



Question:

I have read an article re: low Ackworth community centre and the closed meeting that has taken place. My question is how much has been spent on the low Ackworth community centre project to date.

I think it's important that we the village/service centre know where our parish council tax money is being spent.

Mr [REDACTED] has highlighted that I should ask you, so I think other residents are also interested to know also.

Thank you.

Answer:

In relation to your email, I am not familiar with the article you are referring to however I am happy to review if you want to forward on, Ackworth Parish Council have not published any official articles relating to this project.

In relation to closed meetings, our monthly parish council meeting and committee meetings are fully open to the public. When required, private sections are added to agendas (which I think this is what you may be referring to as closed meetings). Items included in this section are covered by the 'ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960' these items are easily identifiable on our agendas as per the below wording.

<p>3. TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960)</p>

As an example of what may be included in the private section: Tenders would be reviewed during the private section of a meeting as would be covered by this act due to the commercially sensitive supplier information included within tender proposals.

In relation to the question asked: *My question is how much has been spent on the low Ackworth community centre project to date.*

Whilst I have been Clerk no financial expenditure has been spent on this project, from the information handed over to me upon appointment in May 2023, no financial expenditure had been spent on this project. Therefore, to my knowledge to date, no financial expenditure has been spent on this project, only time has been allocated to this project. Project work 'time' is not recorded as an expenditure.

The person you have named is not known to me however please feel free to share this information or pass my details on.

Under our 'Ask the Clerk Initiative', all questions and answers are published under the 'Information Requests' section on our website. I have noted you feel other residents may like to know this information therefore please help us share and promote our website page within our community, so all can receive clear answers to questions they may have – or feel assured in asking a new one.

Thank you for your email.