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Dear Resident

You are invited to attend a meeting of Ackworth Parish Council which will be held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on **MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026, COMMENCING AT 7.15PM.**

Yours faithfully

Jemma Nolan
Clerk

*There will be a 15-minute public session prior to the meeting and this will commence at 7.15pm
(Members of the public are reminded to adhere to the rules set by the council for this session)*

Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting. The Parish Council meeting may be recorded under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014. Devices are to be placed on the table provided throughout the meeting.

AGENDA

138 Apologies

- 138.1: To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
- 138.2: To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.

139 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

- 139.1: To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.
- 139.2: To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 139.3: To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

140 To receive available reports from the following:

- 140.1: WMDC District Councillors.
- 140.2: APC Council Representatives on outside bodies.

141 To consider for approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th December 2025, as a true and correct record.

142 To receive applications for the Exclusive Rights of Burial.
143 Financial Matters 143.1: To receive and consider for approval the accounts including bank statements to the end of December 2025. 143.2: To receive and consider for approval payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 12th January 2026.
144 To consider a response to the planning authority on the following planning applications. 144.1: 25/02319/FUL - 13 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth, Pontefract, WF7 7HS - Front porch extension and first floor rear extension – Deadline Date 02/01/2026 (<i>Reviewed via email by the Council and noted</i>) 144.2: 25/02357/FUL - Orchard Lodge Pontefract Road Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7EE - Demolition of existing porch structure, new porch and canopy from house to garage – Deadline 12/02/2026
145 To receive an update regarding John Gully's grave from a trustee.
146 To receive correspondence relating to the closure of Harpins Garden Centre.
147 To receive a proposal for an offer of a Wakefield District Council culture grant of £1,620 and decide a course of action.
148 Motions requested by Councillor(s) 148.1: To receive a proposal from Cllr Balfour that the Parish Council agrees in principle to provide a hearing amplification system in the council room subject to approval of the cost. A report on viability will initially be presented to the F&GP committee. 148.2: To receive a proposal from Cllr Balfour that the Parish Council agrees that all employees to whom it is relevant will be paid the Real Living Wage. 148.3: To receive a proposal from Cllr Balfour that the Parish Council agrees that advice should be sought about the best locations and methods for the planting of any purchased or donated trees and that the clerk investigates the most cost effective way of ensuring regular watering during the two years after planting, including the purchase of a portable water tank or bowser, to ensure the survival of the trees. The locations considered should include all Parish Council land including the cemetery.

Next Council Meeting: 9th February 2026