

## **Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council**

### **Chairs Report 2018/19**

#### **Introduction**

Following recent elections District Councillor, Elaine Blezard, was re-elected in 2018 and more recently in 2019 Councillor David Dagger was also re-elected, together with Councillor Alan Wassell, they offer our community unrivalled support and are in regular attendance at our Parish meetings. Our congratulations and thanks go out to them.

Parish council elections took place in May with seven councillors being re-elected leaving two possible co-opted positions. Our thanks go to retiring councillor Carl Mills for his work and support over the last 4 years.

Over the last twelve months we have dealt with numerous planning applications some of which were commented on by the Parish Council. There are still some outstanding issues with individual applications and we are dealing with these and comments will be published in due course.

The playing fields are now used on a regular basis by Altofts Juniors and local children are encouraged to become involved.

We have completed the provision of new notice boards for the Parish, these are also now used by groups within our community.

A new CCTV system has been installed with the hope of minimising vandalism, this operates 24/7.

The following report will offer a detailed overview of what we have dealt with over the past year and what our individual duties are as Parish Councillors.

Thanks go to all Parish Councillors who offer their involvement without hesitation and without any financial recompense.

Finally, we welcome our new clerk Tracy Johnson who will hopefully prove to be of great benefit to both the Parish Council and our community.

Joe Fisher

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## **Precept**

The history of the precept levels for the last five years are listed below,

2014-2015 =	£13,000
2015-2016 =	£13,000
2016-2017=	£13,260
2017-2018=	£13,260
2018-2019 =	£13,260

## **Number of Electors in Parish**

2015 -	688
2016 -	666 decrease of 22
2017 -	695 increase of 29
2018 -	705 increase of 10
2019 -	703 decrease of 2

## **Property Bands**

A+	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
1	222	61	32	15	41	37	22	4	435

## **Financial**

- The internal auditor meeting is to be arranged to finalise accounts for 2018/19
- Precept was levied at £13,260.
- The new auditing process is in place this year, with the Parish Council agreeing to be exempt from the external audit process.

## **Activity**

### **Planning Matters**

- 18 Planning matters discussed with 7 being commented on by the Parish Council.
- Welbeck site confirmed not to be a transit site, however, on-going discussions are taking place regarding other potential sites.
- Red Lane confirmed as a Bridle Path.

### **Community Centre**

- The youth club are now holding one session per week.
- Continuation of outreach post office confirmed.
- A further five tables have been purchased for the community centre.
- Photos of the Parish have now been selected and framed for the Community Centre walls.
- CCTV has been approved and installed financially supported through a WMDC grant with the support of the District Councillors.
- Anti vandal paint added to the centre along with roof repairs.
- Consideration for a new community centre is on going with a parish questionnaire pending.
- On-going repairs have taken place.
- First aid course arranged.

### **Kirkthorpe Playing Fields**

- Altofts Juniors continue to use the playing fields for their u12 girl's team; they have replaced the goal posts and maintain the pitch. There have once again been no issues with parking or complaints from residents, the area being well maintained by the team.
- A further replacement bin has had to be purchased again this year; it has now been taken into the centre to stop it from being stolen again.
- Gate repairs and a new combination lock added to the Playing fields.

### **HS2**

- Consultation event attended by councillors in Crofton, no further action proposed until more concrete proposals are presented

### **Agenda items 2018/19**

- Repair of the stocks at Heath.
- Litter bins added around the parish.
- Fly Tipping.
- Footpath 4 Heath – Resurfaced, Parking restrictions now in place, awaiting enforcement by WMDC.
- Provision of benches for the parish.
- Anti Social behaviour
- New Clerk Position
- New Community Centre
- Planning applications and infringements to existing applications

### **Agenda 2019-2020**

- Pollinating Wild Flowers
- Tree Planting
- Memorial Benches

### **Annual Events in Parish**

- Wakefield Kite Festival.
- Heath Classic Car Show.
- Vintage Bus Rally.
- Heath Fair. (Cancelled)

### **Additional Duties**

Additional to our monthly meetings Councillors also have other duties and meetings to attend, these include the following:

1. **Town/Parish Liaison** – Cllr Fisher
2. **Common Liaison** – Cllr Fisher/Cllr Smith/Cllr Wilby (G)/Cllr Vasey
3. **Welbeck Liaison** – Cllr Wilby (J)/Cllr Wilby (G)
4. **Road Safety** – Cllr Wilby (G)
5. **Normanton PACT** – Cllr Vasey/Cllr Wood
6. **PC Website** – Cllr Sanderson
7. **Media** – Cllr Fisher
8. **Normanton Grammar School Foundation** – Cllr Vasey
9. **John Smyth Charities** – Cllr Smith/Cllr Vasey
10. **Freeston and Sagar** – Cllr Sanderson
11. **NCM Museum** – Cllr Wilby (G)
12. **Planning Research** – Cllr Smith
13. **Heath Common Fair**- Cllr Smith/Cllr Gueli
14. **St Peters Church Kirkthorpe** – Cllr Smith
15. **Heath Residents Association** – All Cllrs Who are members of HRA