

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009 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, S Tonkinson
and
K Wilson

District Councillor R Molloy
Mr K Twiss Officer from Wakefield MDC
Ms B Grace and Mr S Wells from Steve Wells Associates Ltd
1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was agreed by all Councillors to allow Steve Wells Associates Ltd to make a presentation to the Council. Mr Wells said that he was in the process of putting together a series of proposals for the Parish Council to consider for updated facilities on Carr Bridge playing fields. Ms Grace spoke about consultation with the local Schools Sports Partnership, which involves all the Junior and Infant Schools in the village, and the two High Schools which our J & I schools feed into. A brief discussion was held with regard to funding streams. The Chairman thanked them for attending and looked forward to hearing the final proposals.

1. To receive apologies for absence

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

2. To receive declarations of interest

C2.1 Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs R Barnsley and S Tonkinson for Friends of Brackenhill and from Cllrs A Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson and W Storey for the Ackworth Senior Citizens Christmas Party

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 2009

C3.1 Cllr S Balfour proposed and Cllr Mrs S 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 14 September 2009

- Village Green – no further information
- Post Box – Cllr Wilson reported that he had met with an officer from the Royal Mail the outcome is that the post box will remain on the Green. An additional box could not be considered, as there is no suitable place to site it.
- Telephone Box – competition entry will be sent by closing date.
- Library rent review – completed. Document for Chairman to sign.
- Low Ackworth Car Park – The Clerk met with an officer from Wakefield MDC re white lining the car park area. Howard School are holding a 'Walk with Fawkes' on 5 November from the car park to school. Bell Lane are holding a similar event 'a Panto Walk' on 16 December from Bell Lane car park to school
- Junior Football Clubs – we are still waiting for confirmation from the junior clubs that they are not going to charge subs for training sessions.
- First Impressions – spring hanging baskets – have been ordered the company are going to give us 10 baskets free of charge.

5. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end September 2009

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 £14,884.61. It was proposed by Cllr Balfour 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 12 October 2009

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

7. To receive and decide on continued funding for the 'Drop In'

C7.1 Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed and Cllr Barnsley seconded the request from Cllr Evans to receive a further £500 to support the 'Drop In'. All Councillors agreed. It was noted that Cllr Evans had done a good job he said that all members of the public are welcome to attend and that this would be included as an item in the newsletter.

Cllr Balfour gave her apologies and left the meeting.

8. To receive and decide on an application for funding for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party

C8.1 Cllrs A Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson and W Storey declared an interest in this item and took no further part in the discussion.

It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that £2000 is granted for the Senior Citizens Christmas party. All Councillors agreed.

9. To discuss a letter from Sure Mums re use of the Parish Council Community Centre

C9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt to write off the outstanding sum of £70.50 with the proviso that if she applies to use Council facilities in the future then this would be re visited at that time.

10. To agree to appoint a company to carry out a valuation of all Council buildings

C10.1 It was agreed that the Clerk contact several suitable agents to enquire as to the cost and that the one submitting the lowest cost be engaged to carry out the work.

11. To receive a letter from Yorkshire Local Councils Association re the election of a Parish Representative onto the Wakefield MDC Standards Committee – Council to vote for one candidate.

Cllr Wilson left the room.

C11.1 A list of nominees had been previously circulated to all Councillors. The Chairman proposed to support Cllr Wilson's nomination Cllr Barnsley seconded. All Councillors voted in favour.

Cllr Wilson came back into the room.

The Chairman informed him that the Council had supported his nomination.

12. To receive a letter from Ackworth Heritage Group re the Parish Council representation on the group

C12.1 Cllr Lloyd had not attended 3 consecutive meetings of the group and by their rules was therefore debarred from attending further meetings.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Council would continue with one nominated member Cllr Mrs Hollyhead at this time. It was further agreed that the Clerk would write to the Heritage Group and inform them that Cllr Lloyd had not received any correspondence from them.

13. To receive a letter from Friends of Brackenhill re lighting and parking issues at Brackenhill

Cllrs Barnsley and Tonkinson declared an interest in this item and took no further part in the discussion.

C13.1 It was proposed by the Chairman to agree in principal to their request but that a plan must be submitted to the Council with full details of the proposal before it would be finally agreed. All Councillors agreed this.

14. To further discuss a request from West Yorkshire Police to fund the cost of closing and opening Bell Lane Car Park on Friday and Saturday evenings.

C14.1 As no further information had been received on this issue it was agreed to include it on next months agenda.

15. To receive Cllr Evans resignation from the Playing Fields and Changing Rooms Committee. To then receive nominations and appoint a new member.

C15.1 The Chairman said that he was sorry that Cllr Evans felt he had to resign from the Committee. Cllr Evans said he did not want to change his mind.

C15.2 The Chairman asked for nominations – he nominated Cllr Balfour and Cllr Storey seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Voting took place 8 Councillors voted in favour and 2 abstained. Cllr Balfour was therefore appointed to the Playing Fields and Changing Rooms Committee.

16. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 28 September 2009

C16.1 Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed and Cllr Barnsley seconded that the minutes be accepted. All Councillors were in favour. The minutes were duly accepted.

17. To receive and discuss the proposals from Steve Wells Associates for Carr Bridge Playing Field.

C17.1 It was agreed by all Councillors that he had come forward with some good ideas and they looked forward to receiving his proposals.

18. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on 8 September 2009

C18.1 Cllr Storey proposed and Cllr A Garbutt seconded that the minutes be accepted.
All Councillors were in favour. The minutes were duly accepted.

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

- **09/01880/FUL 18 Andrews Grove – enclosure of porch to front**
- **09/01863/TCA Beech House, Pontefract Road – notice of intention T1 Beech deadwood**

C19.1 The above applications were noted.

20. To receive and approve Burial Rights for the Cemetery

C20.1 C/A Row B 19 Amy Irene Webster

21. To receive additional correspondence:

C21.1 Letter from Wakefield MDC re Dog Fouling – It was agreed that the Clerk replies with concerns re issues around dog fouling.

Invitations from:

- **The Mayor of Wakefield to the Remembrance Festival – Wakefield Cathedral Friday 6 November.**
- **The Mayor of Wakefield to the Charity Ball – 31 October 2009 –** it was noted that the date of this event had changed.
- **Featherstone Town Council – Mayor’s Annual Charity Ball – 25 November 2009**
- **NCM The Working World of Tom McGuinness – a miner and his art 16 October 2009**
- **The Settle Hydro Tour – 11 November 2009**

C21.2 The above items were duly noted.

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