

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2009**

Public Participation – Cllr Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared it open for Public Participation.

Accordingly, District Cllr Dagger stated that the Planning Application for the “Pineapple Farm” site was scheduled to come before the WMDC Planning Committee on 12 March 2009. He also reported that the logs and rocks designed to prevent vehicular access to Warmfield Common were now in place.

Cllr Dagger confirmed that the Experimental Closure on “Footpath No 4” was now in place, and reported that he had no further news on the development of New Byelaws for the Commons within the Parish.

Clerk’s Progress Report – The Clerk reported on a number of issues as follows:

He had also been made aware that the Planning Application for “Pineapple Farm” was to come before the WMDC Planning Committee, and it was agreed that he should write to WMDC re-iterating the Parish Council’s objection to the Application, in particular the problems associated with vehicular access, and requesting a site visit by the Planning Committee prior to the meeting.

The Clerk reported that WMDC Highways expect the Crossley Street 40 mph speed limit to be implemented within the next few weeks.

The damage to one of the “Road Closed” signs at the closure point of “Footpath No 4” has been reported verbally. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with an Email.

A letter has been sent to both Inspector Jones of Normanton Police and WMDC Highways about the problem of speeding vehicles in Warmfield, and an acknowledgement has been received from both parties.

In the letter to WMDC Highways a request was also made for a speed limit monitor to be placed at the approach to Kirkthorpe village, particularly following the closure of “Footpath No 4” and the resultant perceived increase in traffic.

An approach has been made to WMDC Parks and Recreation in terms of the potential for an update/renewal scheme for the Children’s Play Area at Kirkthorpe.

Finance – The Clerk reported that a letter confirming the Precept for 2009/2010, at a figure of £9000, has been received from WMDC.

Planning Matters

The following Applications were discussed:

Old Hall, Heath – Proposed Extensions/Alterations etc. – Decision Pending.

“Pineapple Farm, Warmfield – Change of Use to Caravan Park – Decision Pending.

Stables to rear of Heath House, Heath – Triple Garage/Store, Stable Block, Revised Access, Wall/ Gate, Landscaping etc. (Re-submission) – Decision Pending.

Welbeck Recycling Centre, Boundary Lane, Normanton – New Facility Building, Security Fence etc. – Decision Pending.

Went Farm House, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Detached Double Garage – Decision Pending.

27/27A Warmfield Lane (Rear), Warmfield – 1 No Dwelling – Application Withdrawn.

Crosshills Farm, Goosehill Lane, Warmfield – Replacement Double Garage – Approved by WMDC.

NEW APPLICATIONS

3 Elsicker Lane, Warmfield – Tarmac Drive – No Objections from PC.

75/77 Crossley Street, New sharlston – Change of Use from Overflow Parking to Car/Vehicle Storage – No Objections from PC.

21 Kirkthorpe Lane, Kirkthorpe – Change of use from Footpath to Garden Area – No Objections from PC, Providing Land Ownership and Provision of new Footpath issues are confirmed.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2009 had previously been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for 10 March 2009.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr Easter reported that the issue of the provision of a speed measurement device on Kirkthorpe Lane had also been raised at the last meeting of this Committee.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – The Minutes of the last meeting, and the Operations Report had previously been circulated to Members. The next meeting has been fixed for 5 March 2009.

Sharlston Colliery Redevelopment Liaison Committee – Cllr Wilby provided an update on the last meeting, when it was reported that it was proposed to finish coaling by the end of March, and reinstate by Christmas 2009. The Clerk confirmed that an application for a Grant towards the provision of Benches on Warmfield Common would be submitted without delay. The next meeting is scheduled for 25 April 2009.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported that WMDC have agreed to repair the damaged chain-link fence, and also to provide notices to prohibit dog-fouling on the Playing Field area.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The next meeting has been confirmed as being fixed for 25 February 2009.

Community Centre Sub-Committee – After some discussion, it was resolved that the Sub-Committee be urged to fully resolve the financial situation at the next meeting to be held on 9 March 2009.

Parish Plan – Following the well attended Public Meeting, held on 28 January 2009, it was agreed to hold a follow-up meeting, to be attended by Tom O'Donovan from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, on 11 March 2009, in the Community Centre Kirkthorpe. As previously, all Parishioners are urged to attend.

Proposed Byelaws for The Commons – Cllr Fisher reported that the next meeting with WMDC would be held on 10 March 2009.

Maintenance of Burial Grounds – The Clerk reported on the letter sent to the Parochial Church Council, in response to their request to enter into a Contract, which withdrew the original offer made by the Parish Council. Members expressed their disappointment at the response from the PCC, to the offer made by the Parish Council, which it was strongly felt would have resulted in a significant improvement in the standard of maintenance of both the upper and lower burial grounds.

Correspondence – The following items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- YLCA – Minutes of Wakefield Branch Meeting.
- METRO – West Yorkshire Rural Transport Conference.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agendda

- Cllr Maiden reported on the continued use of unapproved access points onto Heath common, and also on the number of loose horses. Agreed that The Clerk should Email appropriate Officers at WMDC.

Date of Next Meeting – It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **18 March 2009** in the Community Centre at Kirkthorpe.

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND