

PURSUANT TO NOTICE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2011 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.

Present: Mr A Garbutt, outgoing Chairman presided over the first item.

Cllrs: S Balfour, 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

6 members of the public

Mr Garbutt welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that he wished to put on record his thanks to the previous Council for their support and work in achieving so much in their term of office and he thanked the Clerk for her work with the Council and wished the newly elected Council success.

1. To elect a Chairman of the Council for the year 2011/12

Cllr Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Storey seconded Cllr Balfour
Cllr Marshall proposed and Cllr Molloy seconded Cllr John Evans
Voting took place – on Cllr Marshall's proposal – 6 Councillors voted in favour and 6 Councillors voted against. Mr Garbutt used his casting vote for Cllr Balfour.

Cllr Balfour was therefore duly elected as Chair for the forthcoming year.

2. Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Balfour duly signed the document.

3. To elect a Vice Chairman of the Council for the year 2011/12

Cllr Molloy proposed Cllr Evans
Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead proposed Cllr Hirst
Voting took place – on Cllr Hollyhead's proposal – 6 Councillors voted in favour and 6 Councillors voted against. The Chairman used her casting vote for Cllr Hirst

Cllr Hirst was therefore duly elected as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman asked Council if they would agree to allow members of the public speak on a planning issue. All Councillors agreed.

A couple of people spoke about the planning application at the Co-operative Retail Store, which proposes an egress on to Wakefield Road where the pedestrian access is currently. Issues around HGV traffic movements, crossing the road etc were discussed. The Chairman explained that this would be discussed under our agenda item for planning.

4.To receive apologies for absence

C4.1 There were no apologies to receive.

5.To receive declarations of interest

C5.1 None were declared at this point

The Chairman reminded Councillors that they are able to declare an interest if necessary at any time in the meeting.

6. To elect representatives on to outside bodies/committees

Councillors were elected as follows:

Ackworth Heritage Group: Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead

Ackworth United Charities: K Wilson, P Davies, R Molloy

South Kirkby Road Safety: John Evans

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

Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Wakefield Branch: The Chairman and Vice Chairman, P Davies and W Storey

7. To elect representatives to Parish Council Committees

Councillors were elected as follows:

Cemetery:

Bill Storey – Chair

Sue Hollyhead – Vice Chair

Sarah Balfour

Philip Davies

Joyce Evans

Don Marshall

Keith Wilson

Playing Fields & Changing Rooms:

Roy Hirst – Chair

Ron Barnsley – Vice Chair

Sarah Balfour

Philip Davies

John Evans

Don Marshall

Keith Wilson

Planning Committee:

The Chairman proposed that we no longer have a separate planning committee and that all planning issues are referred to full Council. All Councillors agreed.

Staff & Finance Committee:

Sarah Balfour – Chair

John Evans – Vice Chair

Philip Davies
Joyce Evans
Don Marshall
Bill Storey

Village Events Committee:

Terry Hollyhead – Chair
Bill Storey – Vice Chair
Sarah Balfour
Ron Barnsley
Roy Hirst
Sue Hollyhead
Keith Wilson

8. To elect representatives to Parish Council Working Groups

Councillors were elected as follows:

Allotments:

Sarah Balfour – Chair
Sue Hollyhead – Vice Chair
John Evans
Bill Storey
Keith Wilson

Parish Council Newsletter:

Sarah Balfour
Roy Hirst
Joyce Evans
Don Marshall
Bill Storey

Road Safety:

Roy Hirst – Chair
Ron Barnsley – Vice Chair
John Evans
Joyce Evans
Richard Molloy
Terry Hollyhead
Keith Wilson

9. To nominate and approve signatories on Parish Council bank accounts

C9.1 We have 5 approved signatories of which any 2 to sign cheques – It was agreed that Cllr Balfour, Cllr Davies, Cllr Mrs Evans, Cllr Mrs Hollyhead and Cllr Storey are the signatories.

10. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 April 2011

C10.1 Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that they be accepted as a true record. Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them.

11. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 11 April 2011

- Telephone box – is back at the workshop and ready for painting
- Chimney stack – work to be carried out by the end of May
- Lodge and Stone wall at High Ackworth – photos have been sent to Wakefield MDC Conservation Officer

12. To discuss any issues arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 April 2011

C12.1 Advice received from Yorkshire Local Councils Association re the disclosure of information to the public re the costs of the proposed new changing rooms

13. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end April 2011

C13.1 A list of accounts to the end of April had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for April was £30,248.67 it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the accounts be approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

14. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 16 May 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.

