

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2010 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, R Hirst, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, D Lloyd, W Storey and K Wilson

1. To receive apologies for absence

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Evans and Cllr Mrs P Garbutt as recorded in the attendance book.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C 2.1 Cllr Barnsley declared an interest in Allotments and Cllr Wilson declared an interest in a planning application.

It was agreed by all Councillors that the planning agenda item would be the last item on the agenda, as Cllr Garbutt is Deputy Chair of Wakefield MDC Planning Committee and will leave the meeting prior to this agenda item being discussed.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 May 2010

C3.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Storey 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 10 May 2010

- Village Green – waiting response from the Solicitor
- Flags, Royal Air Force and Yorkshire flag – received. Armed Services Flag ordered but not yet received.
- Telephone Box – waiting for the company to come back to us with a definite date for moving the box.
- Catholic Church – no further info
- The work on the roof at Low Ackworth Youth Club has been completed

5. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end May 2010

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 £18486.33; it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Storey 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 21 June 2010

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 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

7.1 The internal auditors report had previously been circulated. It was accepted and noted by all Councillors.

8. To receive and approve documentation and sign the Annual Return for y/e 31 March 2010

8.1 Copies of the Annual Return, Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Sheet had previously been circulated to all Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead to approve the documentation and the Chairman and the Clerk duly signed these.

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

9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Balfour that £500 is donated to this charity under section 137 of the Local Government Act. All Councillors agreed.

10. To select a replacement Parish Representative to the Wakefield MDC Standards Committee

10.1 Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Storey seconded Cllr Balfour as our representative. There were no further nominations. Voting took place – all Councillors voted in favour.

11. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 24 May 2010

C11.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Barnsley that the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee are approved. All Councillors agreed

12. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 24 May 2010

C12.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the minutes of the Village Events Committee are approved. All Councillors agreed

13. To receive the minutes of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Working Group held on 8 June 2010 and approve its recommendations

C13.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the minutes and recommendations are approved. All Councillors agreed.

14. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group 8 June 2010

C14.1 Cllr Balfour gave a brief summary of the minutes. The following items were agreed:

- The Clerk would write to Wakefield MDC Highways re work that has gone to the contractors but has still not been completed after some considerable time.
- A survey of the residents in High Ackworth re the siting of the post box on the Green would be carried out.
- A survey the whole village on the possibility of crossing point outside the Almshouses across the Green.
- A request for a 'flashing' speed sign on the A628 would be sent to Wakefield MDC.

- An email would be sent to the Footpaths Officer at Wakefield MDC re the stiles, which have been installed along the footpaths in Low Ackworth.

It was then proposed by Cllr Balfour that the minutes are approved. All Councillors agreed.

15. To receive the minutes of the Allotment Working Group 8 June 2010 and approve its recommendations

C15.1 Cllr Balfour gave a brief summary of the minutes. The resolution stated that: Over the last few months Ackworth Parish Council Working Group have been made aware of numerous disputes and disagreements between members of the Brackenhill Allotment Association Committee and other allotment holders to the extent that the Brackenhill Allotment Association Committee is no longer working as it should.

Therefore to ensure the smooth running of the allotments from the date of this Parish Council meeting, Ackworth Parish Council will take over all responsibility for:

- The management of the waiting list
- The allocation of allotments
- The collection of rents and costs associated with removal of existing structures and the making safe of vacant plots
- The inspection of plots
- The issue of warning letters and notice to quit letters
- The making safe of plots prior to re letting
- Ordering and positioning of skips
- Issuing of keys

It was further agreed that the Parish Council should conduct a ballot amongst all allotment holders to elect 5 tenants who will be co-opted on to the Parish Council Allotment Working Group. Only tenants who reside in the Parish of Ackworth will be eligible. Only the Parish Council will have voting rights on the working group.

Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the proposal be accepted. Voting took place. 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillors abstained.

16. To discuss the installation of wood panels on the allotment boundaries

C16.1 The Chairman thanked Cllr Barnsley for acquiring these panels. A letter of thanks to also go to Mr Askew who kindly transported them at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Hirst seconded that up to £2,000 is allocated to hire a company to provide posts and rails to install and fit the panels to them to provide a secure fence in the gaps at the allotments hedge. Voting took place 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillors voted against.

17. To receive Burial Rights

Q3 June Lily Bucktrout
C A/Row B 22 Betty Davies

Agenda items 18 & 19 have been moved to the end of the agenda.

20. To discuss how the Parish Council will deal with Planning Issues in the future

C20.1 Cllr Garbutt explained that as a District Councillor he had been appointed as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. This means that he is unable to discuss any planning issues. A short discussion took place, it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Lloyd that a separate Planning Committee is formed, the meetings will be held monthly, during the day. Voting took place. All Councillors voted in favour.

21. Seats in the village – to discuss carrying out an audit and maintenance programme on them

C21.1 It was agreed to carry out an audit of seats throughout the village and present this to the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk reported that Wakefield MDC Highways had agreed to replace a seat, which has been removed near to the bus stop at the junction of the roundabout on A628.

22. To receive additional correspondence

C22.1 All correspondence was noted unless otherwise stated.

- NSPCC re Website – *All Councillors agreed to link with our website.*
- Correspondence from Wakefield MDC Highways Department
- Letter from Featherstone & District Community Events Association – *The Chairman encouraged all Councillors to visit the event on 4 August and to invite the Chairman of the Village Events Committee to go along as well.*
- Letter from CE Electric UK – *Clerk to respond*
- Letter from Rural Action Yorkshire – renewal of membership and Country Air – *it was agreed that the membership would be paid this year and that in future their magazine Country Air would be circulated to all Councillors.*
- Brochure from Wakefield MDC Grounds Maintenance re list of services – *to be circulated to all Councillors.*

Cllr Garbutt left the meeting – Cllr Storey took the Chair.

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in application no. 10/01047/FUL and took no part in any discussion.

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

C18.1 The planning applications were noted unless otherwise stated.

- 10/01008/FUL 59 Millgate – two storey extension to side
- 10/00947/NMC Quarry House – Non-material amendment to 07/03119/FUL include reduction of footprint of two-storey extension to side and alterations to openings to facilitate changes to internal layout of extension.
- 10/00974/TCA 20 Barnsley Road – removal of sycamore tree and replant with smaller species
- 10/00119/FUL 1 Mill Close - two storey extension to side/front single storey extension to rear and porch to front (amendment to 08/02672/FUL)
- 10/01065/FUL 20 Woodleigh Crescent – single storey extension to side and rear
- 10/01047/FUL 5 Woodhall Drive – two storey extension to side
- 10/01042/FUL 27 Bell Lane - change of use of ground floor premises from dressmakers B1 to hairdressers A1 – *Cllr Lloyd expressed his concerns about the parking situation.*

- 10/01050/FUL 5 Wenthill Close – two storey extension to front
- 10/00925/FUL 61 Station Road – demolition of existing property and residential development of 10 dwellings, access, parking and associated works – *Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded that an objection would be submitted to the planning office on the grounds of highways, flooding, inappropriate development. Comments also to be made regarding the removal of the trees.*
- 10/01147/TPO 1 Andrews Grove – T2 horse chestnut clean and crown, crown raise approx. 3 metres, crown thin entire canopy by 20% - *It was agreed to contact Wakefield MDC Tree Officer re this for his comments.*
- 10/01119/FUL 16 Barnsley Road – detached garage to front (removal of timber shed)
- 10/01053/FUL 4 Dicky Sykes Lane – two storey extension to side and block paving of front garden area
- 01/01158/TPO Birchwood House, Purston Lane – removal of ash tree due to poor condition and infringement of highway lighting and to benefit neighbouring trees

C18.2 Cllr Lloyd asked that the Clerk contact Wakefield MDC Planning Enforcement re building work being carried out at the Cricket Club to check they have planning permission. All Councillors agreed.

19. To discuss a tree preservation order 10/00019/G Headmasters House, Ackworth School

C19.1 Letter from Wakefield MDC Planning Department re the proposed tree preservation order. It was agreed by all Councillors to support this.