

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2007**

Public Participation – District Cllr Blezard reported that the Neighbourhood Development Fund has allocated £1000 to Warmfield-cum Heath for the installation of 12 Summer Hanging Baskets. This was warmly welcomed, and the formal notification is now awaited. District Cllr Milner informed the Council that a pilot scheme, to trial the most efficient method of Domestic Recycling is to take place this year. When this has been assessed, the most appropriate method will be rolled out to the whole District.

Clerks Progress Report

Details of the extent and estimated costs of repairing the War Memorial are still awaited from Anthony Bradshaw of the Church Fabric Committee.

A letter has been sent to the Rights of Way Officer at WMDC regarding the condition of Footpath No 4, and enquiring as to the proposed solution in terms of providing reasonable access for disabled and vulnerable users.

A further letter has been sent to WMDC Highways with regard to the condition of the Church Hill section of Kirkthorpe Lane, and suggesting minor improvements in order to make it safe and usable for disabled and vulnerable users.

The potential for a Christmas Tree outside the Kings Arms is still being investigated by WMDC. Information on the position of Statutory Undertakers equipment is still awaited.

A letter has been sent to the owner of the Lady Bolles Tower following information from PC Eddie Davis with regard to signs of misuse of the building.

An Email from PC Eddie Davis has been received providing information on the issues he promised to follow up at the last meeting.

Community Centre Rebuild – Information is awaited from the Secretary of the Community Centre Committee with regard to the date of the AGM.

Business Plan 2003-2007 - The Clerk provided information on the number of Quality Parish Councils in the Wakefield District area, and in West Yorkshire as a whole. It was agreed that the Council wishes to work towards this status.

PLANNING MATTERS

The following Applications were discussed:

High Croft, Heath – Replacement Dwelling – Decision Pending – Awaiting results of Newt Survey.

East Pavillion, Heath – Felling of Beech Tree – Decision Pending.

Manor House, Heath (To Rear) – Felling of Silver Birch Tree – Decision Pending.

Pineapple Inn, Warmfield – Smoking Shelter – Decision Pending.

Former Power Station – Residential Development (220 Units) and Public House. This Application allows for ultimate provision of Wakefield Eastern ByPass – Decision Pending – No Objection from PC.

Heath Hall Stables, Heath – Conversion of Barn to Residential (Old Summerhouse) – Decision Pending – No Objection from PC.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Rose Cottage Farm – Boundary Wall & Change of Use from grass verge to residential curtilage – Common Land issue to be investigated.

Pineapple Hill, Warmfield – New Dwelling – Green Belt Issue to be investigated.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – Next Meeting not yet scheduled.

Road Safety Committee – Next Meeting scheduled for 25 April 2007.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – Next Meeting not yet scheduled.

Local Area Partnerships/Engagement

As confirmed by District Cllr Blezard, the bid for 12 Summer Hanging Baskets, to be sited throughout the Parish, has been approved and formal notice is now awaited from the Neighbourhood Development Fund Officers. Appropriate sites for these baskets will now be investigated.

The next meeting of the Town and Parish Councils Liaison Group is to be held on 19 April 2007, in Wakefield Town Hall. The meeting will be attended by Cllr Fisher and the Clerk.

Future Speakers – This issue will be addressed at the start of the new Council year.

Information Technology – Cllr Sanderson reported that the new Computer and Laser Printer were ready to install. He would liaise with the Clerk with regard to the most appropriate time to carry out the work.

Parish Council Elections – The Clerk confirmed that 8 Councillors had been re-elected to the Council as a result of an Uncontested Election, and that they would be required to sign the appropriate Declarations of Acceptance of Office at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 16 May 2007.

This means that there is a vacant seat on the Council, and the Councillors have authority to co-opt someone to fill this vacancy.

Correspondence – The following items of correspondence were reported upon:

- WMDC – Corporate Services – Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme.
- YLCA – Email – Freedom of Information Act.
- YLCA – Email – Response to Lyons Inquiry Report.
- Yorkshire & Humber Assembly – Assembly Digest – March 2007.
- Wakefield District Local Access Forum – Annual Report 2006.

Additional Matters/Items for next Agenda

1. Following the Email from PC Eddie Davis, it was agreed to write to WMDC Highways regarding the inadequate signage for the new 40 mph speed limits in the Black Road area.
2. It was agreed that a Register of Attendance for Council Meetings should be established.
3. Cllr Smith raised the issue of responsibility for the Burial Grounds at St Peter's Church – This will be investigated.
4. Cllr Smith also reported that a local resident has offered to replace the dilapidated seat on Heath Common opposite Cobblers Hall with a new seat in memory of Betty Cooper. This was approved with thanks.
5. It was agreed to look to relocate the Millenium Seat at Kirkthorpe Playing Fields to the roadside verge.

Date/Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, will be held on **16 May 2007** in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe at 7.00 pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend.