

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2011 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,
D Johnson, D Lloyd and K Wilson

District Councillor R Molloy
2 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Hirst, Mrs S Hollyhead and D Lloyd for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley re the allotments.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 February 2011

C3.1 Cllr Balfour 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 14 February 2011

- Telephone box still away being refurbished
- Chimney stack still to be re built

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

C5.1 a list of accounts to the end of February had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for February was £13,292.88; it was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt 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 14 March 2011

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 Mrs Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Storey that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. To review the charges for the Parish Rooms and Brackenhill Centre

C7.1 A list of income and expenditure for the rooms was previously circulated to all Councillors. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Barnsley to leave the charges unchanged for this forthcoming year. A vote took place. All Councillors unanimously agreed.

8. To review the effectiveness of the Councils system of internal audit

C8.1 The Clerk answered some questions on this. It was then proposed by Cllr Mrs Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Balfour that the review is accepted. All Councillors agreed.

9. Receive recommendations for amendments after reviewing the following documentation:

Health & Safety, Insurance Policy, Fire Equipment including Electrical Equipment & Systems, Asset Register, Complaints Procedure, Register of Members Interests, Play Equipment Inspections, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

C9.1 Copies of the above documents were available to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Balfour to accept the amendments. Voting took place. All Councillors voted in favour.

10. To approve the cost to purchase new tables for the Parish Rooms

C10.1 A short discussion was held. It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Balfour that 10 tables are purchased. All Councillors agreed.

11. To receive the playground report and approve costs for work arising from it.

C11.1 The annual inspection of the playgrounds had recently taken place. The only work required was to remove the 4 bay flat swing on Carr Bridge field within 6 months due to its condition. It was proposed by the Chairman to approve the cost of this work. All Councillors agreed.

12. To receive and approve the Allotment Working Group minutes dated 2 March 2011

C12.1 The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Balfour drew attention to three specific items:

Agenda item 3 - Matters Arising:

- Barbed Wire – advice had been received that any barbed wire on allotments must be inside the plot and notices must be put up informing anyone that there is barbed wire on the plot.
- Side Gate Lock – a new lock will be purchased and keys cut for the allotment holders who have requested a key. Cllr Johnson will arrange for a piece of chain to be welded to the lock.
- Pest Control – a company has been out to look at the plots as requested.

Cllr Storey proposed that the minutes be noted and accepted. All Councillors agreed.

13. To receive and approve the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group meeting held on 8 March 2011

C13.1 Cllr Balfour reported that for the third meeting in a row, no officers from Wakefield MDC had attended. It was frustrating because some of the issues are being discussed over and over again. Cllr Balfour confirmed that she would contact District Councillor D Jeffery's as Cabinet Member responsible for highways re these outstanding issues.

C13.2 Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed that the minutes be received and noted. All Councillors agreed.

14. To receive Burial Rights

C14.1 J 1 Alan Rhodes, J2 Laila Milly McCormack
C/A Row 3 space 5 Mr Vovrosh,
C/A Row 3 space 6 Mr John Stephen Black

15. To receive additional correspondence

- Letter from Mid Yorkshire Hospitals re thank you for selection boxes for Hydes Ward
- Wakefield MDC Idf – Site Specific Proposals Documentation
- NCM – Making Sense of Mining – Project Update
- NCM – The Drift Exhibition – Special Event
- Letter from Pontefract & District Archaeological Society
- Letter from Wakefield MDC re licence for hanging baskets

The correspondence above was noted unless otherwise stated.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and asked them to leave the meeting.

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