15. To approve the Chairman's Allowance for the forthcoming year

C15.1 A short discussion was held. Cllr Hirst proposed to keep the allowance at £1,000. All Councillors agreed.

16. To approve fees for the Cemetery (as per our agreed formula) in line with Wakefield MDC

C16.1 Cllr Hirst proposed that this is referred back to the Cemetery Committee. All Councillors agreed.

17. To approve the cost of attendance at the following conferences/courses:

- Society of Local Council Clerks – Press Relations – it was agreed that the Clerk attends
- Northern Regional Conference – it was agreed that the Clerk attends
- Zurich Local Council Advisory Service Annual Seminar – It was agreed that the Chairman attends
- Joint Regional Training Conference weekend – Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Mrs Evans seconded that due to the high cost of this course that no one attends – voting took place 6 Councillors voted in favour, 1 voted against and 5 abstained. It was therefore agreed that no members attend.
- Yorkshire Local Council's Association – Training for New Councillors - Cllr Hirst proposed that anyone interested in attending contacts the Clerk. All Councillors agreed.

18. To approve the dates of the Parish Council meetings and committee meetings to May 2012

C18.1 A list of dates had previously been circulated and it was agreed that the dates are acceptable. The list will be added to the minutes as appendix 1.

19. To receive an update on the proposed changing rooms at Carr Bridge field and to approve the application for WREN funding

C19.1 The Clerk gave an update - the Borrowing Approval has been granted – it lasts for 6 months from the 19 April. WREN funding application of £50,000 has been written and is ready for signature and will be sent off in time for closing date of 18 May.

20. To receive an update by the Clerk on her attendance at the Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 13 April 2011

C20.1 A report had been previously circulated. It was agreed that the 'gifts' for Yorkshire Day is included on the next agenda; the rest of the report was noted.

21. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 26 April 2011

C21.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst that the minutes are noted and accepted. All Councillors agreed.

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

The following items were discussed and Parish Council comments/decisions are in italics after each application:

11/00758/FUL – Residential development of 5 dwellings (with demolition of existing buildings and ceasing of commercial use) including highway improvements (incorporating visitor vehicle parking for neighbouring properties) and landscaping proposals for Mayfield Farm, Doncaster Road, East Hardwick – *It was agreed to submit an objection on highway grounds.*

11/00741/TCA T1 Oak and T2 Norway Spruce to remove – The Nurseries, Pontefract Road. *It was agreed to object unless the trees are dead, dying or a danger to the public.*

11/00810/FUL Alterations to boundary treatment, including removal of stonewall and erection of 1.9 m high fence, alterations to access (retrospective) at South Lodge, Rigg Lane, East Hardwick – *It was agreed to object to this as its not in keeping with the character of the village.*

11/00785/FUL – 2 Storey extension to side – 15 Fothergill Avenue – *No comments*

11/00776/OUT – Outline application for residential development, erection of 3 no. dwellings, together with access improvements and variation of parking layout to adjacent dental surgery (application – 10/01711/FUL) including demolition of property 53A Wakefield Road – (Land at) 53 Wakefield Road – *It was agreed to comment that providing Highways comments are taken on board and acted on there are no objections.*

11/00895/OUT Residential Development (11 number dwellings) including demolition of existing building (outline) – this is the site of the former Catholic Church – *It was agreed to object in principal to this site being developed on highways issues.*

11/00333/FUL alterations to boundary to form an egress on to Wakefield Road – taking on board the comments from the members of the public who discussed this issue prior to the meeting this evening an objection will be submitted on highways grounds and the visual impact of loss of green space including trees.

23. To receive a request from Ackworth Juniors to hold a charity fundraising event on Saturday 18 June at Brackenhill Playing Field

C23.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Evans that this is approved subject to them marshalling the car parking. All Councillors agreed. It was further agreed that they would be charged for using the centre but a donation of £30 would be given towards the event.

24. To discuss correspondence received from Friends of Brackenhill re their concerns re the use of the playing field

C24.1 Cllr Hirst proposed that the Playing Fields and Changing Rooms Committee deal this with. All Councillors agreed.

25. To receive Burial Rights

C/Ashes – Row C 8 Margaret Cooper
C/Ashes – Row C 9 Evelyn Mary Surrey
C10 Mary Banks

9.30 pm Cllr Evans proposed that Standing Orders are suspended to enable the business on the agenda to be completed. All Councillors agreed.

26. To receive additional correspondence

- Letter from the Department of Transport confirming the stopping up order of the highway at Hillside, Barnsley Road – Clerk to seek clarification.
- White Rose Update from YLCA – Noted.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED