

**PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 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, W Storey and K Wilson

District Councillor R Molloy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked District Councillor Molloy for attending.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

C 1.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs R Hirst, D Lloyd and S Tonkinson for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 July 2009**

C3.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Storey that the minutes are 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 20 July 2009**

- Village Green – no further information received
- Post Box – meeting will be arranged prior to the October Parish Council meeting
- Telephone box – confirmation received that the ownership has transferred to the Parish Council
- Library rent review – e-mail from Solicitor to say that they have now sent it to the correct department in Wakefield.
- Low Ackworth Car park – nothing further to report.

**5. To Approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2009**

C5.1 It was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Balfour that the minutes are accepted as a true record. All Councillors agreed. The Chairman duly signed them. It was noted that it was a good natured and constructed meeting.

**6. To accept a letter from three members of the Parish Council requesting that the minute 18.1 dated 11 May 2009 are rescinded.**

C6.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour that the letter be accepted. Voting took place 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillors abstained. It was therefore RESOLVED that the letter is accepted and the minute rescinded.

**7. To discuss the resolution from the extra ordinary meeting – “That all junior teams play free of charge providing the organizers of the teams do not collect subs from the children.”**

C7.1 Cllr Garbutt said that he wished to amend the resolution slightly – to include after ‘collect subs’ “for training sessions from the children”. This is to reflect the information received from Ackworth Juniors at the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

**The resolution therefore reads - “That all junior teams play free of charge providing the organizers of the teams do not collect subs for training sessions from the children.”**

Cllr Johnson proposed to accept the resolution. Voting took place 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 abstained. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Junior Football clubs informing them of the decision.

**8. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end July 2009**

C8.1 A list of accounts to the end of July had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for July was £9,618.04. 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.

**9.To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end August 2009**

C9.1 A list of accounts to the end of August had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for August was £10,900.72. It was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the accounts be approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

**10.To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 14 September 2009**

C10.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of payments to be made and petty cash account at this evenings meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Storey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

**11. To retrospectively approve Yorkshire Internal Audit Services for 2008/09 acting as internal auditor and to approve them for the current financial year 2009/10. To agree to carry out an Annual Performance Review of the Internal Audit.**

C11.1 It was proposed by Cllr Barnsley and seconded by Cllr Balfour that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services are approved as our Internal Auditor retrospectively for 2008/09 and currently for 2009/10, and to carry out an Annual Performance Review of the Internal Audit. All Councillors agreed.

**12. To receive and discuss a letter from First Impressions re the cost of spring display baskets**

C12.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour that we order baskets for 10 lampposts (total of 20 baskets). Voting took place – 7 Councillors voted in favour and 2 Councillors voted against. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk contact First Impressions to place an order.

**13. To receive a letter from Mencap requesting a donation towards the cost of providing services to local residents with learning difficulties.**

C13.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt and seconded by Cllr Evans that the sum of £100 is granted under section 137 of the Local Government Act. All Councillors agreed.

**14. To receive a letter from Yorkshire Local Councils Association re a ballot to select a parish representative to the Wakefield MDC Standards Committee and to nominate a candidate.**

C14.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Garbutt that Cllr Wilson is nominated from the Parish Council to the Standards Committee. All Councillors were in agreement. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk submits the nomination form with Cllr Wilson named as candidate.

**15. To receive request from Crofton Parish Council for the Council's views on allocation of residents to WDH housing.**

C15.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt that a letter of support goes to Crofton Parish Council. All Councillors agreed.

**16. To receive a letter from Brackenhill Allotment Association regarding the Presentation for the Best Kept Plots Competition**

C16.1 The letter was noted.

**17. 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.**

C17.1 A letter had been received from Wakefield MDC Car Park Section. Cllr Garbutt was disappointed with their negative response. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would respond to this letter. Cllr Balfour asked for this item to be included on the agenda for October.

**18. To approve the date of the Christmas Light Switch on as Friday 20 November 2009 at 6 pm**

C18.1 Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Mrs Garbutt seconded that the date is confirmed. All Councillors agreed.

C18.2 It was further agreed that the light switch on would alternate between The Green, High Ackworth and Rhyddings Drive/Wakefield Road beginning with High Ackworth this year, with a similar format to last year but with about 8 market stalls on the Green which groups in the village would be invited to have to raise funds for their own particular group/society. The Gala Queen would be invited to switch on the lights.

**19. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 27 July 2009**

C19.1 Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Mrs Garbutt seconded that the minutes be approved. All Councillors agreed.

**20. To receive minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 27 July 2009**

C20.1 Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the minutes be approved. All Councillors agreed.

**21. To receive and approve a retrospective request from a local resident install a seat at the Cemetery**

C21.1 All Councillors approved the installation of the seat.

**22. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group 14 July 2009 and 8 September 2009 including recommendations from the minutes.**

C22.1 Cllr Balfour proposed that the minutes be approved. All Councillors agreed.

Cllr Balfour further proposed to write to Mr I Wiper Director of Highways and Property re the proposed lorry ban through the village re implementing it as soon as possible.

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

- **09/01466/FUL College Lane Surgery – First floor extension to side**
- **09/01425/TCA Ackworth School – notice of intention for G6 crown raising, T7 fell and T8 Maple crown raise.**
- **09/01441/TPO 4 York Place, T1 Beech crown lift/clean T2 Sycamore crown clean, T3 Sycamore crown clean, T4 Horse Chestnut fell, T5 Horn Beam crown clean, T6 Sycamore crown clean**
- **09/01475/FUL 10 Long Lane – part two, part single storey extension to side and rear**
- **09/01520/FUL Ackworth Service Station Ltd – re development of petrol filling station including erection of new canopy, shop building, ATM, pumps, car wash, jet wash bays and associated equipment**
- **09/01586/TCA 1 Ackworth House, Pontefract Road – notice of intention for T1 – T3 Horse Chestnut crown lift, T4 elderberry fell and T5 Plum fell.**
- **09/01579/TCA Ackworth School – Notice of intention to G1 Maple, Oak dead wood crown lift/thin**
- **09/01558/FUL Hundhill Cottage – demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of detached garage/store**
- **09/01647/TCA Woodside, Pontefract Road – notice of intention for T1 Copper Beech to fell.**
- **09/01477/FUL 12 Bell Lane – conversion of existing coach house to living accommodation and extensions with garage**
- **09/01526/ADV Lafarge Aggregates Limited – signage scheme comprising 2 no. non-illuminated signs**
- **09/01676/FUL 123 Station Road – proposed porch and general alterations**
- **09/01708/FUL 74 Pontefract Road – first floor extension to side, external alterations and conversion of existing outbuilding into ancillary accommodation**
- **09/01717/TPO The Moorings, Wakefield Road – T1 T2 Oak Crown lift/thin T3 Holly fell**

**Planning letters received:**

- **Letter from Wakefield MDC Grant of Planning Permission at Parish Rooms**
- **Letter from David L Walker Limited – re Lafarge Aggregates Limited re above application**
- **Letter from Wakefield MDC re Local Development Framework Central Wakefield Area Action Plan Notice of Adoption**

C23.1 It was proposed by Cllr Garbutt that a letter is sent to Mr Mark Jennings Arboricultural Officer for Wakefield MDC re the number of applications for tree

felling and tree works. All Councillors agreed. It was further agreed that an objection to tree felling is submitted if required.

**24.To receive additional correspondence:**

- **Invitation received from The Royal British Legion St Oswald Sub Group inviting the Chairman and guest to the Annual Festival of Remembrance Sunday 1 November 2009.**
- **Invitation received from the Mayor of Wakefield**
- **Letter received from BT re Payphones Adopt a Kiosk –*It was agreed that an entry would be submitted to the competition.***
- **Letter from Wakefield MDC – Consultation on Wakefield District Council’s Trees and Woodlands Forestry Certification**
- **Letter from West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership**
- **Letter from Ackworth United Charities – copy of their accounts to 31 December 2008**
- **Letter from West Yorkshire Police re grants available from Police charity to combat crime**
- **Rural Action Yorkshire newsletter Country Air Summer 2009**

C24.1 All correspondence was duly noted unless otherwise indicated.

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