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Dear ,

Freedom of Information Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 10th February 2023, as detailed below.

I have included your questions for ease of providing responses.

- 1) *Can you confirm we lost 40 houses due to boundary changes*
- 2) *How many houses have the Parish gained with additional buildings over the last 8 Years*
- 3) *How much precept tax has this raised on these houses?*

In answer to questions 1,2 and 3. I can confirm that the Parish Council does not hold this information however I am aware from our communications that you have now received this information from WMDC.

- 4) *It is Proposed to take £8337 from reserves If the parish had accepted the lowest quote on a replacement van for the parish this would have been saved ! Can the Parish justify this purchase as the van does not stand up to scrutiny as to "Green" when you take into cost of production and damage to environment producing it the low milage it runs or the cost of installing a charging point*

In answer to question 4, I believe this to be a statement and not a question. If you would like to resubmit clarifying what you require to be justified I am happy to receive.

- 5) *In the precept Tax increase the council proposed for 23/24 of 1.27% has money been allocated in the budget for a loan repayment 23/24 for the Low Ackworth Community Centre if so how much?*

In answer to question 5, I can confirm no it has not.

6) *Have the parish paid for plans for the Low Ackworth Community Centre if so How Much and can we view the plans or when will plans be available to view?*

In answer to question 6, I can confirm that the Parish Council has not paid for plans.

7) *From the minutes of the Low Ackworth Community Centre Meeting Nothing was mentioned about obtaining outlined planning Permission or Planning Permission surely this should be obtained before spending further monies on the project have plans been submitted?*

In answer to question 7, I can confirm the Parish Council has not spent any funds to date.

8) *If money been put aside for total build in the 23 / 24 Budget for this project if so how much has been allocated plus does this include this include CIL money*

In answer to question 8, I can confirm the other than the third of allocated CIL money, no other funds at this stage have been allocated to this project.

9) *On the CIL monies the Parish is sitting on £117,168 being gradually accrued since 2016 with only £5,092 being spent on Bell lane car park Question you voted £10,500 on 7th Sept 2020 for an extension to the Doctors surgery as this has not been spent have you set a time limit if work is not carried that the money be put back in the CIL pool and is this £10,500 included in the £117,167 figure*

In answer to question 9, As you are now aware from communications, the Doctors Surgery have confirmed they no longer wish to use the allocated CIL money. The fund will remain with Ackworth Parish Council until reallocated.

10) *What are the projects the Parish have identified to spend the remaining CIL money on and what amounts have been allocated to each project plus when will these projects start ?*

In answer to question 10, Please can I refer you to our website, F&GP minutes from February 2023 (agenda item 12)

<https://www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/ UserFiles/Files/ Minutes/158378-230220 F and GP Draft Minutes for website.pdf>

This provides the information you require.

11) *You stated that you have 5 years to spend each tranche of CIL money that you have accumulated and that you would apply to Wakefield for an extension if you fail to spend the money in the set time limit. There is no law that Wakefield has to extend this limit and they could take the money back therefore are you going apply now before this becomes an issue to ensure that money is not lost to the village?*

In answer to question 11, I can confirm the Parish Council has allocated the spend and therefore an extension at this stage is not required.

12) Has the Parish missed an opportunity to obtain Monies for Village? As the 106 money was gained at the loss of land and an increased population of the parish but No additional infrastructure has been given to Ackworth Parish schools or affordable housing or play areas etc

In answer to question 12, I believe this to be a statement and not a question. If you would like to resubmit clarifying what opportunities specifically you are referring to I would be happy to receive.

13) Will Ackworth Parish lobby Wakefield for future 106 money they collect from other Parishes equivalent to the money WMDC have gained from Ackworth but spent on outside of Ackworth that WMDC collect to improve Ackworth and if so when ?

In answer to question 13, As a local authority, Ackworth Parish Council will continue to operate within its guidelines alongside WMDC.

Following advice from WMDC, my understanding is that S106 agreements are no longer written in the same way they once were and it is now made explicitly clear as part of the agreement where the monies must be spent, which is usually within the vicinity of the development site in order to mitigate the impact of the development. As to when this change happened I am unaware and would need to refer you on to WMDC if you require specific information on each of the projects you have listed below in your email to the ICO.

2009/10 For land at Bracken hill £63,276 Was spent on 4 £14,401 2016/17 Minsthorpe Play Area South Elmsall £30,346 2018/19 Minsthorpe Skate park ££15,508 2019/20 Minsthorpe skate park Remaining Monies unspent 2013/14 Onward Business park Strata £92,971 Was Spent on Kingsland School mobile classrooms (Outside the parish) 2014/15 Land at Priory Cottage Ackworth (Affordable Housing) £31,656 Was Spent 2019/20 £17,797 Supported accommodation Church Street Ossett £14,056 funding affordable Housing admin 20015/16 Onward Business Park from Strata £97,033 Was spent Half Acres School extension (Outside Ackworth Parish) 2016/17 Onward Business Park from Strata £98,593 Was Spent On Newton Hill School Expansion

I have included as part of this letter to ensure completeness of your outstanding request for information.

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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