

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 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 and K Wilson

2 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr Palmer thanked the Chairman and Cllr Evans for attending the Presentation for the Best Kept Allotment Competition.

1.To receive apologies for absence

C1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr W Storey as recorded in the attendance book.

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 Cllr Molloy declared an interest in item 18 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 12 September 2011

C3.1 Cllr Mrs Evans proposed and Cllr Barnsley 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 12 September 2011

- No response received from BOAR Cottage
- Replacement Memorial tree has been ordered from S & D Landscapes.
- Replacement seat – no reply from the owner of the petrol station.
- Stonewall – High Ackworth – it was agreed that the Clerk would meet with the Chairman of the Heritage along with our representatives on that group to look at this issue and make progress.
- The rugby pitch has been Vertidraind

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

C5.1 A list of accounts to the end of September had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for September was £6,917.73; it was proposed by Cllr Hirst and seconded by Cllr Mrs Evans 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 10 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 receive and approve the External Auditors Report on the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March2011

7.1 The report had previously been circulated and was accepted, it was noted that there were no issues to be brought to the attention of the Council. Council congratulated the Clerk on her work on the accounts to achieve this result.

8. To receive and discuss a request for a grant towards the cost of Ackworth Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Cllr Mrs Hollyhead declared that she is secretary of the group.

8.1 A brief discussion took place. Cllr Molloy proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded that the sum of £2500 be granted being the same as last year.

Cllr Marshall proposed and Cllr Davies seconded that a sum of £2000 be granted.

Voting took place on Cllr Marshall's proposal – 2 Councillors voted in favour and 6 voted against, 2 abstained

Voting took place on Cllr Molloy's proposal – 8 Councillors voted in favour and 2 voted against.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the sum of £2500 would be granted.

9. To receive a report on the meeting with officers from Library Services

9.1 A report had been circulated at this evenings meeting. The Chairman gave a brief resume of the meeting.

A short discussion was held. Cllr Hirst proposed that a Working Group is set up to look at the details proposed and to move forward in our endeavours to keep a library in Ackworth. It was further agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting for all Councillors who wish to be involved.

10. To agree to send a representative to sign the Parish Charter at Wakefield MDC on Wednesday 19 October 2011

C10.1 The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of the Parish Charter and it was agreed that the Chairman would attend to sign the document.

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

11. 1 The Clerk had previously informed Councillors that a large limb of a Horse Chestnut tree on the Green had been brought down by a HGV turning right from Purston Lane. The police and Wakefield MDC Tree Section had been in attendance

to direct traffic and clear the road. The Clerk had asked S & D Landscapes to inspect the tree along with the others on the Green.

She read out a report from them and also a report from Wakefield MDC Arbocultural Services.

It was agreed to ask Mr Jennings Arboriculturist at Wakefield Planning Office to inspect the tree and give us his views.

12. To discuss the review by METRO of bus services in Wakefield District – in particular the Ackworth services

12.1 The Clerk gave a report on the services, which would be affected by these proposed changes, and the effects they would have on the services.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Hirst that a letter go to METRO to request more frequent bus services.

13. To receive minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee meeting held on 26 September 2011

C13.1 The Clerk reported that the meeting could not be held, as it was not quorate

14. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 26 September 2011

C14.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would request written advice about the time staff is allowed to use mechanical equipment.

C14.2 It was proposed by Cllr Hirst that the minutes be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

15. To receive the minutes of the Brackenhill Centre Management Group held on 26 September 2011

15.1 It was agreed to receive and note the minutes and that the Clerk inform the Secretary of Friends of Brackenhill where we are and what happens next. It was further agreed that another meeting would be arranged.

16. To receive the minutes of the Allotment Working Group held on 23 September 2011

16.1 It was agreed to receive and note the minutes

17. To receive an update on Youth Provision in Ackworth

C17.1 The Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting, which was attended by herself the Clerk, Cllrs Don Marshall and Richard Molloy and YDSS staff.

YDSS have agreed to support youth provision in Ackworth over the next 6 months with a Youth Worker working along side a volunteer on one evening a week. It was agreed that we would put out an advert for additional volunteers, which YDSS will support with training and the appropriate checks.

A group would be set up with reps from YDSS, Volunteers and Parish Council to look for funding and to oversee and manage the youth provision.

C17.2 The opening of the Multi Use Games Area will take place on Wednesday 24 October 2011 at 2 pm, with a football competition between the young people using the MUGAs in Ackworth, Hemsworth and South Elmsall. This will also highlight to the young people in the village that we have youth workers in the village who will work 1 evening a week.

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

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

- 11/01899/TCA Ackworth Grove – T1 sycamore fell, T2 Holly deadwood lower growth, T3 Yew lower reshape, T4 Lime deadwood, crown lift/thin and drawback, T6 Cherry crown lift, T7 Sycamore crown lift deadwood, T8 & T9 Beech remove ivy deadwood, crown lift/thin, T10 Beech deadwood crown lift, T11 T12 T13 Pine deadwood, T14 Beech crown lift/thin, T15 Pine deadwood, T17, T18, T19 Sycamores fell, T20 Cherry crown lift/thin, T21 Sycamore deadwood/thin, T22 conifer reduce height to 7 foot, T23 Sycamore thin, T24 Ash remove.
- 11/01888/FUL White Cat Garage, single storey extension to form 2 conjoined tyre fitting bays with storage
- 11/01951/TPO 36 Denton Gardens – T1 Elm thin/drawback, T2 Horse Chestnut thin/drawback, T3 Lime thin/drawback, T4 Ash fell
- 11/01793 /RPP 2 Westfield Grove – (renewal of 08/01891/FUL) 7 no. detached dwellings

With exception of the following all applications were noted.

It was proposed by Cllr Hirst to object to applications, which have trees to be felled unless they are dead, dying, or a danger to the public. All Councillors agreed.

19. To receive Burial Rights

19.1 J5 Stephen Hazelgrave

20. To receive additional correspondence

- Letter received from Wakefield MDC re Street Lighting Hanging Basket Licence - noted
- Letter received from the Boundary Commission for England re the Review of the Parliamentary Constituencies in England – Clerk to ask where the reviews will take place and offer the Community Centre as a possibility.
- Correspondence from Yorkshire Local Councils Association re the Wakefield Branch Meeting – noted.
- Letter from NCM For England – re dates of the Liaison Committee meetings in 2012 – Cllr Wilson noted.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED