Public
Parish Clerk:-Tracy Johnson

093/07/26. APOLOGIES.
None.

094/07/26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
Cllr Sanderson – Cheque, Cllr Vasey – Tree Application.

095/07/26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.
Residents are concerned about the tipping and fires at the top of Marshall Hill. The Parish Council have been in contact with Wakefield Council regarding this but will follow this up. The hedges are overgrown going up the hill and people are having to walk on the road. The Parish Council will ask for these to be cut back. The No Dog Poo signs through the village have worn away, the Clerk will ask for these to be redone. The Clerk will email the District Cllrs with the dates of the next Parish Council meetings and ask them to let residents know if they will be holding surgeries beforehand.

096/07/26. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.
To consider the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Monday, 15th June 2026.
IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by Cllr Wilby. They were proposed by Cllr Sanderson and seconded by Cllr Vasey.

097/07/26. ONGOING MATTERS.
a. To receive an update on the Battery Storage Facility. The Inspectorate has approved the appeal for Harmony Energy to build the Battery Storage Facility at Heath. This is a very disappointing decision.
b. To receive an update on the signs for Heath, Kirkthorpe and Warmfield. There is no update since the last meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk chase this up with Wakefield Council.
c. To receive an update on the traffic calming at Kirkthorpe. Cllr Medford has raised this at the PACT meeting. Hopefully the Police are going to use the speed camera this week.
d. To receive an update on the traffic calming through Heath. A speed counter has been placed in Heath to record the traffic speeding through the village. 44% of vehicles were speeding through the village and some up to 75 to 80 mph. Heath Residents are going to write to Highways regarding this.
e. To receive an update on the hedge on Boundary Lane. Cllr Medford will forward a copy of the email she has received to the Clerk regarding this.
f. To receive an update on fires and lorries tipping rubble at the top of Kirkthorpe Lane. This has already been discussed during public participation.

g. To consider the email regarding Mrs Tottenhams' Will. An email has been received from Wakefield Council regarding proposed road improvements on Doncaster Road involving access over the Common. It was resolved that Cllr Dunbavin would liaise with them regarding this.
h. To receive an update on the Heath Residents Meeting. The main items discussed were the traffic calming through Heath and the Battery Storage Facility which have already been discussed earlier in the meeting.
i. To receive an update on the Commons Liaison Meeting. Concerns had been raised regarding the land outside the Kings Arms where the cars were parking and had damaged the grass. Heath Residents would find out how much of the land was owned by the Kings Arms and whether anything could be done regarding this. Countryside may be able to fund some logs for this area. There had been several incidents of youths with hoodies on bikes in the area. Events taking place on the common in the near future were the Kite Festival and the Car Rally. The gates on to the common at Heath have been damaged again and Countryside would see if these could be fixed.

098/07/26. COMMUNITY CENTRE

a. To receive an update on repairs to the Community Centre. No repairs have been carried out since the last meeting.
b. To consider any other bookings for the Community Centre. There is a private booking in August.

099/07/26. KIRKTHORPE PLAYING FIELDS.

a. To consider weekly inspections and agree any action required in respect of the playing fields. The lock on the gate to the Childrens' play area is broken. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask the handyman to replace this.

100/07/26. FINANCE

a. To consider the Account Balances & Authorisation of Cheques for July and August. It was resolved that the amounts below should be paid and that Cllr Vasey and Cllr Smith sign the cheques.

Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council
Payments Schedule for July and August 2026

Payments to be approved	Payee	Cqno.	Amount	VAT
Clerks Salary	T.Johnson	102050	£621.83	
Clerks Expenses	T.Johnson	102051	£33.90	
Cleaner	S.Cowan	102052	£50.00	
Repairs to CC	S.Cowan	102053	£12.00	
Website	RMS Consultancy	102054	£250.00	
Grounds Maintenance	Wakefield Council	102055	£3,109.45	518.24
Grounds Maintenance	Wakefield Council	102056	£529.79	88.30
Defibrillator Battery	Wel Medical	102057	£293.94	48.99
Repairs to CC - Water Leak	Andrew Muscroft	102058	£114.00	19.00
Scribe Accounts	Starboard Systems	102059	£446.40	74.40
Internal Audit	CS Audit Services	102060	£310.00	

