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Sent via email to dbtinternet.com

Dear ,

Freedom of Information Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 9th December 2024, as detailed below.

Upon reviewing your freedom of information request and associated questions, I think it prudent to point out that our website (www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) contains information in full or in part that therefore would assist in obtaining some of the answers you seek without the need to include them within a formal request.

As I am sure you can appreciate, these requests can become time consuming, labour intensive and could be deemed a waste of public money in Clerk's time especially where information is readily available via our website.

To assist with future freedom of information requests, I have included the below.

[What is the FOI Act and are we covered? | ICO](#)

"The Act covers all recorded information held by a public authority."

"The Act does not cover information that is in someone's head. If a member of the public asks for information, you only have to provide information you already have in recorded form. You do not have to create new information or find the answer to a question from staff who may happen to know it."

I have included your questions in green for ease of providing responses.

- a) *How much has Ackworth parish spent on their Solicitors fees related to acquiring a lease on Low Ackworth community centre and playing fields since 2015 as WMDC state This is the date the Parish has been in negotiations with them Noting The chairman stated the Parish had a 30 year lease in 2016 but the*

Parish subsequently stated when challenged that the 2016 lease had been "retracted"

To date there has been no expenditure on this item and therefore there is no record to provide through the freedom of information process.

Please can I refer you to an earlier freedom of information request made by yourself in April 2024 where similar questions were asked relating to the Low Ackworth lease. A copy of this can be found on our website under [2024 04 Low Ackworth Lease and Building.pdf](#)

b) How regularly are the Parish solicitors updating the Parish re these negotiations

There is no set service level agreement in place and therefore no record to provide through the freedom of information process.

c) What other expenses has the parish incurred re the LAC project to date i.e. Advertising for Contractors , Builders , Project managers interviewing etc

To date there has been no expenditure on this item and therefore there is no record to provide through the freedom of information process.

d) What costs have been budgeted since 2016 for maintaining the public open spaces and the area of land at the top Green Lane going down to Hessel common "as again in the Chairmans report of 2016 she stated that the land had been handed over

Please can I refer you to an earlier freedom of information request made by yourself in April 2024 that previously answered questions relating to the 2016 Chairmans report. A copy of this can be found on our website under [2024 04 Low Ackworth Lease and Building.pdf](#)

The then Chair has already answered questions you raised regarding this report in the November 2024 Council meeting when asked in the public session.

Regarding budgeting, there is no record to provide through the freedom of information process.

However, whilst not necessarily a budget, the council has set aside £10,000 in earmarked reserves. This is with the intention to support with the initial introduction of the community centre once handed over. Thereafter, a budget plan will be developed and presented to Council for review when the time presents.

e) Can you confirm how much the Parish has spent in 2024 on Community centre on the Strada Estate i.e. Fencing and security shutters fitting out of the community centre as not yet handed over / accepted by the Parish on the Strada Estate

Information regarding CIL expenditure can be found on our website [Community Infrastructure Levy \(CIL\) - Ackworth Parish Council](#).

From Council reserves there has been an additional expenditure of £650 on building security. This information is recorded in the 24/25 internal income and expenditure financial report, extract inserted below.

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
304 Ackworth Quarries CC							
1400 Donations Received	1,669	0	(1,669)			0.0%	1,669
Ackworth Quarries CC - Income	1,669	0	(1,669)				1,669
4142 Alarms & CCTV	650	0	(650)		(650)	0.0%	
Ackworth Quarries CC - Indirect Expenditure	650	0	(650)	0	(650)		0

f) When did the parish last have a meeting with the developers re the hand over

There is not a set service level agreement in place and therefore no record to provide through the freedom of information process.

g) What date if any has been agreed to hand the Centre over to the Parish

There is no record to provide through the freedom of information process.

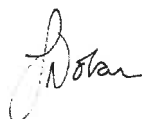
Please be advised the above request has been logged internally as two separate requests:

1. Low Ackworth Community Centre and Playing Fields
2. Ackworth Quarries Community Centre.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner by phone: 0303 123 1113 or website <https://ico.org.uk/>

There is no charge for making this request.

Yours Sincerely



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