

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 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, R Hirst,
Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson and D Lloyd

Two officers from West Yorkshire Police
1 Member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Police Officers gave a brief explanation of the reason for the written request (agenda item 13) to lock Bell Lane car park off during the evening. A short discussion was held. It was agreed by Councillors to take this item as the first agenda item.

13. To discuss a request from West Yorkshire Police to fund the cost of closing and opening Bell Lane Car Park on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Cllr A Garbutt proposed that the Parish Council pay for the cost of opening and closing the car park on Friday and Saturday evenings for 4 weeks at a total cost of £125.12. Voting took place 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 abstained. It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal was carried.

It was further agreed that a letter would be sent to the Wakefield MDC Cabinet member to request that Wakefield MDC to either pay for the cost of the service after the 4 weeks or to pay a contribution towards the costs.

West Yorkshire Police thanked the Council and said they would pass this to the appropriate officer. The Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs W Storey, S Tonkinson and K Wilson for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 There were no interests declared.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2009

C3.1 Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Johnson 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 11 May 2009

C4.1 Village Green – Additional information has been sent to the Solicitor.

C4.2 Training session on the new power of well-being – 3 Councillors attended the training session. Further courses will be held during the coming months.

C4.3 Post Box – Letter received from Royal Mail – asking that we contact the local manager.

C4.4 Telephone Box – We should receive notification of the box being passed to us in next week or so.

5. To Approve the Minutes of the Extra ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10 June 2009

C5.1 Cllr Mr Hirst proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded that they be accepted as a true record. All Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them.

6. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Extra Ordinary Minutes of 10 June 2009

C6.1 A short meeting had taken place prior to this evenings Parish Council meeting to which a representative of each sports club using Parish Council facilities had been invited. Only Mr Roughley from Ackworth Juniors Football Club attended. Mr Wells gave a short report on the progress he had made to date. He had spoken to various people including representatives of Sport England and the Football Foundation. His early conclusions were that there seems to be two choices to either go for a small scheme, which would be achievable fairly quickly, or to go for a larger scheme, which would take more time. It was agreed that Mr Wells would come back with his written recommendations for the Council to discuss and decide on which option to choose.

7. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end May 2009

C7.1 A list of accounts to the end of May had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for May was £10,674.35. It was proposed by Cllr Balfour that the accounts be approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

8. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 29 June 2009

C12.1 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 that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

9. To Approve the Annual Return for Year Ended 31 March 2009

C9.1 A copy of the Annual Return had previously been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr A Garbutt that it is accepted and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk. All Councillors agreed.

10. To receive a report on the Annual Return from Yorkshire Internal Audit Services

C10.1 A copy of the report had previously been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Hirst that it is accepted. All Councillors agreed.

11. To approve the increase in the cost of maintenance for the additional computer system

C11.1 The increase in cost was approved.

12. To receive a grant application from Ackworth Concert Society for their forthcoming season

C12.1 The application was discussed. Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that a grant of £200 be awarded. Cllr Evans proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded that a grant of £250 be awarded. Voting took place on the second proposal 2 Councillors voted in favour and 7 voted against. Voting then took place on the original proposal 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 voted against. It was therefore RESOLVED that Ackworth Concert Society be awarded a grant of £200 under section 137 of the Local Government Act.

13. To discuss a request from West Yorkshire Police to fund the cost of closing and opening Bell Lane Car Park on Friday and Saturday evenings

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

14. To discuss and approve the cost of submitting a planning application for a Multi Use Games Area near to the Youth Shelter on Dando Way by way of supporting the Youth Group

C14.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Barnsley that the Parish Council pay for the cost to submit a planning application to Wakefield MDC. Voting took place 8 Councillors voted in favour and 1 voted against. It was therefore RESOLVED that this application would be submitted by the Council on behalf of the Youth Group.

15. To note the donations made by the Chairman to two young people attending BARLA 2009 Ukraine Tour and Youth Music Theatre UK.

C15.1 The Clerk explained that two requests had been received from local residents requesting funding for their trips abroad to represent amateur rugby league and the Youth Music Theatre. The Chairman had agreed to send them £50 each from his Chairman's allowance to help towards their costs. The Parish Council noted this.

16. To receive a letter from Brackenhill Allotment Association to approve the format for the Best Kept Allotment Competition and agree to provide the prizes

C16.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded that the new format is approved. The total cost of prizes this year will be £120. All Councillors agreed this.

17. To approve the cost of purchasing a flagpole for the front of the Parish Council Community Centre

C17.1 It was agreed that this item would be given to the Staff and Finance Committee to further discuss and obtain prices for with their recommendations being put to back to the Parish Council.

18. To receive a letter from Moxon & Barker Solicitors re the library rent review

C18.1 This letter was noted.

19. To increase the number of Councillors on the Cemetery and Village Events Committee by one on each committee

C19.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that an additional Councillor be nominated for each of the above committees. All Councillors agreed.

Cemetery Committee – Cllr A Garbutt proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that Cllr Hirst is nominated as the additional member. Voting took place 7 voted in favour and 2 abstained. It was therefore RESOLVED that Cllr Hirst is included in the membership for the Cemetery Committee.

Village Events Committee – Cllr A Garbutt proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that Cllr Johnson is nominated as the additional member. Voting took place. All Councillors voted in favour of the nomination. It was therefore RESOLVED that Cllr Johnson is included in the membership of the Village Events Committee.

20. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 18 May 2009 and verbal report on the meeting held on 29 June 2009.

C20.1 The minutes were received and duly noted.

21. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 18 May 2009

C21.1 The minutes were received and duly noted.

The Chairman said that the Gala which was held last Saturday seemed to be a resounding success once again and that he had purchased out of his Chairman's allowance a gift for Mr Hollyhead who was Chairman of the Village Events Committee.

The Committee meeting, which was scheduled for this afternoon, did not take place, as it was not quorate. The Chairman of the Group, the Clerk and Admin Assistant held a short meeting to go through any issues from the Gala. These would be put forward to the next Committee meeting, which will be held on 26 October 2009.

22. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 18 May 2009

C22.1 The minutes were received and duly noted. It was agreed by all Councillors to accept the recommendation that once there was 12 grave spaces left in the cemetery then the Cemetery would be closed to non-residents.

23. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on 3 June 2009

C23.1 The minutes were received and duly noted.

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

- 09/00953/FUL 41 Townend Avenue – conservatory to rear
- 09/00920/FUL 1 Windsor Avenue – two storey extension to side
- 09/00846/FUL 11 Townend Avenue – Conservatory to rear
- 09/00928/TPO 7 Andrews Grove – T1 Pine crown thin
- 09/00921/TPO Ackworth School (land opposite) T1-T17 crown thin/crown lift, T13 remove split limb
- 09/00772/FUL Co-op Store – external alterations
- 09/00974/TPO 1 Andrews Grove – T1 Beech tree crown lift/thin dead wood
- 09/01067/FUL 13 Wenthill Close – single storey to front
- 09/01076/TPO 1 The Elms – T1 Horse Chestnut crown lift/thin, T2 Maple crown lift

C24.1 It was agreed to write to Mr M Jennings, Officer at Wakefield MDC re the concern about applications for tree works received over the last few months.

25. To receive information regarding the stonewall surrounding the land sold earlier this year

C25.1 The Chairman reported that the Clerk had contacted several companies asking if they were interested in purchasing the stone. No positive response was received. It was agreed to ask the Heritage Group if they were interested in acquiring it but that all costs associated with its removal would be their responsibility.

26.To receive additional correspondence

- Email received from National Association of Local Councils
- Various correspondence received from Yorkshire Local Councils Association
- Letter from Community Rural Action – annual membership renewal
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All the correspondence was noted.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a Data Protection and Freedom of Information training day recently.

