

Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council Chairs Report
Period 2008-2009

This report summarises the Parish Council activities during the year April 2008 to March 2009 it includes Councillor details and Parish statistics, it is meant for public information and will be distributed throughout the Parish and on the Parish Council website, www.warmfieldcumheath.org.uk. Any comments and requests for further information should be directed to the Clerk of the Council or any Warmfield cum Heath Parish Councillor.

Parish Councillors

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Due to the resignation of Councillor Kerr there is a position to be filled, this is a co-opted vacancy.

All Parish Councillors are unpaid and claim no expenses for the time and effort given. They work to an agreed “code of conduct” and official “Parish Council Standing Orders”.

Ward Councillors

Councillor	Barry Smith 21 Fairway Approach Normanton WF6 2LX	Tel 01924-895527
Councillor	Elaine Blezard 4 Browns Green Normanton WF6 1FE	Tel 01924-894581
Councillor	David Dagger 9 Pippins Approach Normanton WF6 2BZ	Tel 01924-896804

Councillors Duties

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group	Councillor	Fisher J Wallis
Kirkthorpe Community Centre	Councillors	Habberjam Crowther Easter Smith
Commons Liaison Committee	Councillors	Fisher Smith Crowther
Welbeck Liaison Committee	Councillors	Crowther Wilby
Road Safety Committee	Councillors	Easter Crowther
Police Forum	Councillors	Crowther Maiden Wilby
Parish Council Website	Councillors	Maiden Sanderson
Media	Councillor	Fisher
Normanton Grammar School Foundation	Councillor	Sanderson
John Smyth Charities	Councillors	Sanderson Maiden
National Coal Mining Museum	Councillors	Wilby Crowther
Planning Application Research	Councillor	Smith
Heath Common Fair	Councillors	Smith Crowther
Freeston Sager	Councillor	Sanderson
WMDC Meetings		Open Forum

All Councillors are personally responsible for ensuring they are aware of meeting dates and for obtaining meeting minutes to pass to J Wallis to include in Councillor information packs or distributed at Parish Council Meetings.

Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council Statistics

Precept	2006/07	£9000
	2007/08	£9000
	2008/09	£9000
	2009/2010	£9000

Section 137 raised to £6.15p per head for 2009/2010 with 682 Parishioners this equates to £4194:30p

Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council – Accounts

N.B.

2008-2009 Accounts Yet to be Audited (Summary Only)

Clerk Salary and Expenses	£3519:00p
YLCA Membership	£212:00p
Insurance	£372:00p
Telephone Account	£188:00p
St Peters Parish Church	£1000:00p
Parish Magazine	£100:00p
Community Centre Precept	£2500:00p
PC Elections	£130:00p
	£293:00p
Yorkshire Air Ambulance Donation	£100:00p
Trench Digging	£59:00p
Website Costs	£78:00p
Stationery	£174:00p
WMDC Ground Maintenance	£374:00p
SLCC Membership	£82:00p
External Auditor MAZARS	£141:00p
Highway Consultants	£897:00p
Wakefield Express Advert	£87:00p
Total (un-audited at Time of Report)	£10,306:00p

Community Events

Heath Common Fair Easter

Speakers At Meetings

Chris Lee	Magna Holdings
Lee Gray	Yorkshire Air Ambulance
Inspector Richard Jones	WY Police
Tom O'Donovan	Yorkshire Rural Community Council

Summary

Planning Applications

The Council received 40 planning applications during the year (26 in 2007/2008) and commented on 7 of these applications. The Council has formulated negotiation channels with WMDC and District Councillors to discuss and act on planning infringements and if needed support WMDC in the appropriate action.

A new Community Centre Management Committee, has now been formed and recently a new treasurer and booking clerk have been nominated. This has led to more involvement from the Kirkthorpe Shop who hold the booking log. Jean Tingle has agreed to act as stand in treasurer.

The Parish Council have “Partnered” with WMDC to implement improvements to the Commons within the Parish, as a result new byelaws are being produced to cover all 4 commons.

Councillors are still involved in meetings regarding the opencast development on Warmfield Common, thus ensuring minimum disruption and a “voice” for Parishioners.

Two open meetings were held to discuss the possibility of producing a “Parish Plan” however due to the small number of parishioners attending the second meeting it was decided to postpone the initiative until a later date.

Finally the Parish Council would like to thank all three of our ward Councillors for their support on many matters throughout the year including supporting the Parish Council on Community grant applications and also for their interest and attendance at Parish meetings where their knowledge and experience has been invaluable.

Joe Fisher
Chair – Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council
April 2009.