

**WARMSFIELD CUM HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2008**

Election of Chair/Deputy Chair – For the post of Chair, only one nomination had been received by the Clerk prior to the meeting, in the name of Cllr Fisher. He was formally proposed by Cllr Maiden and seconded by Cllr Smith. There being no other nominations, Cllr Fisher was duly elected by way of a unanimous show of hands, and took over the position for the remainder of the evening.

For the post of Deputy Chair, Cllr Crowther was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Wilby. There being no other nominations, Cllr Crowther was duly elected by way of a unanimous show of hands.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Following Cllr Fisher's formal acceptance of the office of Chair, he signed the appropriate Declaration, witnessed by the Clerk.

Public Participation – Cllr Fisher referred to the Parish Charter issue, which would be discussed later in the meeting, and asked all Members to read the document and let the Clerk have comments prior to the next meeting.

Brian Stringer, was pleased to learn that the "Pineapple Farm" issue was in the hands of the WMDC Legal Department, but urged the Parish Council to continue to pursue the matter. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Legal Department.

Colin Aylward agreed that he would let the Clerk have details of the scheduled meetings of the Road Safety Committee, and circulate Members with Agendas etc prior to meetings.

Clerk's Progress Report – The Clerk reported that a response from the appropriate Government Minister, in terms of illegal camping by Gypsies/Travellers, was still awaited. WMDC Enforcement Officers have nothing to report with regard to the alleged laying of foundations in a field off Marshal Hill. The Clerk to contact Ian Garrett.

An Email from Cllr Dagger confirms that Waste Collections in Half Moon Lane will revert to weekly for the time being.

A letter has been received from St Peter's Church Parochial Church Council with regard to the condition of the Upper Burial Ground, and a joint meeting has been suggested. Agreed that the Clerk should arrange, with the Parish Council represented by Cllrs Fisher, Maiden & Smith.

A response has now been received from CE Electric UK, on the issue of overhead power lines in the Parish, which proposes no change to the Status-Quo.

An Email response from WMDC Highways on the subject of damaged street signs states that the defects will be remedied.

No reply has been received from Welbeck Site Office on the issue of "Litter Picking", and the Clerk was asked to follow up the original letter.

An Email has been received from WMDC Corporate Services regarding the proposed closure of Post Offices in West Yorkshire. It was noted with satisfaction that Kirkthorpe Post Office is to remain open.

Finance – The adoption of the Council's Financial Risk Assessment for 2008/09 was proposed by Cllr Sanderson, seconded by Cllr Habberjam, and formally accepted by way of a unanimous show of hands.

Planning Matters

The following Applications were discussed;

Heath Hall Stables, Heath – Barn to Residential – Decision Pending – To go to WMDC Planning Committee.

Heath Hall Farm, Heath – Tree Felling & Crown Cleansing – Decision Pending.

3 Elsicker Lane, Warmfield – 1 No Dwelling – Approved by WMDC.

42 Kirkthorpe Lane, Kirkthorpe – Porch, S/S Extension & Replacement Garage – Decision Pending.

Goosehill Cottage, Goosehill Lane, Warmfield – 1 No Dwelling (Demolition of Existing) – Decision Pending.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Went Farm Yard, Warmfield Lane, Warmfield – A Pre-Application Consultation Leaflet has been circulated to local residents in this area, indicating draft redevelopment proposals. Agreed that the Developer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on 18 June 2008.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Commons Liaison Committee – Next meeting scheduled for 27 May 2008.

Road Safety Committee – Next meeting scheduled for 2 June 2008.

Welbeck Liaison Committee – The last Operations Report & Newsletter had been circulated prior to the meeting. No response received to letter re “Litter Picking”.

Sharlston Colliery Redevelopment Liaison Committee – After some discussion, it was agreed to apply for funds from the Trust Fund to enable village signs for Warmfield to be erected.

Local Area Partnerships/Engagement – The Chair & Clerk attended the last meeting of the Town & Parish Councils Liaison Group. The main subject of discussion was the proposed Parish Charter Document for Wakefield District. Comments on this document are required by the end of June 2008.

Future Speakers – It was agreed that a speaker from Magna Holdings be invited to attend the next meeting, and that Mr Lee Gray, from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Organisation be asked to attend the July meeting.

Community Centre – Cllr Habberjam reported in detail on the financial situation with regard to the Community Centre, and provided a projection of expected expenditure for 2008/09. After discussion of the implications involved, it was proposed by Cllr Sanderson and seconded by Cllr Maiden that an immediate injection of funds, in the sum of £1000.00, be made, and this was approved by way of a unanimous show of hands.

Parish Plan – Cllr Fisher had previously circulated a list of issues which might be used to develop a formal Parish Plan for the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Maiden should bring forward a more prescriptive set of proposals to the next meeting.

Correspondence – The following items of Correspondence were reported upon:

- YLCA – ballot for 2 new Members on MDC Standards Committee.
- WMDC – Mayor's Civic Parade & Service.
- WMDC – Climate Change Conference.
- YLCA – Parish & Town Council training Programme.
- Zurich Insurance – Risk Management Training.
- Cllr Dagger – Funding for Community Groups.
- WMDC – Wakefield Speaks Newsletter.
- Ridings FM – Newsletter.
- YLCA – White Rose Update – Revised Mileage Rates noted.

Additional Matters/Items for Next Agenda

- Cllr Maiden expressed concern over the “Roadway” being formed across Heath Common, and stressed the need for more Ditching. Agreed that this issue be raised at the Commons Liaison Committee.
- Cllr Kerr noted that the grass cutting on Heath Common was not being carried out as regularly as necessary. The Clerk to contact WMDC.
- Cllr Kerr also expressed concern over the activities of a Cycle Club, who are using footpath No 4 as a base every Wednesday Evening, which he believes is dangerous. Agreed that the Clerk should contact the Police.
- Cllr Habberjam was assured that the signs recently erected in gardens in Kirkthorpe as part of the WDH housing refurbishment programme would be removed when this work was completed.

Date/ Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **18 June 2008** in the Community Centre, Kirkthorpe.