

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

2. Declarations of Interests

C2.1 Cllr R Barnsley –Allotments

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 March 2009

C3.1 Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed and Cllr Tonkinson 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 9 March 2009

C4.1 Village Green – still waiting for a response from Wakefield MDC. I spoke to our Solicitor who says that if the land is registered to the Parish Council then its up to the Parish Council to agree how its used. It can be designated as an open green area for public use. The cost to register would be up to £500. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that the Solicitor registers the land. All Councillors agreed.

C4.2 Website – will be looked at next week.

C4.3 Still no response from Howard School following their Governors meeting. I met with an officer from Wakefield MDC car park section at Low Ackworth playing field car park. I am still waiting for the information from him.

C4.4 The rent review by Stephenson Wroe for Carr Bridge fields – has been signed and accepted.

C4.5 Post Box – still waiting for a response from Post Office.

C4.6 Unpaid work scheme came last Tuesday to use the changing room facilities; they cleared all Dando Way but were unable to complete the area around the youth shelter as they were constantly abused by the local youths.

7.25 pm Mr J Rowley arrived and apologised for being unable to attend the Parish Assembly.

With the agreement of Council the Chairman suspended business to allow Mr John Rowley from Ackworth United Charities to give a brief resume of the accounts for the previous year. The Clerk had circulated a copy of the accounts prior to Mr Rowley's arrival. He answered questions on the accounts. The Chairman thanked Mr Rowley for his attendance.

7.30 pm the meeting re commenced.

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

C5.1 A list of accounts to end March had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for March was £10,766.64. It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt 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 20 April 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 Balfour and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that they are approved. All Councillors agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

7. To approve a Councillors mileage claim for attendance at a training seminar

C7.1 Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the mileage claim be paid. All Councillors agreed this.

8. To receive a letter from Cllr Roy Hirst offering his resignation as Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Allotment Working Group

C8.1 Cllr Hirst's letter was accepted.

9. To nominate and appoint a Vice Chairman of the Council

C9.1 Cllr Mrs Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Tonkinson seconded Cllr W Storey. There were no other nominations.

Voting took place – 7 voted in favour and 3 abstained. Cllr Storey was therefore appointed as Vice Chairman.

10. To nominate and appoint a Chairman to the Allotment Working Group

C10.1 Cllr Barnsley proposed and Cllr Mrs Garbutt seconded Cllr Balfour. There were no other nominations.

Voting took place – 8 voted in favour and 2 abstained. Cllr Balfour was therefore appointed as Chairman of the Allotment Working Group.

11.To agree to proceed with the Library Rent Review

C11.1 It was agreed that this would be discussed at the May meeting.

12.To receive a letter from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations regarding a date of a training session for the New Power of Well Being for Local Councils

C12.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would check the time of the session. The following Councillors said they were available to attend the training session: Cllr A Garbutt, R Barnsley, Mrs P Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, Cllr Tonkinson and K Wilson. Cllr Storey may be able to attend if it's an evening session.

13.To nominate and appoint a representative on Ackworth Heritage Group

C13.1 Cllr Evans nominated Cllr Lloyd. Cllr Balfour nominated Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead, Cllr Mrs P Garbutt seconded.
Voting took place on the second nomination – 8 voted in favour and 2 voted against.
Mrs Hollyhead was duly appointed as representative on Ackworth Heritage Group.

14. To discuss extending an invitation to District Councillors to attend Parish Council meetings

C14.1 Cllr Garbutt proposed to invite District Councillors to our meetings.
Voting took place 10 voted in favour and 1 voted against.

15.To receive recommendations from Wakefield MDC Car Park Section regarding requirements for Low Ackworth Car Park

C15.1 See matters arising – no information received. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the officer concerned with a copy to Cllr Balfour requesting the information for the May meeting.

16.To discuss issues on Dando Way – concerns raised by residents using the path

C16.1 Cllr Evans reported that he had received complaints from residents running on Dando Way that dogs off leads were causing a nuisance. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to Wakefield MDC Highways and reports this to them.

17.To discuss the playing fields

C17.1 The Chairman said that he had allowed Cllr Wilson to put this item on the agenda. Cllr Wilson reported that a resident had asked him why Wakefield MDC sponsors a junior football team who play on Oakfield School field. Cllr Balfour says that it's highly unlikely that Wakefield MDC sponsor a

team, as they have no remit to do so. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson would request more information from the resident who asked the question.

18. To receive the minutes of the Playing Field and Changing Rooms Committee held on 23 March 2009 to approve the recommendations to charge for use of the playing fields and changing rooms.

C18.1 It was proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that the minutes are accepted and the recommendations are approved.

19. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 23 March 2009

C19.1 It was proposed by Cllr Balfour and seconded by Cllr Tonkinson that the minutes be accepted.

20. To receive a report by the Clerk on her attendance at a training course 'A Grave Matter' Cemetery Management Course

C20.1 The Clerk gave a brief report on the attendance at the training course by Cllr Storey and herself. It was a very informative course. One issue, which is the transfer of burial rights, requires further training. The Clerk had written to SLCC to request that a training session is arranged as soon as possible. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Garbutt that the Clerk and the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee attend the course. All Councillors agreed.

21. To receive an update on various issues at the Allotments

C21.1 The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk were in the process of reviewing the current rules and regulations. A recommendation for any changes would be put forward to the Parish Council for approval prior to implementation.

22. To receive a letter from the Secretary of the Allotments Association regarding rule changes for approval by the Council

C22.2 Cllr Mrs Garbutt proposed that in light of the previous agenda item that these rule changes are looked at in conjunction with the recommendations from the Chairman. All Councillors agreed.

23. To discuss and decide on formalising parking at the Parish Rooms

C23.1 The Chairman reported that he had asked the Clerk to seek advice from our Solicitor to formalise parking arrangements made with a local resident. A copy of the solicitor's reply had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Balfour that the solicitor's recommendation to have a licence is accepted. All Councillors agreed. Clerk to write to the Solicitor instructing him to draw up the licence and to the resident informing him of the action we are taking.

24. To receive a letter from a local resident re road safety issues and the response sent to the letter by Wakefield MDC

C24.1 It was agreed to note these letters.

25. To receive a letter from Wakefield MDC re a proposed 7.5 tonne weight limit – A628 Ackworth

C25.1 It was agreed by all Councillors that this proposal is welcomed.

26. Planning – to receive and consider planning applications received by Wakefield MDC

- **09/00482/FUL – Coopers Close (land off) – 1 dwelling**
- **09/00617/FUL 45 Langdale Drive – two storey extension to side**
- **09/00516/FUL 1 Fothergill Avenue – erection of shed, boundary treatment to front (max height 2.0 metres)(retrospective)**
- **09/00631/TCA Ackworth School – Notice of intention to fell T1 Horse Chestnut and T2 crown raising beech tree**

C26.1 The above applications were noted.

27. Cemetery

C27.1 The following Burial Rights were approved - P44 Vera Bentley, Q1 Clifford Parkinson, P43 Linda Cullen

28. To receive additional correspondence

- **Invitation from Mayor of Wakefield to Civic Parade**
- **Letter from Jon Trickett re concerns from a resident re litter in the village**
- **White Rose Update from Yorkshire Local Councils Association**
- **Invitation to Councillors to attend a training course**

C28.1 the above correspondence was noted.