

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2020**

Community Centre – The Clerk reported on the financial position, and also confirmed that a large number of people had expressed an interest in being involved in an exercise aimed at making improvements to the Children’s Play Area. It was agreed that Cllr Smith & the Clerk should now take this matter forward with Jerry Harrington at WMDC.

Public Participation – A representative from Magna Holdings explained the latest position with the site on Warmfield Lane containing the disused Dutch Barn. He also introduced the person who is interested in the site and hopes to build a dwelling on it. The same person has also purchased the old Railway Cutting between Willow Lane & Black Road, and intends to clear it out and preserve it as a green corridor/nature reserve, with open public access, with the possibility of a number of Timber Lodges on the plateau accessed from an improved Willow Lane.

Cllr Fisher then introduced Mr Andy Nichols who is the Natural Environment Manager for WMDC, and who had come to discuss the management of Heath Common. Andy distributed an Encroachment Action Plan for Heath Common, and explained that he would continue to work with the Commons Liaison Committee, the Parish Council and Heath Residents Association to identify those places where neighbouring properties have encroached on to areas of Common Land and/or caused damage.

He confirmed that WMDC will only pursue encroachments on to areas of Common Land that have taken place since 5 April 1990, when the Lease Agreement was signed.

In the case of the recent encroachment at Blacksmith’s Cottage, it was unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors and Andy Nichols that the sleepers be removed and replaced with an Earth Bund. Andy also confirmed that his intention was to eventually replace all the logs on Heath Common with the same Earth Bund system.

In response to a question posed, Andy confirmed that there is a 30 horse maximum on Heath Common, all to be tagged and “passport”, and that signs were soon to be erected.

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

- A letter has been sent to Eric Pickles MP, regarding Village Development, and a definitive reply received from the Government Office for Yorkshire and The Humber.
- The Clerk reported on Email correspondence between himself and Ian Garratt, the WMDC Planning Enforcement Officer, regarding the current situation at the “Pineapple Farm” Development.
- All the bollards are now in place at the Black Road end of “Footpath No 4”.
- An invitation has been received from Joanne Roney, Chief Executive of WMDC, to meet with herself and Glynn Humphries, Service Director, to discuss the issue of horses on the Commons. It was agreed that Cllr Fisher and the Clerk would attend.
- A number of Emails from WY Police, regarding local burglaries etc, were reported. It was agreed that in future these should be Emailed directly to Members.
- An Email has been sent to WMDC, regarding a number of highway maintenance issues raised by Members.

- An Email has also been sent to WMDC, regarding grass cutting problems raised by Members.
- Cllr Haworth reported on her visit to the recent LDF Exhibition held in Normanton Library.

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

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

3 Old Hall Courtyard, Heath – Crown Lifting Etc. – Decision Pending.

12 Old Hall Cottages, Heath – Tree Pruning Etc. – Approved by WMDC.

Went Farm, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Roof Lights to Front and Side – Approved by WMDC.

Rose Cottage Bungalow, Heath – Appeal Lodged with WMDC.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Highcroft, Heath – New PP to replace Existing PP – Replacement Dwelling & Garage.

27 Elsicker Lane, Warmfield – SS Porch to Front.

42 Kirkthorpe Lane, Kirkthorpe – Dropped Crossing.

Holly Farm, Warmfield lane, Warmfield – Minor Amendments to PP.

West Pavilion, Heath – Crown Lifting Etc.

No Objections from the Parish Council to any of these New Applications.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 21/09/10, had previously been circulated. The next meeting is to be held on 16/11/10.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr Wilby provided an update on the last meeting, held on 18/10/10. There has been a proposal to reduce the speed limit on the Normanton By-Pass from 50 mph to 40 mph. Concern was again expressed regarding the number of speeding vehicles passing through Kirkthorpe and Heath.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – The Operation Report from the last meeting had previously been circulated. The next meeting is to be held on 9/12/10. Cllr Haworth is to attend.

PACTS Meeting – Cllr Vasey provided an update from the last meeting, held on 4/10/10. The Clerk to copy Email from Sgt Fraser to Cllr Gueli & Vasey. The next meeting is scheduled for 15/11/10.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly inspections, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report. It was decided not to replace the posts on the football pitch at this time.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 20 October 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for 26 January 2011, when the Leader and Chief Executive of WMDC are expected to attend.

Future Speakers – Inspector Lisa Kirkland, from Normanton PCT, is scheduled to speak at the next meeting to be held on 17 November 2010.

Proposed Bylaws for the Commons – The Clerk confirmed that he had sent a reminder Email to DEFRA asking for a definitive response on this issue.

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Winter Maintenance Procedures – Cllr Smith & Vasey to attend meeting with WMDC.
- NALC – Legal Briefing – Standards Framework.
- YLCA – Local Council Elections – To go ahead in May 2011.
- Cllr Dagger – Timeline Film Show.
- WMDC – Remembrance Service – Cllr Haworth to attend.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- The Clerk to speak to Tingles regarding repairs to the Parish Notice Boards.
- Cllr Gueli – Proposed event in aid of the Stroke Association in 2011. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- Cllr Smith – Thanks to those who took part in the recent Working Party at the Upper Graveyard of St Peter's Church.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on

Wednesday 17 November 2010, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe at 7.00 pm.