

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2011 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.

Present: Cllrs: S Balfour, in the Chair

Cllrs R Barnsley, J Evans, Mrs J Evans, P Davies, R Hirst,
Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead, D Marshall, R Molloy, W Storey
and K Wilson

District Councillor Jean Askew
3 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C1.1 There was no apologies to receive.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 Cllr Marshall declared an interest in planning application no. 11/00995/FUL

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2011

C3.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that they be accepted as a true record. Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them.

4. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 16 May 2011

- Telephone box – scheduled to be delivered back to us the last week in July
- Chimney stack – work completed
- Lodge and Stonewall at High Ackworth – waiting for response from Wakefield MDC's Conservation Officer
- Conferences/courses – Press relations was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Clerk attended the regional conference – report to follow.
- Planning application – Co-operative Retail Services have withdrawn the application.
- Hillside, Barnsley Road – stopping up order of the highway – refers to the area that was highway verge where the seat was. It appears that Highways have given this over to the petrol station
- Site meeting re Tarmac path from St Clements Court to Dando Way – it was agreed to hold a further site meeting with the residents of Heaton Street.

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

C5.1 A list of accounts to the end of May had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for May was £14,469.36 it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr T 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 20 June 2011

C14.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of payments to be made and petty cash account at this evenings meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Storey that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7.To receive and approve the Internal Auditors Report

C7.1 The Clerk read out the report. Cllr Hirst proposed that the report is formally accepted and thanked the Clerk for work carried out on the accounts. All Councillors agreed.

8. To receive and approve documentation and sign the Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2011

C8.1 The Clerk had previously circulated relevant documentation for the annual return. Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Storey seconded that the Chairman and the Clerk as a true record duly sign the annual return. All Councillors agreed.

9. To retrospectively approve the cost of repairing the office computer and to approve the cost of an Encrypted backup solution

C9.1 Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that these costs are approved. All Councillors agreed.

10. To receive and discuss a letter requesting a donation from BOAR Cottage Charity

C10.1 Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that the sum of £500 be donated under section 137 of the Local Government Act. All Councillors agreed.

It was further agreed that clarification is sought on the number of people who benefit and what proportion of those people lived in Ackworth.

11. To receive the minutes of the Playing Fields and Changing Rooms Committee held on 23 May 2011

C11.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up all the outstanding issues.

C11.2 Cllr Hirst asked if it had been agreed that when the swings were removed on Carr Bridge that they would be replaced. A short discussion took place. It was further agreed that the Clerk seeks obtains the cost of replacements for the next Committee meeting.

C11.3 With the exception of the above points it was proposed that the minutes be accepted and noted. All Councillors agreed.

12. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 23 May 2011

C12.1 The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for a price for the sign, the quotes for the lawnmower are ongoing, it appears that cars visiting Fairways Garage no longer park in the cemetery road way.

C12.2 It was proposed by Cllr Storey that the minutes are received and noted. All Councillors agreed

13. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 23 May 2011

C13.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst that the minutes are noted and accepted. All Councillors agreed.

14. To receive the minutes of the Allotments Working Group dated 10 June 2011 – including to further discuss the work required to clear plot 69

C14.1 The Chairman gave a brief explanation with regard to plot 69 and 64. The Chairman proposed that the original decision re plot 69 was rescinded. All Councillors agreed. It was further agreed that our own staff would clear 64 and that the quotes previously obtained for plot 69 would be re looked at. All Councillors agreed.

C14.1 It was then proposed by Cllr Hirst that the minutes are noted and accepted. All Councillors agreed.

15. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group meeting held on 14 June 2011

C15.1 Cllr Hirst reported that they had had a good meeting with Cllr Mrs Joyce Evans suggesting that they look at traffic issues in relation to planning applications, this would therefore be added as an agenda item for the meetings. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst to receive and note the minutes. All Councillors agreed.

16. To give an update on management of Low Ackworth Community Centre

C16.1 The Chairman explained of the concerns about accountability and responsibility that had arisen following a meeting held some time ago with regard to the Parish Council taking on their cleaner. Cllr Hirst proposed that a small group of Councillors invite members of the committee to a short meeting. It was further proposed by Cllr Marshall that the Councillors representing High and Low Ackworth be appointed to meet with them. All Councillors agreed. Clerk to arrange a meeting prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

17. To discuss and decide if the Council wish to donate gifts representing the village to be given out to invited guests of Wakefield MDC who are hosting the Yorkshire Day event this year.

C17.1 It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council whilst wishing the event is a successful one would not provide gifts to Wakefield MDC.

18. To receive an update on anti social behaviour in Cricketers Close

C18.1 Cllr Barnsley gave a brief update on his meeting with the police. Cllr Hirst proposed that District Councillor Mrs Askew be allowed to speak. All Councillors agreed. Mrs Askew confirmed that various agencies had been at the meeting and they were all working together to solve this issue.

The Chairman thanked them for the update.

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

Cllr Molloy declared an interest in all applications and left the meeting – as a District Councillor he is a member of the planning committee.

Cllr Marshall had declared an interest in the first planning application listed and left the meeting.

- **11/00995/FUL 17 Hill Drive – first floor extension to front and side –*there were no comments made.***

Cllr Marshall returned to the meeting.

- **11/01046/FUL 3 Denton Gardens – creation of pitched roof over existing flat roof between 1 & 3 Denton Gardens**
- **11/01060/LBC 126 Pontefract Road – demolition and reconstruction of 2 chimney stacks using traditional materials and removal of concrete render**
- **11/01062/NMC Longfield House, 156 Station Road, non-material amendment to application 06/00798/FUL for the alteration of a conservatory to a sun room extension.**
- **11/01142/FUL Birchwood House, Purston Lane – first floor extension to existing detached garage (re submission of 09/00056/FUL)**

There were no comments made on any of the above applications.

- **An email had been received from Richard Lee Planning Consultant re proposed housing development at Priory House and Cottage, Pontefract Road, comprising 6 two storey dwellings. Mr Lee asked for any comments prior to the application being submitted to Wakefield MDC. *It was agreed that the Parish Council strongly object to this on highways, conservation area and inappropriate overdevelopment of the site.***
- **It was further agreed to check the original outline planning for the Lampreys Nurseries site re the number of dwellings.**

A letter had been received from Wakefield MDC re notification of decision on planning application no. 11/00810/FUL Alterations to boundary treatment, including removal of stone wall and erection of 1.9 metres high fence, alterations to access (retrospectively) – application refused. *Councillors were pleased that this had been refused.*

20. To receive a letter from YLCA re Development Control Seminars

20.1 It was agreed that if any Councillor wished to attend either of the seminars they would contact the Clerk for her to book them a place.

21. To receive Burial Rights

21.1 The Clerk reported there were no burial rights to be received this month.

22. To receive additional correspondence

- **Featherstone & District Community Events Association re Featherstone Play Day Event** - *this letter was noted. Cllr Hollyhead said he would attend to observe.*

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