

**WARMFIELD – CUM – HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 14th APRIL 2025
AT 7.00PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRKTHORPE**

42/04/25. PRESENT

Present:- Cllrs Wilby J (Chair), Vasey, Smith, Medford, Wood, Wallis and Dunbavin.
District Cllr Wilton and District Khan
3 Members of the Public
Parish Clerk:-Tracy Johnson

43/04/25. APOLOGIES.

Cllr Wilby G and Cllr Sanderson.

44/04/25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

45/04/25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There is still no decision on the planning application for the Battery Storage Facility Site at Heath as there has been changes in government legislation but hopefully this should be resolved in the next few months. There has been lots of rubbish tipped at The Plough at Warmfield but skips have been filled and this is a lot clearer now and the issue of it being a Multiple Occupancy residency will be looked into by Wakefield Council. District Cllr Wilton has emailed Arriva with 2 examples of the buses not running correctly but has not yet had a response. An access bus was put on to go to Snowhill Hill but there wasn't much interest. This will be discussed at the next coffee morning but it was suggested a visit to Junction 32 might be a good idea and this will be advertised in the community. District Cllr Medford has had a response from Wakefield District Housing regarding the gardens at Freeston Drive. Residents have been told that they can keep their gardens as they are but it is still uncertain as to the cost for the cutting. The District Cllrs will find out more and want a meeting with Wakefield District Housing regarding this. The District Cllrs are also wanting to set up a meeting with Planning Officers at Wakefield Council regarding the outstanding planning applications within the Parish. Concern has been raised about tipping at the other side of the bridge in Kirkthorpe but approval has been given for tipping at the other side of the bridge. Parking on the speed bumps in Kirkthorpe is still being monitored.

46/04/25. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

To consider the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Monday, 17th March 2025.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by Cllr Wilby J. They were proposed by Cllr Dunbavin and seconded by Cllr Wallis.

47/04/25. ONGOING MATTERS.

- a. To receive an update on the Battery Storage Facility. This has already been dealt with in Public Participation.
- b. To receive an update on the signs for Heath, Kirkthorpe and Warmfield. The Clerk is meeting the owner of the sign company this week to discuss these. District Cllr Medford will resend the email regarding the funding for these signs which may be available from Wakefield Council.

- c. To receive an update on the traffic calming at Kirkthorpe. This has already been dealt with in Public Participation.
- d. To receive an update on the bus service through Kirkthorpe. This has already been dealt with in Public Participation.
- e. To consider signage for the footpath up to the Water Tower at Heath. People are walking along the path past the sub station from Neil Fox Way and then going up the field past the Water Tower at Heath and up to the private gardens at Old Hall Courtyard. It was resolved that the Clerk and District Cllr Medford would contact Wakefield Council to ask if signage could be put up to point people in the right direction when walking along this route.

48/04/25. COMMUNITY CENTRE

- a. To receive an update on repairs to the Community Centre. The handyman is replacing the wooden panels to stop them deteriorating. A new battery is needed for the clock at the Community Centre. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask the handyman to fit one.
- b. To consider any other bookings for the Community Centre. Cllr Wallis asked if there was any more information on Focus Group using the Community Centre. The Clerk said that she has not heard back from them for a while. It was resolved that the Clerk would get in touch with them to ask if they were still wanting to use the Community Centre. District Cllr Medford asked if it would be possible to have a meeting with Andys Man Club at the Community Centre. It was resolved that was fine.

49/04/25. KIRKTHORPE PLAYING FIELDS.

- a. To consider weekly inspections and agree any action required in respect of the playing fields. The playing field fence is still down at the top of the playing field. One of the rails on the baby swing in the playing park has come out. It was resolved that District Cllr Medford would report this to Wakefield Council and ask for it to be repaired.
- b. To consider repair of the playing field fence. The fence is still down at the top of the playing field. It was resolved that the Clerk would follow this up.

