

WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON 21 MAY 2014

Public Consultation – Chief Constable Mark Gilmore, who is currently resident in the Parish, introduced himself and provided an overview of his aspirations for the West Yorkshire Service. He stressed that despite the re-organisation of the Service which is currently taking place, the principle of Neighbourhood Policing is being maintained and that there will be no reduction of front line Officers. In fact a policy of increasing the number of Special Police Officers and volunteers is currently under way. Chief Constable Gilmore also emphasised his policy of encouraging all appropriate Authorities and Organisations to work together to prevent criminal activity and obviate the need to always be re-active. He then answered questions from Members and stressed the need for concerns and information to always be reported to the Police.

Inspector David Budd and PCSO Katie Hester were also present and they reported the latest crime figures for the area, and also confirmed that there would be a Police presence at both the Classic Car Rally and the Jazz Festival.

District Cllr David Dagger concurred with the remarks of the Chief Constable, and reported on the success of interventions with troubled families with which he had some knowledge. Cllr Dagger was asked to look into the long-term delay in presenting the outstanding Planning Application in respect of the ‘Pineapple Farm’ site to the WMDC Planning & Highways Committee.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair – Cllr Joe Fisher was formally elected as Chair of the Parish Council for 2014/2015, and Cllr Maggie Vasey was elected as Deputy Chair.

Community Centre – The Clerk confirmed that the Community Centre Account currently stands at £68.41, with a transfer of £500 from the Parish Council Community Account still to be added. He also confirmed that the problems with the lighting system at the Community Centre had been addressed.

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

- The provision of rooted Christmas Trees is still being investigated.
- Following confirmation that local children will be eligible, the grant of £200 towards the junior assault courses, to be provided at the Scream Park in Hell Lane by PCSO Katie Hester, was confirmed. The date for attendance by local children will be Thursday 7 August.
- It was confirmed that Cllr Sanderson has liaised with the Presiding Officer in terms of the use of the Community Centre as a Polling Station on 22 May.

Finance – The Clerk provided a statement on the current financial position of the Parish Council, and presented appropriate cheques for payment. He also reported that the Parish Council Accounts for y/e 31 March 2014 had been submitted to, and approved by, the Council’s Internal Auditors. These Accounts together with the Annual Return will now be submitted to the Council’s External Auditors.

Planning Matters – The following Applications were discussed:

Boundary Lane (Land Off), Warmfield – Construction of Agricultural Field Shelter & Variation of Condition 5 – Parking of Vehicles over 3,5 Tonnes – Decision Pending.

Pineapple Farm, Marshall Hill, Warmfield – Variation of Condition 1 (Temporary Permission) & Condition 2 (Restoration of Land) – Construction of 2 No Amenity Buildings – Decision Pending.

8 Horse Race End, Heath Common – Proposed Detached Garage – Refused by WMDC.

Ivy Cottage, Boatyard, Heath – Temporary CoU of Land to 4 No Traveller's Pitches, Construction of Dayroom/Utility Block etc. – Decision Pending.

15 Warmfield Lane, Warmfield (Land to Rear Of) – Residential Development (1 No Dwelling) – Decision Pending.

Heath Hall, Heath – Crown Lifting & Tree Felling – Approved by WMDC.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – Construction of 2 No Fishing Ponds in Disused Railway Cutting, New Access & Car Parking. Members to liaise with Clerk regarding comments.

Planning Enforcement issues in Heath & Warmfield still outstanding include:

Heath – Old Brew House – Unauthorised Development, Heath Common – Condition of Wall, 'Kings Arms' – PVC Windows & External Lighting, Heath Old Hall Drive – Condition of Wing Wall to Gates.

Warmfield – Went Farm – New Stable Block, Holly Farm – Non Compliance with Approved Plans

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for 10 June 2014.

Road Safety Committee – Cllr G Wilby reported on the last meeting, held on 29 April 2014, and confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Tadman Street on 3 July 2014.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – The next meeting of this Committee will be held on 5 June 2014.

PACTS Committee – Cllr Vasey was unable to attend the last meeting, but reported on Email correspondence she had received.

NCMM – Cllr G Wilby reported on the Executive Committee meeting, held on 2 May 2014, and provided an update on the progress of the proposed Garden of Remembrance.

Kirkthorpe Playing Fields – The Clerk reported on his weekly inspections, and confirmed that there was nothing adverse to report. He also reported on an approach from Altofts Juniors AFC to use the Football Pitch, and it was agreed that he should negotiate appropriate terms.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of this Group will be held in County Hall on Wednesday 26 July 2014.

Proposed High Speed Rail Line – There was nothing new to report on this subject.

Parish Council Website – Cllr Sanderson is to urge contributors to update the News Page.

Appointment of Clerk – Cllr Fisher reported on the Interview Panel which had met the previous evening, and stated that one Candidate was felt to be an outstanding prospect as the replacement Clerk. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the post should be offered to this Candidate.

Councillor's Duties – It was agreed to leave this Item until the next meeting

Correspondence – The following Items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- SLCC – News Bulletin – 25/04/14.
- Rural Action Yorkshire – eBulletin – 01/05/14.
- YLCA – Provision of Service Agreement – 12/05/14
- WMDC – Football Pitch Inspections.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether or not a Vintage Bus Rally was scheduled to be held on Heath Common this year.
- Cllr Sanderson reported that the 30/40 mph signs near the lay-by on Kirkthorpe Lane are now missing. The Clerk agreed to take up with WMDC Highways.
- The Clerk was also asked to speak to WMDC Highways regarding the proposed improvement of the footway on Church Hill, Kirkthorpe.

Date/Time of Next Meeting – It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 18 June 2014**, in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend.