

**PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 17 JANUARY 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, R Hirst, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, D Lloyd, W Storey and K Wilson

Pc Walker – West Yorkshire Police - 2 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the sad news that Mr John Wooffindin former Chairman of the Parish Council had passed away. A letter of condolence would be sent to Mrs Joyce Wooffindin along with a cheque from the Chairman's allowance to the charity of her choice in lieu of flowers.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

C 1.1 No Apologies were received.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley re the allotments. Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead re the vacancy for Councillor.

**Cllr Mrs Hollyhead had declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.**

**3. To receive any applications for the casual vacancy of Parish Councillor**

C3.1 The Clerk reported that one application had been received. Cllr Evans pointed out that there had been an administrative error, as a notice had not been put in Brackenhill Post Office as per written procedure. The Chairman proposed that this is deferred until guidance has been sought from Yorkshire Local Councils Association. All Councillors agreed.

**Cllr Mrs Hollyhead returned to the meeting.**

**4. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 December 2010**

C4.1 Cllr Storey proposed and Cllr Balfour 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 will be collected on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January.
- Work on chimney stack not carried out to date
- Rock salt store – work to commence this week
- Letter of thanks from Ackworth Senior Citizens Fund
- Letter of thanks from Pontefract & District Archaeological Society

## **6.To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end December 2010**

C6.1 a list of accounts to the end of December had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for December was £17,273.56; 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.

## **7. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 17 January 2011**

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 Hirst and seconded by Cllr Balfour that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

## **8. To discuss and approve a Precept for 20011/12**

C8.1 The Clerk had previously circulated the minutes of the Precept meeting held on 10 January. The Chairman proposed that the recommendations from the meeting are accepted – precept to rise by 9.65% an increase of £15,000 and that an application for loan approval of £200,000.00 be submitted to Yorkshire Local Councils Association to be forwarded to Department for Communities and Local Government. Voting took place. 10 Councillors voted in favour and 1 abstained. It was therefore RESOLVED that the recommendations be accepted.

## **9. To formally appoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services as our internal auditors for 2010/11**

C9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the above company are appointed as internal auditors. Voting took place 10 Councillors voted in favour and 1 abstained.

## **10.To discuss and approve the cost of summer floral displays**

C10.1 It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Hirst that we ask the company for a further discount. All Councillors agreed.

## **11. To discuss the removal of poppy wreaths from the memorial on Hawthorne Grove**

C11.1 It was brought to the attention of the Clerk that the poppy wreaths had already been removed when they are not usually moved till later in the year. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Ackworth & Pontefract Branch of the Royal British Legion to enquire if there is any protocol for this.

## **12. To discuss the closure of the Mason's Arms at New Year and the subsequent publicity surrounding it**

C12.1 Cllr Wilson asked for this to be included as he was concerned about the adverse publicity that the closure attracted in the local and national press. The Chairman said

that this was a police and licensing issue and that this would be dealt with through due process and was not an issue that the Parish Council should be discussing.

### **13. To receive an update on Wakefield MDC's Winter Maintenance Programme**

C13.1 As reported earlier in the meeting the salt store is yet to be built.

### **14.To receive an update on the future of Ackworth library**

14.1 The Chairman reported that all libraries in the district are under review. Ackworth library has a ten year lease of which there is over 4 years left and it is hoped that this will be an advantage in keeping the library open. Once a decision is taken by Wakefield MDC on the future of Ackworth Library the Parish Council may need to discuss its options.

### **15. To receive and approve the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group meeting held on 11 January 2011**

15.1 Subject to amendments to the minutes of – including Cllr Barnsley's apologies and taking out the sentence that Cllr Garbutt welcomed everyone to the meeting these were accepted and approved.

### **16. To receive and approve the minutes of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Working Group held on 11 January 2011**

16.1 The minutes were accepted and approved. It was agreed that in future this would be discussed at the Village Events Committee.

### **17. To receive Burial Rights**

C17.1 C/A Row C 2 Richard Thomas Morris  
C/A Row C 3 John Stead  
P38 John Henry Draper

### **18. To receive additional correspondence**

- Invitation from Cllr Olivia Rowley to the February Area Forums
- NCM Liaison Committee meetings for 2011
- Switchover news in Wakefield – Digital TV
- YLCA Information bulletin
- Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend – to be discussed at the Village Events Committee.

Unless otherwise stated the above correspondence was noted.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

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Chairman 17 January 2011