

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 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 S Hollyhead,
D Johnson, W Storey and K Wilson

District Councillor R Molloy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting of the Council and especially thanked Richard Molloy for attending.

1. To Elect a Chairman of the Council for the year 2009/10

C1.1 Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Storey seconded Cllr A Garbutt. As there was no other nominations voting took place. 5 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillor abstained. Cllr Garbutt was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form

C2.1 Cllr Garbutt duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.

3. To elect a Vice Chairman of the Council for the year 2009/10

C3.1 Cllr Mrs Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded Cllr Storey. As there was no other nominations voting took place. 5 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillors abstained. Cllr Storey was duly elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. To receive apologies for absence

C 4.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mrs P Garbutt, R Hirst, D Lloyd and S Tonkinson for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

5. To receive declarations of interest

C5.1 Cllr Garbutt declared an interest in agenda item 22 – relocation of post box.

6. To elect representatives to outside bodies/committees:

C6.1 The Chairman proposed to leave Councillors in place unless any one wished to either come off or go on to a particular group.

Ackworth Heritage Group

Cllr Wilson asked to come off for personal reasons. Cllr Evans proposed Cllr Lloyd. As there were no other nominations all Councillors agreed Cllr Lloyd would be our representative along with Cllr Mrs Hollyhead.

Hemsworth Road Safety Committee – Cllr J Evans

Wakefield & District Town and Parish Council Liaison Group – The Chairman and the Clerk.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Wakefield Branch – The Chairman and Cllr Hirst.

7. To elect representatives to Parish Council Committees

C7.1 The Chairman proposed to leave Councillors in place unless any one wished to either come off or go on to a particular Committee. Cllr W Storey has replaced Cllr R Hirst on some of the Committees in his position as Vice Chairman.

Cemetery Committee

Cllr W Storey – Chairman
Cllr R Hirst – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead
Cllr A Garbutt
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr S Tonkinson
Cllr S Balfour

Playing Fields and Changing Rooms Committee

Cllr A Garbutt – Chairman
Cllr W Storey – Vice Chairman
Cllr R Barnsley
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr J Evans
Cllr S Tonkinson

Staff and Finance Committee

Cllr A Garbutt – Chairman
Cllr W Storey – Vice Chairman
Cllr R Barnsley
Cllr Mrs P Garbutt
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr S Tonkinson

Village Events Committee

Mr Terry Hollyhead – Chairman
Cllr W Storey – Vice Chairman
Cllr A Garbutt
Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead
Cllr R Barnsley
Cllr Mrs P Garbutt
Cllr K Wilson

8. To elect representatives to Parish Council Working Groups

C8.1 The Chairman proposed to leave Councillors in place unless any one wished to either come off or go on to a particular Working Group

Allotments

Cllr S Balfour – Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead – Vice Chairman
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr W Storey
Cllr S Tonkinson

Parish Council Newsletter

Cllr S Balfour – Chairman
Cllr Mrs P Garbutt
Cllr Roy Hirst
Cllr W Storey

Road Safety

Cllr S Balfour – Chairman
Cllr R Barnsley – Vice Chairman
Cllr J Evans
Cllr A Garbutt
Cllr Mrs P Garbutt
Cllr R Hirst
Cllr D Lloyd
Cllr K Wilson

9. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 April 2009

C9.1 Cllr Storey proposed and Cllr Johnson seconded that they be accepted as a true record. All Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them.

10. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 20 April 2009

C10.1 Village Green – email received from Solicitor requesting further information.

C10.2 Training session on the new power of well-being – details to be confirmed.

C10.3 Parking arrangements – Letter received from the resident concerned thanking the Parish Council for formalising parking arrangement. Contract received from the Solicitor today to be signed by the Chairman.

11.To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end April 2009

C11.1 A list of accounts to the end of April had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for April was £30,130.30. It was proposed by Cllr Balfour that the accounts be approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

12.To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 11 May 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 Balfour that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

13.To approve dates of the Parish Council meetings and Committee Meetings to May 2010

C13.1 The Clerk had previously circulated a list of dates. Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Hollyhead seconded that they are accepted. All Councillors agreed. The list is attached to the minutes as appendix 1.

14.To approve the representation of the Parish Council at the Annual Training Conference from 30 October to 1 November at Scarborough and the associated costs involving the attendance.

C14.1 Following a short discussion Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Barnsley seconded that the Clerk attends. Voting took place – 7 Councillors voted in favour and 1 Councillor voted against. It was further proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Balfour that Cllr A Garbutt also attends – Voting took place – 5 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillors voted against.

15. To agree to purchase a software system to update the website

C15.1 All Councillors agreed. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk purchases the software.

16. To agree to proceed with the Library Rent Review

C16.1 All Councillors agreed. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts our Solicitors and instructs them to carry out the review.

17. To receive recommendations from Wakefield MDC Car Park Section regarding requirements for Low Ackworth Car Park

C17.1 The recommendations from Wakefield MDC had been received and the proposed plan of the car park were circulated at the meeting. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains a cost of carrying out the work required.

18. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 27 April 2009 to approve the recommendations for Rules and Regulations for use of the playing fields and changing rooms.

C18.1 The minutes were noted and it was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Evans that the recommendations be approved. All Councillors agreed. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk sends a letter and information to all sports teams currently using Parish Council facilities.

19. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 27 April 2009

C19.1 The minutes were noted.

20. To receive an update on various issues at the Allotment

C20.1 Cllr Balfour gave a brief up date. A site visit had taken place. Two tenants had been issued with notice to quit letters and two others were on notice to improve. This was noted.

21. To receive a request from Ackworth Heritage Group to site an information plaque at the Cemetery near to the Tenter Poles

C21.1 A letter had been received from Ackworth Heritage Group this was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt that the request is approved providing the plaque is at least 18" high. All Councillors agreed.

22. To receive a letter from The Royal Mail re the relocation of the Post Box at High Ackworth, Village Green

Cllr A Garbutt declared an interest on this item.

C22.1 A discussion was held. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to request the post box is relocated onto the telegraph post at the bottom of Mill Hill.

23. To receive additional correspondence

- **Letter from Wakefield MDC re Fly a Flag for the Armed Forces 22 June 2009** – it was agreed that the Clerk prices up the cost of a flag pole.
- **Letter from Wakefield MDC re the Overview and Scrutiny Newsletter – the Sentinel** – noted.