August Payments			
Clerks Salary	T.Johnson	102061	£621.83
Clerks Expenses	T.Johnson	102062	£15.00
Cleaner	S.Cowan	102063	£50.00
Repairs to CC	S.Cowan	102064	£87.50

Total July/August.	**£6,545.64**	**£748.93**

Bank Reconciliation as at 29 June 2026	
Opening Balance	£35,565.76
Total Receipts	£200.00
Total Payments	£3,730.06
Closing Balance	£32,035.70

Account Balances as at 29 June 2026	
Community Account	£32,035.70
Savings Account	£14,808.16
Total	**£46,843.86**

101/07/26. PLANNING MATTERS

New Planning Applications

- **26/01037/TCA - The Old Brew House, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5SL** - T1 Sorbus: Crown Lift to 2m. Crown Reduce to create a 1-1.5m clearance to the adjacent feature. T2 Beech: Crown Lift to create a 1.5-2m clearance to the garage roof/structure. G1 Fruit Trees: Formative pruning to reduce the crowns.

- **26/01091/FUL - Apartment 1, Heath House, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5SN** - EV charging point to wall near parking space – **Deadline for Comments: 30/07/2026**.

- **26/00888/FUL – Greystones, Goosehill Lane, Warmfield, Wakefield, WF6 2JB** - Conversion of attached garage to habitable accommodation.

- 26/01281/TPO - **The Old Sunday School, Half Moon Lane, Kirkthorpe, Wakefield, WF1 5SY** - 5-day notice to remove 1 dead Sycamore tree.

Planning Decisions

- **26/00975/TCA - Half Moon Lodge, Kirkthorpe Lane, Kirkthorpe, Wakefield** 5-day notice to fell 1 Sycamore tree – **Application Approved. 08/06/26**.

- **26/00528/FUL - Feathers Field, Wakefield Road, Warmfield, Wakefield** - Change of use to a dog exercise area - **Application Approved - 22/06/2026**.

- **26/00814/TCA - Heath Hall Stables, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5SL** - Fell T1 Ash – **Application Approved. 22/06/26**.

- **26/00791/TPO - Land Behind Woodland Avenue, Kirkthorpe, Wakefield** - Tree 1 Mature Sycamore - Remove entire branch back to the trunk as identified within the submitted photo. Tree 2 Young Sycamore - Remove small branches as identified within the submitted photo - **Refused with alternative works - 01/07/2026**.

- **24/00768/S7301 - Low Farm, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield, Wakefield** - Variation of condition 7 (Hours of Use) of approved application ref. 24/00768/FUL for "Full planning application for the change of use of a residential dwelling and ancillary buildings to children's day care nursery with access from Warmfield Lane" (Approved 23.08.2024) due to increased demand for extended childcare hours - **Application Approved - 09/07/2026**.

- **26/01037/TCA - The Old Brew House, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5SL** - T1 Sorbus: Crown Lift to 2m. Crown Reduce to create a 1-1.5m clearance to the adjacent feature. T2 Beech: Crown Lift to create a 1.5 2m clearance to the garage roof/structure. G1 Fruit Trees: Formative pruning to reduce the crowns. **Application Approved**. **16/07/2026**.

102/07/26. TO CONSIDER MATTERS AS REQUESTED BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS.

- None.

103/07/26. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND TAKE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY.

To Consider/Note: The correspondence received since last meeting sent by email.

104/07/26. ADDITIONAL MINOR MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- The roundabouts at the top of Boundary Lane and Normanton bypass are very untidy. Trees have been chopped down and just left. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask for the trees to be removed and the roundabouts cleaned.
- The Community Centre gate is being left open when the building is not in use. It was resolved that the Clerk would send a letter to key holders to say that the gate, windows and door must be locked and all appliances switched off before leaving the building and that anyone not abiding by these rules that the Parish Council had the right to reconsider the arrangements for them having a key or using the building.
- There is a parish litter pick taking place on Saturday 22nd August at 10am on Boundary Lane. Anyone wishing to attend would be very welcome.
- Cars are being parked on the raised crossing in Kirkthorpe. It was resolved that anyone with concerns regarding this should report it to Members Enquires at Wakefield Council.

105/07/26. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on **Monday, 21st September 2026** at 7pm at the Community Centre. Cllr Sanderson gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.