

Ackworth
Parish
Council



Newsletter

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The Parish Council has overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. It has committees and working groups that deal with these responsibilities. They meet in between full Parish Council meetings and report on their discussions and recommendations for action.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 20 June. Full Parish Council and Committee Meeting dates are published on the website along with the minutes. If you do not have access to the internet copies can be obtained at the Parish Council office. For more information on the Parish Council including a detailed list of responsibilities, services available, news, local groups plus more; please visit our website at

www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chairman's Report

First may I thank fellow Councillors for their contribution to the work of the Council through various Committees and Working Groups I know that most people round this table take part in one or more of the groups. Thanks also to Mr Terry Hollyhead who is Chairman of the Village Events Committee, Pc Dave Walker and his team from West Yorkshire Police and Officers from Wakefield MDC who regularly attend our meetings. Thanks also go to all members of staff.

Many of you will be aware that a planning application was successful some months ago in respect of the sport facilities/changing rooms at Carr Bridge. Additionally a lease extension from Ackworth School has been agreed.

The Parish Council have actively sought funding from various channels over the last year or so and the council feels that they are in a position to fund these facilities. The Precept was raised this year to go towards facilitating these objectives.

The demand for the use of playing fields and changing rooms continues to increase once again the income received from their use will go towards the improvements.

The new section of the Cemetery was consecrated in January by the Bishop of Pontefract and is now in use. It was decided by the Council that the new section would be used solely for residents of Ackworth, to ensure availability of burial ground for residents in the village for many years to come.

The Committee Structures have continued to help us progress. The Village Events Committee is once again finalising this years Gala. The improvements to the parade were a great success last year and we hope that it will be bigger and better this year. Last Christmas was the 3rd combined Christmas light switch on/carol service; this took place at Rhyddings Drive/Wakefield Road with more people attending than in previous years. This year's light switch on will be at the Green at High Ackworth.

The Parish Council Community Centre is well used by a wide range of groups. We are hopeful that the immediate future of the library is secure, as Wakefield MDC entered into a 10 year lease agreement with the Parish Council of which there are a number of years left to run with no opt out clauses. Brackenhill Centre is being well used; with both Ackworth Allstars and Ackworth Junior Football teams using the venue on a regular basis as well as other user groups.

We continue to strive to work towards Quality Status. The website and the newsletter have been a huge success we have received positive feedback from residents.

Last summer it was decided that the Parish Council would take back the day-to-day running of the allotments. A lot of hard work has been put into this by Councillors and staff who hold regular meetings with 5 plot holders who were elected by the tenants who are residents in the village as their representatives. Encouragement has been given to plot holders to ensure they make the best use of the plots. In that time we have let 13 half plots although we still have a waiting list of 20 residents.

We continue to work closely with our local Youth Officer and the young people of the village to provide them with the type of facilities they require. I am pleased to be able to report that the young people were successful in securing funding to build the Multi Use Games Area on Dando Way just off Bell Lane with the support of the Youth Service and the Parish Council. This has been a great success and is very well used by all age groups.

Road Safety in the village continues to be a high priority with regular meetings held to discuss issues of concern. Officers of Wakefield MDC, the local police team and members of SELRAG attend the meetings. The lorry ban on the A628 through the village has been a success although some lorries are still using this route there has been an improvement in the number travelling through the village. The police and Wakefield MDC will continue to monitor this situation and take the necessary steps to enforce the ban.

Councillor Allan Garbutt
Chairman Ackworth Parish Council
11 April 2011

Following the Parish Council elections on 5 May 2011 your twelve Parish Councillors are:

Ackworth Moortop

Ron Barnsley
John Evans
Joyce Evans
Roy Hirst
Sue Hollyhead
Terry Hollyhead
Richard Molloy
Bill Storey

High and Low Ackworth

Sarah Balfour
Philip Davies
Donald Marshall
Keith Wilson

At the full Parish Council meeting on Monday 16 May 2011, Cllr Sarah Balfour was elected as the new Chairman of the Parish Council with Cllr Roy Hirst being elected as Vice Chairman.

Below is a list of the full Parish Council meeting dates for 2011/2012. Committee Meeting dates are published on our website.

Meetings take place at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, and start at 19:15 unless otherwise advertised on the noticeboard

20 June 2011
25 July 2011
12 September 2011
10 October 2011
14 November 2011
12 December 2011
16 January 2012
13 February 2012
12 March 2012
9 April 2012*
14 May 2012



One Ackworth street got into the party spirit to celebrate the Royal Wedding last month. Kath Bishop and Wendy Carr both of King's Close organised a street party for residents. Neighbours got together to bring food and drinks for everyone and friends and family were invited, along with previous residents of the street. The celebrations also enabled newcomers to the street to meet their neighbours.

A great day was had by everyone.



Ackworth Heritage Group – Event on The Green

On **Sunday 5 June 2011** Ackworth Heritage Group are holding a fundraising event at the village green in High Ackworth. The event will be opened by Bridget Molloy at 1pm.

As in previous years there will be various stalls including plants, cakes, and an embroidery display.

Stephen Carlile will be giving a talk in the Alms Houses and there will also be an opportunity to have a tour around John Gully's grave.



Refreshments will be served in the Church.

Ackworth Gala – 25 June 2011

Plans are well underway for the annual gala. Arena events have been booked and stall holder requests are now coming in. Timetable of events on the day is as follows:

- 12.00 – 12.45 Parade leaves Lafarge Depot
- 12.45 – 13.00 Official opening / Gala Queen Crowned
- 13.00 – 13.15 Fancy Dress Competition (Children's Story Book Character Theme)
- 13.15 – 14.00 Tony Christian's Action Entertainment
- 14.15 – 14.45 K9 Capers
- 15.00 – 15.20 Derbyshire Midshipmen Carnival Band
- 15.30 – 16.15 Tony Christian's Action Entertainment

The parade last year was a wonderful success and we're hoping again this year will prove to be as popular.

If your children live in Ackworth but do not go to school in the village and would like to take part in the parade, then please contact Jayne on 0777 1175700 or at AckworthVC@hotmail.co.uk by 6th June 2011.



Events at Ackworth School

Party on The Green - Thursday 30 June 2011

Please come along to this evening of musical entertainment and bring yourself a picnic! No alcohol allowed on campus.

Tickets: Adults £6, Children: free

Contact Laura Lunn at Ackworth School for further details: 01977 611401

West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Police Team Contact Opportunities

PC Dave Walker would like to hear your views on what you would like your neighbourhood police team to do in Ackworth. He would welcome people to attend one of the regular contact points at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, and discuss local issues and concerns.

- Thursday 2nd June 2011 @ 7.00pm
- Saturday 18th June 2011 @ 10.00am
- Friday 1st July 2011 @ 7.00pm
- Thursday 14th July 2011 @ 7.00pm
- Saturday 30th July 2011 @ 10.00am

Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

PACT Meetings are open meetings for you to attend. They last for approximately 1 hour and this is your opportunity to be informed of what has occurred over the last 6 weeks in your area, what your local Officers have been doing and what the planned activity is for the next 6 weeks. You will also be given the opportunity to air and discuss any concerns you may have.



The meetings alternate between The Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth and Upton Village Hall, Harewood Lane, Upton. The meetings held at Ackworth are listed below:

- Thursday 21st July 2011 7.30pm
- Thursday 22nd September 2011 7.30pm

Although we would really like to see you in person at the PACT meetings we understand that it is not always possible for you to make it. As a result we have introduced an esurvey whereby you can nominate an issue that you feel should be a policing priority in your area. Fill in the form on our website and we will ensure that your voice is heard at the next PACT meeting. Visit www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt/Contact.asp.



Useful Information

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Low Ackworth Community Centre

Judith Rooke

01977 611285

Brackenhill Community Centre

01977 611583

Police

Non urgent calls

0845 606 0606

Local Officers

01924 295413

Emergency

999

Email – southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

General Enquiries

01924 306090

Amey – street lighting (24hrs)

0800 783 1654

Social Care Direct (24hrs)

0845 8 503 503

Environment Contact Centre

0845 8 506 506

Wakefield District Housing – Access Point (24hrs)

0845 8 507 507

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