

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 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, 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 Cllrs R Hirst 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 14 December 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 14 December 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 records they have in there achieves.
- Low Ackworth Car Park – work still to begin.
- Steve Wells Ltd – presentation given prior to this evenings meeting
- Travel Centres at Pontefract and Castleford – centres to remain open until 31 March 2010
- 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 December 2009

C5.1 A list of accounts to the end of December had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for December was £14,487.20 it was proposed by Cllr Tonkinson and seconded by Cllr Barnsley

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 18 January 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 Tonkinson and seconded by Cllr Johnson that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. To discuss and approve a Precept for 2010/11

C7.1 Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded that the recommendation from the precept meeting be approved – the recommendation being that the precept be increased by, 7.5%, which equates to an additional £9450 giving a precept of £135,450. All Councillors agreed.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the precept for 2010/11 is set at £135,450.

8. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 21 December 2009

C8.1 It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Mr Platts at Wakefield MDC re the water leak at Brackenhill as a matter of urgency.

C8.2 It was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Balfour that the minutes be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

9.To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 21 December 2009

C9.1 It was agreed to ask the Cemetery Committee to carry out an options appraisal re the disposal of soil, flowers etc.

C9.2 Cllr A Garbutt proposed and Cllr Tonkinson seconded that the Cemetery roadway be built in the next financial year from monies carried forward. All Councillors agreed.

C9.3 It was further proposed by Cllr Mrs P Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Tonkinson that minutes be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

10. To discuss the report received from Steve Wells Associates Ltd re Carr Bridge field

C10.1 For the benefit of members not at the presentation Steve Wells gave prior to this meeting the Chairman gave a brief update. Their recommendation is to go for basic changing rooms with car park area similar in size and location of the existing changing rooms. This would be achievable sooner rather than later.

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

C11.1 It was agreed to have the telephone box restored by a specialist restoration company.

12. To discuss the difficulties experienced during the bad weather with regard to gritting village roads and pavements

C12.1 A short discussion was held regarding the difficulties experienced by local residents. It was agreed to look into the possibility of purchasing a machine with different attachments to allow the grit salt to be spread on roads and footpaths in the village.

C12.2 It was further agreed that the Clerk should contact Wakefield MDC for their comments on this proposal.

13. To discuss and decide on the protocol to use for flying a flag on the newly installed flag pole

C13.1 The Clerk reported that when the flagpole was installed she had received a protocol for flying the appropriate flag on special days. A brief discussion was held several members expected that the union flag would be flown all the time as in other areas. The Clerk further reported that the Ackworth & District Branch of the British Legion intimated to her that they would expect the protocol to be followed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the British Legion for their opinion.

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

Cllr Balfour declared an interest in item 09/02356/TCA and took no part in the discussion.

- 09/02418/FUL George Stephenson House, Station Road – Installation of 2000 litre LPG tank and associated pipe work (retrospective) – *Clerk to check that there have been no objections from neighbours.*
- 09/02397/TPO 20 Denton Gardens – T1 Black Pine to fell, T2 Copper Beech to crown clean
- 09/02356/TCA 3 Ackworth House Close – T1 – T2 Pear trees to fell, T3 – T5 Cedar trees to Crown lift and crown thin, T6 Hawthorne remove 2 limbs and crown thin, T7 Sycamore to fell, T8 Rowan to fell, T9 Conifer to fell, T10 Rowan to crown lift, T11 and T12 Beech trees to crown lift, T13 Ash to crown lift and T14 Sycamore to remove growth from stump – *Clerk to check the officers comments on this application.*

The applications were noted unless otherwise stated.

C14.2 Letter received from DLP Planning re 08/03040/OUT Onward Transport – it was proposed by the Chairman and this letter be discussed in private as it may have contractual implications.

15. To receive additional correspondence:

- Invitation from National Coal Mining Museum for England to Exhibition Launch Northern Soul – Cllrs Wilson, Storey and A Garbutt to attend.
- Yorkshire Local Councils Association - White Rose Update and letter re increase in subs for 2010/11- noted.