

**PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.**

**Present:** Cllr W Storey, in the Chair

Cllrs: S Balfour, R Barnsley, J Evans, R Hirst, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, D Lloyd and K Wilson

2 Police Officers from West Yorkshire Police - 3 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman asked Council if they would agree to receive and discuss the Allotment Working Group minutes as due to a clerical error they had been missed off the agenda. Cllr Hirst proposed that they be discussed after agenda item 14. All Councillors agreed.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Garbutt and Cllr Mrs P Garbutt for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley re the allotments. Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead re the vacancy for Councillor.

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 January 2011**

C3.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Balfour 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 17 January 2011**

- Telephone box is still away being refurbished
- Chimney stack will be rebuilt as soon as the weather improves
- Rock salt store area has now been completed

**5. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end January 2011**

C5.1 a list of accounts to the end of January had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for January was £20,917.52; it was proposed by Cllr Hirst 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 February 2011**

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

## **7.To approve the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as 16 May 2011**

C7.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Hirst that the date is approved. All Councillors agreed.

## **8. To discuss and approve the cost of summer floral displays**

C8.1 Following the January Parish Council meeting the Clerk had gone back to the company and discussed a further discount. Details of which were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that the new costs be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

## **9. To approve the tender document for the grounds maintenance contract for 2011/12**

C9.1 A copy of the document had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Balfour that this document be accepted and distributed to our list of contractors. All Councillors agreed.

It was further proposed by Cllr Hirst that the Japanese knotweed at Low Ackworth should be dealt with by Wakefield MDC. Voting took place 8 Councillors voted in favour and one voted against.

## **10. To discuss and decide on the co-option to fill the casual vacancy**

C10.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Evans seconded that this position is left vacant until the elections. All Councillors agreed.

## **11. To receive a report re planning applications**

C11.1 The Clerk reported that there had not been a meeting as the only application for consideration was for tree pruning. This was noted.

## **12. To receive and approve the minutes of the Playing Fields and Changing Rooms Committee meeting held on 31 January 2011**

12.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded that the minutes be received and noted. All Councillors agreed.

## **13.To receive and approve the minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 31 January 2011**

C13.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the minutes be received and noted. All Councillors agreed.

## **14. To receive and approve the minutes of the Village Events meeting held on 31 January 2011**

C14.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the minutes be received and noted. All Councillors agreed.

C14.2 Royal British Legion 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Poppy Appeal – a short discussion was held re ideas for the event. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Evans that instead of holding an event a donation of £100 be given to the Royal British Legion. All Councillors agreed.

#### **14a. Allotment Working Group minutes dated 18 January 2011**

C14a .1 The minutes of the meeting were circulated to Councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Balfour drew attention to three specific items:

- Agenda item 9 – Term of Office – when the elections were held for the 5 tenant representatives a term of office was not specified. It was agreed at the meeting that this should be 2 years.
- Agenda item 3 - Matters Arising – Side Gate Lock – this had been discussed for the second time at the meeting and it was once again agreed to put a new lock on the side gate.
- Agenda item 12 – Meeting of all plot holders – it was a lively meeting with strong opinions being expressed. Items raised from the meeting would be discussed at the next Allotment Working Group meeting.

C14.2 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded that the minutes be received and noted. Voting took place – 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 abstained.

#### **15. To receive Burial Rights**

C15.1 Ashes plot C/A – Row C no. 4 June Hodgson

#### **16. To receive additional correspondence**

- Training and Development Programme 2011 from Yorkshire Local Councils Association
- Newsletter from Wakefield Link (Health Watch) Winter 2010/11

The correspondence above was noted unless otherwise stated.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and asked them to leave the meeting.

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