50/04/25. FINANCE

- a. To consider the Account Balances & Authorisation of Cheques for April. It was resolved that the amounts below should be paid and that Cllr Vasey and Cllr Smith sign the cheques.

Warmfield cum Heath Parish Council April 2025 payment schedule

Payments to be approved	Payee	Cqno.	Amount	VAT
Clerks Salary	T.Johnson		£602.76	
Clerks Expenses	T.Johnson		£27.60	
Cleaner and Products	S.Cowan		£40.00	
Repairs to CC	S.Cowan		£70.00	
Annual Membership	YLCA		£353.00	
Annual Membership	SLCC		150.00	
Annual Inspection	Fireguard		£101.07	16.85
Refuse Collection	WMDC		£321.46	
Total			£1,665.89	

Bank Reconciliation - 28 March 2025	
Opening Balance	8,040.01
Total Receipts	£3,385.77
Total Payments	£1,901.26
Closing Balance	9,524.52

Account Balances	
Community Account	9,524.52
Savings Account	£14,588.91
Total	£24,113.43

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Cllr Dunbavin asked if the Clerk checked interest rates on other banks Savings accounts to see if we were getting the best interest rate. The Clerk said she didn't. It was resolved that the Clerk would look and see if there were any better interest rates available.

b. To consider and review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Not all the Cllrs had looked at these. It was resolved that they would look at them before the next meeting so these could be reviewed and agreed.

51/04/25. PLANNING MATTERS

New Planning Applications

- **25/00614/FUL - Verandah Cottages, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5SP** - Replace 5 existing windows to front elevation, and add driveway gates.

Licensing List

- **Ossett Brewery Pub Co Ltd - Kings Arms, Heath Common, WF1 5SL**- Variation of premises licence - 24.04.2025 - To add garage area to licence for sale of alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises) for the hours Monday to Sunday 12:00hrs to 23:00rs.

Planning Decisions

- **23/01161/S7301 - Pineapple Inn, 320 Wakefield Road, Warmfield, Wakefield** - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of approved application 23/01161/FUL for "Residential development of 2no. underground dwellings" (approved 15.08.2023) due to amendments to approved house types – **Application Approved 18/03/2025.**
- **25/00320/TCA - Rear Manor House, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5SL** - Goat Willow (T1)-Section dismantle to ground level - tree has taken over garden area - **Application Approved. 01/04/2025.**

- **25/00117/FUL - 36 Park Avenue, Kirkthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire - Single storey rear extension - Application Approved. 04/04/2025.**

52/04/25. TO CONSIDER MATTERS AS REQUESTED BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS.

- None.

53/04/25. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND TAKE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY.

To Consider/Note: The correspondence received since last meeting sent by email. To consider the email regarding **PINEAPPLE COTTAGES, WARMFIELD – VERGE MANAGEMENT SCHEME.**

54/04/25. ADDITIONAL MINOR MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Cllr Smith said that she believed that the lady who owned the commons had passed away and had left the commons to the Parish Council in her will. Wakefield Council lease the commons on a 125 year lease. Cllr Smith has now been in touch with the solicitors and been informed that the Solicitor who used to deal with this lady's affairs has now retired but they would ask around and try to find out some information and come back to Cllr Smith with any information they could find out.
- There was a good turn out for the litter pick at Kirkthorpe.
- Cllr Wilby J had won the raffle for the Labour Party and donated this back to them.
- The private woodland on the left hand side coming into Kirkthorpe has had lots of rubbish tipped and is unsightly. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the landowner and ask if this could be cleared and that the Parish Council would help to tidy this.
- The Parish Council said that Heath is looking very smart with all the new flowers. It was resolved that the Clerk would pass their comments and thanks to Heath Residents.
- People are still letting their dogs into the Children's Play Area. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask for a No Dog Sign to be made and put up.
- The Parish Council asked if the Kings Arms are still doing food. It is believed that they are doing Pies & Mash on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

55/04/25. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on **Monday, 19th May 2025** at 7pm at the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.