

**PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2010 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.**

**Present:** Cllr A Garbutt, in the Chair

Cllrs: S Balfour, R Barnsley, J Evans, Mrs P Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, R Hirst, D Johnson, W Storey and K Wilson

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs D Lloyd and S Tonkinson as recorded in the attendance book.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

C2.1 No interests were declared.

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 March 2010**

C3.1 Cllr W Storey proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that they be accepted as a true record. All Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them.

**4. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 8 March 2010**

- Village Green – work nearing completion
- Flag flying – still to purchase two flags
- Telephone box – photos of the box and where it's sited have been sent to the company.
- No further info on the Catholic church
- Wakefield MDC Health & Safety Officer approved our Health & Safety Document; work on risk assessments was continuing.

**5. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end March 2010**

C5.1 A list of accounts to the end of March had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for March was £13,462.66 it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that the accounts be approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

## **6. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 10 April 2010**

C6.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of payments to be made and petty cash account at this evenings meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Balfour that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

## **7.To confirm the Cemetery Fees for 2010/11**

C7.1 The Clerk reported that Wakefield MDC had not increased their fees for this year. Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that we continue to use the formula set and therefore do not increase our fees this year. All Councillors agreed.

## **8. To approve the cost of the insurance policy for 2010/11**

C8.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the cost of £8675.61 for insurance cover is approved for the forthcoming year.

## **9. To receive and discuss a grant application form from Ackworth Rangers**

C9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Balfour that a grant of £300 is awarded under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. All Councillors agreed.

## **10. To receive and discuss a grant application form from Girlguiding Ackworth**

C10.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Balfour that a grant of £300 is awarded under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. All Councillors agreed.

## **11. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 29 March 2010**

C11.1 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Hirst that the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms are approved. All Councillors agreed.

## **12.To receive an update on the plans for new changing facilities at Carr Bridge Playing Fields**

C12.1 The Clerk reported that Steve Wells Associates within the remit of the feasibility study had, had plans drawn of new changing rooms. Councillors requested that these plans are discussed with Ackworth School prior to submitting a planning application.

**C13.1 To receive the minutes of the Allotment Working Group held on 22 March 2010**

C13.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the minutes of the Allotment Working Group are approved. All Councillors agreed

**14. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 29 March 2010**

C14.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that the minutes of the Village Events Committee are approved. All Councillors agreed. It was further agreed in principal to offer a sum of money, to be agreed by the Committee, to participants of the parade.

**15. To Discuss the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012**

C15.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt that a Working Group is set up to discuss and report back to the Parish Council ideas of how we will celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman would set up a calendar of meetings to which all Councillors are invited to attend.

**16. To receive and comment on Planning Applications received by Wakefield MDC:**

Parish Council Comments in italics:

- 10/00434/FUL 53a Wakefield Road, 8 bed care home with associated parking and landscaping – *Cllr Mrs Garbutt and Cllr Garbutt declared an interest and left the meeting. This application was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Hirst that the Clerk writes to Wakefield MDC stating that providing recommendations from the Highways authority are adhered to the Parish Council have no objections if they are not then the Parish Council wish to object. A vote took place – 7 Councillors voted in favour and 1 abstained*
- *Cllr Mrs Garbutt and Cllr Garbutt returned to the meeting.*
- 10/00594/TPO T1 Horse Chestnut to crown lift to 4m; T2 Lime to crown lift to 4m.
- 10/00558/FUL Lafarge Aggregates Limited, installation of portable office building at first floor level, including support brackets and access staircase (retrospective)
- 10/00546/NMC Castle Syke Farm, application for non material amendment for roof lights to facilitate rooms in roof space and alteration of openings to front (amendment to 09/01151/FUL for 1 no dwelling)

**17.To receive additional correspondence:**

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- E Mail received from Wakefield MDC re Appointment of the New Monitoring Officer – *Clerk to confirm all councillors require training.*
- Letter from Communities and Local Government re Business Ratepayers Eligible for Small Business Rate Relief - *noted*
- Invitation "At Home" with the Mayor on Saturday 24 April 2010 *Noted.*

