MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2015, IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRKTHORPE

1. PRESENT

Cllr Fisher, in the Chair; Cllrs Mills, Sanderson, Smith, Vasey, Wilby G, Wilby J, Wood and the Acting Clerk. District Cllrs Dagger & Wassell.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Gueli, who had work commitments, and from District Cllr Blezard.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were made by Cllr Sanderson in respect of the Item on Finance, and from District Cllr Wassell on all Planning Matters.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Cllr Dagger confirmed the fact that UK Coal have gone into Administration, and that subsequently their Appeal, against the refusal by WMDC to grant Planning Permission for the proposed Deanfield Open Cast Mining Site, has been withdrawn. Cllr Dagger also raised the issue of the forthcoming Heath Common Easter Fair, and the Clerk agreed to let the District Councillors have the date, time and location of the arranged pre-meeting to discuss this event.

Cllr Wassell reported that he had been contacted by a local resident about the state of the highway between the two roundabouts immediately outside the Welbeck Landfill Site entrance. It was agreed that this issue should be raised by both District and Parish Council Members at the next Welbeck Liaison Committee Meeting.

At this point, there was a discussion about the need for further Traveller's Sites to be identified by WMDC. Accordingly, it was made clear that any suggestion to enlarge the existing site at Heath Common would be strongly opposed by the Parish Council.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 21 January 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr J Wilby, and seconded by Cllr Wood and **Resolved** that the Minutes of 21 January are a true record.

6. COMMUNITY CENTRE

• Maintenance.

The Clerk reported that the Insurance cheque has now been received, in the sum of £4800.00, and as previously resolved the work is to be carried out by the selected Contractor Bywater Building Services.

The Contractor has stated that the work will commence in April/May 2015, and that there will be a Warranty provided for a period of 12 Months.

Accordingly, the Clerk was instructed to discuss with the Contractor the terms of a Service Agreement to cover the need for possible future repairs.

7. KIRKTHORPE PLAYING FIELDS

To consider any action from the site inspections.

Following the report that 2 railings are missing from the fence around the Children's Play Area, the Clerk has contacted WMDC with regard to the responsibility for the repair of this fence, and has been informed that it lies with the Parish Council. Accordingly, the Chair agreed to look into the means of carrying out such repairs.

8. CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

The Clerk reported on a number of issues, as follows:

- There has, as yet, been no response to the suggestion by the Chair, in terms of litter picking work to be carried out by the Community Payback Teams.
- The Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to the local Co-ordinator for WREN, and that she considers that there would be little or no point in re-submitting the application for 'Birdsmouth' Fencing on Heath Common.
- A letter has been sent to WMDC Planning Services regarding the delay in determination of long outstanding Planning Applications in respect of Traveller's Sites in the Warmfield area. No response has been received to date, and the Clerk was instructed to request an early reply.
- The Clerk was also asked to request a response to his Email to WMDC Highways with regard to the problem of overhanging hedges along the A655.

9. FINANCE

To consider Account Balances & Authorisation of Cheques for Payment,

Account Balances @ 30 January 2015

Community Account	£ 13,726.96
Business Reserve Account	£ 4,794.44
	£ 18,521.40

This includes the Insurance Cheque for £4800.00.

Cheques Authorised for Payment

101070 J Wallis – Salary – February 2015	£ 201.82
101071 J Wallis – Expenses – February 2015	£ 8.22
101072 HMRC – Tax Bill – February 2015	£ 134.00
101073 Paylings Accountants – Wages Records	£ 72.00
101074 WMDC – Ground Rent	£ 0.50
101075 RMS Consult – Toner Cartridge	£ 29.00

It was noted that the Precept for 2015/2016 had been approved by WMDC, on 4 February 2015, in the sum of £13,000.00.

It was also noted that this will result in a reduction of 2.99% in the charge levied on Individual Bills.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

The following Applications were discussed:

Pineapple Farm, Marshall Hill, Warmfield – (12/00977/FUL) Variation of Condition 1 (Temporary Permission) & Condition 2 (Restoration of Land) – Construction of 2 No Amenity Buildings. **Decision Pending** Ivy Cottage, Boatyard, Heath Temporary CoU of Land to 4 No Traveller's Pitches, Construction of Dayroom/Utility Block etc. **Decision Pending** Boundary Lane (Land Off) Warmfield – (15/00248/FUL) Application to Vary Conditions 1, 2 & 3. **Decision Pending** Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – (13/03500/FUL) Construction of 2 No Fishing Ponds, New Access & Car Parking etc. **Decision Pending** <u>Heath House, Heath</u> – (14/02452/FUL & 14/02453/LBC) Conversion of Dwelling House to 5 No Apartments. **Decision Pending** 'Kings Arms' PH, Heath – (12/00301/SUB01) Discharge of Condition 2 (Electric Lantern Conversion) from Application No 12/00301/LBA. **Decision Pending** Heath Hall, Heath – (14/02814/TCA) Crown Lifting & Thinning. **Application Approved** New Close, Heath – (15/00018/TCA) Tree Removal & Pruning. **Application Approved** 12 Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – (14/02520/FUL) Stable Block (Retrospective). **Application Withdrawn** Deanfield Surface Mining Scheme – (13/00006/MIN) **Application Withdrawn**

NEW APPLICATIONS

Pineapple Inn, 320 Wakefield Road, Warmfield – (15/00191/FUL) CoU from PH to Dwelling House, including demolition of Rear Extensions & Porch, erection of part 2 storey part single storey extensions to front & 2 storey extensions to rear including Balcony & Terrace. **Decision Pending**

11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – The pre-meetings to discuss the Heath • Common Fair & the Bus Rally have now been fixed for 03/03 & 17/03 respectively. A letter has been received from Harvey Stringer agreeing to the pond on Heath Common being known as 'Stringer's Pond'. The next meeting is scheduled for 10 March 2015.

- **Road Safety Committee** Cllr G Wilby reported that the next meeting would be held at Tadman Street on 26 February 2015.
- **PACTS Meeting** Cllr Vasey confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 3 March 2015.
- National Coal Mining Museum Cllr G Wilby reported on the recent Exhibition held at the Museum, and confirmed that the next Committee meeting would be held in March 2015.
- Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group The last meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. However, Cllr Wassell passed a copy of a paper on the May Elections, which would have been presented at the meeting, to the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk should summarise and circulate to Members.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

To consider Correspondence received since the last meeting. Mostly sent by Email.

- YLCA Upcoming Local Elections.
- Rural Housing Spotlight.
- SLCC Bulletin.
- Connecting Communities to Streetlight
- WMDC Volunteering Opportunities.
- YLCA Inspiring Yorkshire.
- Northern Gas Networks Stakeholder Update
- WMDC Local Development Framework Consultation.

13. APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT CLERK

To consider the appointment of a replacement Clerk, following the resignation of Miss Charlotte Dodd.

The Chair and Deputy Chair reported on the interviews for this post, which had been held prior to the meeting. Accordingly, it was **resolved** that, subject to appropriate conditions, the recommended Appointment should be made.

14. ADDITIONAL MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The following matters were raised:

- Cllr Vasey raised the issue of the condition of Green Lane, adjacent to the Upper Burial Ground. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed with the Parochial Church Council.
- Cllr Smith reported on a complaint received about the condition of the Bus Shelter in Kirkthorpe. The Clerk agreed to write to METRO.

15. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 18 March 2015,** in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe, at 7.99 pm.