

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 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, J Evans, Mrs P Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, D Lloyd, W Storey and K Wilson

4 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A gentleman addressed the meeting to express his concerns about the way the Parish Council is running the allotments. The Chairman thanked him for his comments and said that he would receive a written response to his concerns.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Hirst for reasons as recorded in the attendance book.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley re the allotments.

3. To declare that a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council and the procedure to follow

C3.1 It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised on notice boards throughout the village and an advert placed in the public notices section of the Pontefract & Castleford Express.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2010

C4.1 Cllr Mrs Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Storey seconded that they be accepted as a true record. All Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them

5. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 8 November 2010

- Telephone box – work to commence on it shortly with the box being remove prior to Christmas.
- Work on chimneystack has been delayed due to weather.
- Work on the rock salt store area has been delayed due to the weather.
- Tree work at Carr Bridge field has been completed

6. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end November 2010

C6.1 a list of accounts to the end of November had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for November was £10,425.18; it was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Barnsley that the accounts be approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 13 December 2010

C7.1 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 Balfour that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

8. To receive notice from the Valuation Office Agency re Certificate of Rateable Value for the Parish Council Community Centre and to agree how the arrears will be paid.

C8.1 The Clerk reported that the community centre had been re valued by the Valuation Office Agency. When the new valuation was processed the payment to the year-end and the arrears amounted to £9,100. The Clerk questioned this as a revaluation had taken place in 2004 following the alterations and extension work. The Valuation office had made a mistake in their calculations in 2004 so they have agreed to waive the arrears due. The new rateable valuation will apply from 16 November 2010.

9. To receive an update on the proposed new changing rooms on Carr Bridge playing field and to approve any further costs involved in submitting applications to prospective funders. To also approve the costs incurred by the Architect in submitting the planning application.

C9.1 The Chairman reported on the meeting held recently with Steve Wells Associates. It was agreed that the costs to submit applications to various funders and the cost incurred by the Architect in the planning process be approved. All Councillors agreed.

10. To receive an update on the request from Bell Lane J & I School for a grant towards the cost of acquiring a grassed area to extend there foundation outdoors play space.

C10.1 Cllr Balfour reported that she has spoken to the head teacher re their request for a grant, which was no longer required as the planning application had been submitted.

11. To receive an update on Wakefield MDC's Winter Maintenance Programme and to discuss snow clearing in the village during the recent bad weather

C11.1 Cllr Evans complained about Wakefield MDC's lack of snow clearing in the village. Once again only the main roads were cleared, the side roads and footpaths were treacherous. A discussion took place during which a number of Councillors voiced their opinions.

Cllr Evans proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded that a letter of complaint be sent to Peter Box Leader of the Council regarding this situation.

Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Mrs Garbutt seconded that no letter is sent.

Voting took place on Cllr Garbutt's proposal 7 Councillors voted in favour and 3 against. It was therefore RESOLVED that no letter is sent to Mr Box re this issue.

12. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 November 2010

C12.1 Cllr Storey proposed and Cllr Barnsley seconded that the minutes of the meeting be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

13. To receive the minutes of the Allotment Working Group held on 7 December 2010

C13.1 Cllr Balfour reported that this was the first meeting with the tenant representatives. It had been agreed that the Parish Councillors on the Working Group would deal with any items that involve individuals or personal information.

A recommendation was included that the minutes would be displayed on a notice board at the allotments and that plot 2 would be split in two – half to remain for the use of the tenants for social functions and half to be used for an allotment garden.

Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed and Cllr Storey seconded that the minutes of the meeting be accepted and the recommendations be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

14. To receive Burial Rights

C14.1 There were no burial rights to receive.

15. To receive additional correspondence

- Correspondence from local resident re Christmas lights
- Correspondence from Wakefield MDC re Fitzwilliam Country Park – *this item to be included in the next newsletter.*
- Letter from Communitask re Community Planning for Rural Areas
- Invitation from Wakefield Together re "Have your say on issues that matter to you – Wakefield's spending review – this was due to be held on 1 Dec but was cancelled due to weather and will be rearranged.
- Letter from VOX re ceasing operating as a charity and company on 31 December 2010.
- Correspondence from Yorkshire Local Councils Association – White Rose Update

Unless otherwise stated the above correspondence was noted.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.