

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 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, D Lloyd, W Storey, S Tonkinson and K Wilson

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Hirst for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley – Friends of Brackenhill
Cllr S Tonkinson – Friends of Brackenhill

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2009

C3.1 Cllr Storey proposed and Cllr Barnsley 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 19 JANUARY 2009

C4.1 Website – work should be completed in the next 2 weeks.
Village Green – nothing further to report
Howard School - Wakefield MDC intend to appoint a school crossing patrol
Newsletter will be ready for distribution mid February

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND BANK RECONCILIATION TO END JANUARY 2009

C5.1 A list of accounts to end January had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for January was £9558.67. The Clerk answered questions on the accounts. It was proposed by Cllr W Storey and seconded by Cllr S Tonkinson that they 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 9 FEBRUARY 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 Mrs P Garbutt and seconded by Cllr S Tonkinson that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM FIRST IMPRESSIONS RE THE SUMMER FLORAL DISPLAY

C7.1 It was noted that the cost of the baskets was the same as last year; it was therefore proposed by Cllr Barnsley that this is accepted. All Councillors agreed.

8. TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE REQUEST BY THE LINE DANCING GROUP FOR A GRANT

C8.1 It was agreed that the Clerk speaks to the group to clarify how they are constituted.

9. TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM STEPHENSON & WROE REGARDING ACKWORTH GLEBE RENT REVIEW

C9.1 This was noted.

10. TO RECEIVE A DECISION TAKEN BY ACKWORTH HERITAGE GROUP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR GROUP

C10.1 It was agreed to write to request that there continues to be two representatives from the Parish Council.

11. TO RECEIVE AND COMMENT ON A DRAFT PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER FROM WAKEFIELD MDC

C11.1 Cllr Garbutt proposed that this be accepted. All Councillors agreed. It was therefore RESLOVED that the Clerk replies accordingly.

12. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND CHANGING ROOM COMMITTEE ON 26 JANUARY 2009

C12.1 The minutes were received and noted.

13. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE DATED 26 JANUARY 2009

C13.1 The minutes were received and noted.

14. TO DISCUSS THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2009/10

C14.1 It was agreed that the contract would remain the same as last year.

15. TO DISCUSS THE HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2009/10

C15.1 It was agreed to leave this contract separate from the grounds maintenance contract.

16. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM PONTEFRACT WIND FARM ACTION GROUP FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF AT THE PLANNING MEETING

C16.1 The Clerk reported that a request had been received via Cllr Wilson for our Chairman to speak at the planning meeting when the Wind Farm application is discussed. The Council took no decision on this issue.

17. TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF DANDO WAY

C17.1 Cllr Wilson had received a complaint regarding the section of Dando Way, which goes under the A638 road bridge and the condition of the footpath due to drainage work from the nearby housing estate. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Wakefield MDC. Cllr Balfour would also take this up.

18. PLANNING – TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY WAKEFIELD MDC

C 18.1 It was agreed to note the following applications unless otherwise stated.

- 09/00061/CPE Onward Holdings – ground floor shop and first floor flat – Clerk to contact Wakefield MDC for clarification.
- 09/00123/FUL 12 Barncroft Close – conservatory to rear
- 09/00124/FUL Post Office, Brackenhill – disabled access ramp
- 09/00134/FUL 24 Langdale Drive – single storey extension to side

19. CEMETERY

C19.1 **Burial Rights** – There were no burial rights for approval this month.

20. TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

C20.1 All correspondence was noted unless otherwise stated:

- Invitation to attend West Yorkshire Rural Transport Conference
- Letter from QPMSR Limited re Parish Surveys
- SLCC Training session at South Kirkby on Friday 13 March 2009 – the cost to attend per delegate is £35. It was agreed that the Clerk and any Councillor wishing to attend could do so.

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.