

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2009 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, D Johnson, W Storey and K Wilson

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for all their hard work over the year.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs R Hirst, D Lloyd and S Tonkinson for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 There were no declarations of interested received.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 November 2009

C3.1 Cllr W Storey proposed and Cllr Mrs S 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 9 November 2009

- Village Green – The Solicitor has asked me for further information from the minute book. Whilst looking through I came across some old papers pertaining to the village green which I have let him have a copy of. He has written to Wakefield MDC for further information.
- Low Ackworth Car Park – still chasing WMDC
- Steve Wells Ltd – no further information received
- Travel Centres at Pontefract and Castleford – letter from Metro enclosed.
- Email received from Mr Barry Riley Clerk to Crofton PC re Allocation of housing by Wdh.

5. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end November 2009

C5.1 A list of accounts to the end of November had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for November was £15094.28. It was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead 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 14 December 2009

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 Balfour and seconded by Cllr W Storey that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. To receive the Auditors report on the accounts to 31 March 2009

C7.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the Auditors report be accepted and noted. All Councillors agreed.

8. To receive the interim Internal Auditors report on the accounts to 31 March 2010

C8.1 It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the Internal Auditors interim report be accepted and comments noted. All Councillors agreed.

9. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 30 November 2009

C9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Balfour that the minutes were accepted and noted. All Councillors agreed.

C9.2 It was further noted that a junior football team had used Carr Bridge field at the weekend when no matches were scheduled. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Ackworth Juniors for their comments.

10. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 23 November 2009

C10.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Balfour that the minutes were accepted and noted. All Councillors agreed.

C10.2 The Clerk further reported that approximately 350 children attended Santa Day and to date 7 forms have been returned for the pumpkin growing competition.

C10.3 The Chairman passed the Council's thanks to all concerned especially Mr Terry Hollyhead Chairman of the Village Events Committee.

11. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on 1 December 2009

C11.1 It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Storey that the minutes were accepted and noted. All Councillors agreed.

C11.2 Cllr Balfour gave an update on the situation with the HGV ban, which came into force on the A628 at the end of November. Wakefield MDC have not installed warning signs that the HGV ban has come into force, as a consequence HGV's are entering the road at either end and finding they have no alternative but to continue. Cllr Balfour reported that she has already spoken with Mr Ian Wiper Head of Highways at Wakefield MDC re this issue. It was agreed that a letter would go from this meeting expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

12. To discuss and receive a report on the Telephone Box

C12.1 A report was received regarding the cost of moving and renovating the telephone box. It was proposed by Cllr Storey that the approximate cost of £3,000 is approved for this work to be carried out. All Councillors agreed.

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

The planning applications were discussed and duly noted unless otherwise stated:

- 09/02122/TCA Ackworth School – felling of 11 no. Mixed trees – *Clerk to check with Officer re the reason for felling these trees. The Council agreed that an objection would be submitted unless the trees are dead, dying or in a dangerous condition.*
- 09/02201/FUL 2 Low Farm Lane – 1st floor extension to side with balcony to rear (re submission) – *Clerk to check why there has been a re submission.*
- 09/02241/TCA The Lawn House, Pontefract Road – T1–T4 remedial pruning
- 09/02225/FUL 1 Fothergill Avenue – 1st floor extension and erection of out building

14. To receive additional correspondence:

- Invitation from the Mayor of Wakefield to a Civic Carol Service on Thursday 17 December at 2009 at Wakefield Cathedral
- Ackworth Heritage Group AGM

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED