

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.

Present: Cllrs: S Balfour, in the Chair

Cllrs R Barnsley, P Davies, J Evans, Mrs J Evans, R Hirst,
Mrs S Hollyhead,
T Hollyhead, D Marshall, R Molloy, W Storey and K Wilson

2 members of the public

Cllr Hirst opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1.To receive apologies for absence

C1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Balfour for her late arrival.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 Cllr Molloy declared an interest in item 19 planning – in his role as District Councillor he is on the planning committee.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 October 2011

C3.1 Cllr W Storey proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead 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 October 2011

- Low Ackworth Community Centre insurance – has now been sorted out
- Seat at the Petrol Station –
- Response received from BOAR Cottage – it was agreed to write again for clarification
- Stonewall High Ackworth – on going seeking clarification on who owns the land
- Youth Provision – we have received some responses to our advert for volunteers

Cllr Balfour arrived and took the Chair.

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

C5.1 A list of accounts to the end of October had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for October was £21,664.19; 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 14 October 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 Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Evans that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. To retrospectively approve the Internal Auditors for 2011/12 and to receive an interim report from them

C7.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Hollyhead that the Yorkshire Internal Auditors are retrospectively approved as our internal auditors for 2011/12. A report was received from them on their inspection of the accounts on 18 October 2011 this was noted.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work on the accounts. All Councillors were in agreement.

8. To receive a request from Ackworth Allstars Junior Football Team for the Parish Council to submit a planning application on their behalf

C8.1 The Clerk reported that she had contacted Wakefield MDC Planning Department and there would be no responsibility on the Parish Council if the application were submitted in their name. It was agreed by all Councillors that providing Oakfield Park School had given their permission for the storage container to be sited on their premises the application could be submitted in the Parish Council's name.

9. To receive a request from a local resident to allow free use of the rooms for an event being held to raise funds for the British Legion

C9.1 A short discussion was held re this request. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst that as a one off event the fee is waive. Voting took place. 11 Councillors voted in favour and 1 Councillor abstained. It was therefore RESOLVED that the group have free use of the rooms on this occasion.

10. To receive a letter from First Impressions re the floral displays for 2012

C10.1The letter had previously been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Barnsley proposed that this quotation is accepted. All Councillors agreed.

11.To receive a request from Brackenhill Allotment Association re portable units on Carr Bridge playing field

C11.1 The letter had previously been circulated to all Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst that in principal the Allotment Association could have the front cabin for their use. The cost of moving and re siting the cabin will be at their own costs but the Parish Council will assist them in this process.

12. To report on the Wakefield MDC's Highway Scheme to provide salt to Town and Parish Councils

C12.1 It was proposed to accept the offer of 5 tonnes of salt to be spread by our own staff. It was further agreed that a salt spreader would be purchased and that the areas to be cleared and salted would be agreed by the Road Safety Working Group.

13. To receive a report on a scheme Trading Standards and Wdh are setting up at Rhyddings

C13.1 The report was received and noted.

C14.1 To receive a report on the condition of the trees on the Green at High Ackworth

C14.1 A short discussion was held. It was with regret that Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the Horse Chestnut Tree is felled. Cllr Wilson proposed that the tree is left in place.

Voting took place on Cllr Wilson's proposal

2 Councillors voted in favour, 10 Councillors voted against

Voting took place on Cllr Hirst's proposals

10 Councillors in favour, 1 Councillor voted against and 1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the tree be felled.

C15.1 To receive a report on the Library Working Group and to agree a sum of money to be used by the group

C15.1 The report had previously been circulated to all Councillors. This was noted. A public meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 22 November 2011 to be held at All Saints Church at 7 pm. Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Mrs J Evans seconded that the sum of £100 be given to the group for their use.

16. To receive the minutes of the Village Events Committee held on 24 October 2011

C16.1 It was agreed that the minutes be accepted and noted.

17. To receive minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee meeting held on 24 October 2011- to nominate additional Councillors on to the Committee

C17.1 The Chairman reported that once again the meeting could not be held, as it was not quorate. It was agreed to co-opt Cllr Storey and Cllr T Hollyhead on to the Committee.

18. To receive the minutes of the Allotment Working Group held on 4 November 2011

C18.2 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and Cllr T Hollyhead that the minutes be accepted and noted. All Councillors agreed.

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

Cllr Molloy declared an interest in all applications and left the meeting

- 11/01818/FUL Ackworth School – installation of solar panels
- 11/02286/TCA – High Ackworth Village Green - T1 Lime, T2 Ash, T3 Oak, T4 Oak crown thin
- 11/02229/FUL The Old Manse, Doncaster Road, East Hardwick - demolition and erection of single storey extension, external alterations
- 11/02095/FUL Castlesyke Farm – 2 storey extension to dwelling (retrospective) and demolition of agricultural /equestrian building and landscaping scheme.
- 11/01440/CON Priory Cottage – an amendment has been made to include the private use for the ménage – no longer commercial use

Updates from Mark Jennings from last month's applications –

11/02074/TPO 24 Denton Gardens - Holly – very one sided multi stemmed one-sided tree recommended to coppice it and train to form good shaped tree
11/01951/TPO 36 Denton Gardens – Ash tree not to remove remedial work to be carried out.

20. To receive Burial Rights

20.1 There were no Burial Rights to report this month

21. To receive additional correspondence

- Invitation received from NCM – to the opening of an exhibition

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