

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.

Present: Cllr A Garbutt, in the Chair

Cllrs: R Barnsley, J Evans, D Johnson, W Storey, S Tonkinson and K Wilson

Pc A Durant, West Yorkshire Police

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs S Balfour, Mrs P Garbutt, R Hirst, Mrs S Hollyhead and D Lloyd for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley – AHEAD, Allotments and Friends of Brackenhill
Cllr S Tonkinson – Friends of Brackenhill

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2008

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 8 DECEMBER 2008

C4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND BANK RECONCILIATION TO END DECEMBER 2008

C5.1 A list of accounts to end December had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for December was £11660.29. The Clerk answered questions on the accounts. It was proposed by Cllr S Tonkinson and seconded by Cllr R Barnsley 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 19 JANUARY 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 S Tonkinson and seconded by Cllr Storey that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. TO RECEIVE THE AUDITORS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

C7.1 Details of the brief report had previously been circulated. It was noted and agreed that the Internal Auditor would write off the nominal amount for rounding of figures.

8. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE PRECEPT FOR 2009/10

C8.1 A report had previously been circulated to all Councillors from the Precept meeting. The recommendation was that due to the current economic climate, to keep the same level of precept as last year. It was therefore agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk submits a precept request for £126,000.

9. TO APPROVE EXPENCES FOR MILEAGE CLAIM

C9.1 This was briefly discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Barnsley that this claim is approved. All Councillors agreed.

10. TO APPROVE THE COST OF THE WORK ON THE WEBSITE

C10.1 Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Barnsley seconded that the cost of the work to update the site and allow staff to carry out alterations be approved. All Councillors agreed.

11. TO DISCUSS ALLOTMENT RENTS

C11.1 A brief discussion took place regarding the splitting up of allotments and who should have priority over them. The allotment rents were also discussed. The Clerk was asked to obtain rental cost for locally run allotments including Wakefield MDC. It was further agreed to pass these issues to the Allotment Working Group for discussion and recommendations.

12. TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCAL COUNCILS UPDATE

C12.1 This was agreed.

13. TO APPROVE THE COST OF THREE MONTHS SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER INFORMATION SERVICE TO EMPLOYERS

C13.1 This was approved.

14. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND CHANGING ROOM COMMITTEE ON 22 DECEMBER 2008

C14.1 The minutes were received and noted.

15. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE DATED 15 DECEMBER 2009

C15.1 The minutes were received and noted.

16. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2009

C16.1 The minutes were not available to be circulated. The Clerk gave a brief outline of issues raised.

17. TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE AHEAD GROUP

C17.1 A letter had been received requesting assistance re setting up a craft 'drop in' group.

After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Garbutt that he funds 8 sessions for the group from his Chairman's Allowance.

18. TO DECIDE IF THE PARISH COUNCIL WISH TO BECOME MEMBERS OF VOX

C18.1 It was agreed to apply to become members of VOX.

19. TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS AND COST INVOLVED OF A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE LICENCE FOR USERS OF PARISH COUNCIL BUILDINGS

C19.1 The Clerk reported that following last months meeting she had made further enquiries re the above. The cost to cover groups without a licence would be approximately £170. After a short discussion it was agreed to pay the fee to ensure we comply with current legislation.

20. TO DISCUSS THE REGISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE GREEN

C20.1 The Clerk reported that she had received a book entitled 'Getting Greens Registered' from Yorkshire Local Councils Association. It was agreed to register the Green as soon as possible.

21. TO DISCUSS AND COMMENT ON A POLICY & PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATION – OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE A MARK? SHOULD THE VOTING AGE BE LOWERED TO 16?

C21.1 It was proposed by Cllr Wilson to note this document. All Councillors agreed.

22. TO DISCUSS AND COMMENT ON THE PUBLICATION OF CANDIDATES ADDRESSES AT UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

C22.1 It was proposed by Cllr Tonkinson to note this document. All Councillors agreed.

23. TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM ACKWORTH SCHOOL AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A VALUER TO REVIEW THE RENT FOR CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

C23.1 It was agreed to the appointment of the valuer recommended by Ackworth School.

24. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM HOWARD CE J & I SCHOOL TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK FOR PARENTS TO PARK AT THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

24.1 It was agreed in principal to allow the use of the car park. The Clerk is requested to contact our insurers to ascertain the implications of this decision.

24.2 It was further agreed to write to Mr Wiper Head of Transportation and Highways regarding the concerns of the Council and local residents re the appointment of a school crossing patrol person.

25. TO DISCUSS TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

25.1 It was agreed that although this work needs to be carried out as soon as possible, with the current budget restraints it would have to be put on hold at the moment.

Pc Durant gave his apologies and left the meeting. The Chairman thanked him for attending and for his input.

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

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

- 08/03040/OUT Mixed use redevelopment comprising commercial and residential uses, live/work units, senior living accommodation, community facilities, crèche, public open space and sports changing rooms at Onward Business Park.
- 08/03049/FUL Co-operative Retail Services – external alterations to south and west elevations, alterations to car park layout, installation of 2 metre high security gates.
- 08/02527/FUL Southlodge, Rigg Lane, change of use of outbuilding to cattery

- 08/02684/FUL Wayside (land adj.) 5 Long Lane, 1no. detached dwelling
- 08/02906/FUL Westway, Pontefract Road, extension to front and rear
- 08/02953/ADV 29 Doncaster Road, (opposite) 2 x advertising posters on bus shelter
- 08/02969/TCA Ackworth School – T1 Beech to remove, T2 Horse Chestnut to crown thin, T3 Beech to crown thin and crown lift, T4 Sycamore to evenly crown thin

26.2 Planning Letters received:

To discuss a letter received from DLP Planning Consultants regarding 08/03040/OUT development on Onward Business Park, Wakefield Road, Ackworth

A further letter from DLP Planning Consultants had been received today.

It was agreed to note the contents as the application is for outline planning and to look at the detail when the planning application is submitted for full planning approval.

27. CEMETERY

C27.1 **Burial Rights** – P26 Paul Andrew Smith, P15 Joyce Dodd

28. TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

C28.1 All correspondence was noted unless otherwise stated:

Invitations to various seminars/conferences:

- NALC Stepping Stones Conference at York Saturday 21 February 2009 – It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Storey that the Chairman and Cllr Johnson attend. Voting took place 5 Councillors voted in favour and 1 Councillor voted against. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk request places for two Councillors.
- SLCC – Cemetery Management Course at Leeds – Wednesday 25 March 2009 – the Clerk reported that due to high demand for places; having consulted with the Chairman she had book 2 places on this seminar. All Councillors approved this. Cllr Storey as Chair of the Cemetery Committee and the Clerk would attend.
- SLCC 2009 Yorkshire Conference at Wakefield – Tuesday 8 September 2009 – it was proposed by Cllr Tonkinson that the Admin Assistant attends this course. All Councillors agreed.