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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 13th OCTOBER 2025, 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

78. Apologies

78.1: To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

78.2: To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.

79. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

79.1: 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.

79.2: To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest.

79.3: To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

80. To receive available reports from the following:

80.1: WMDC District Councillors.

80.2: APC Council Representatives on outside bodies.

81. To consider for approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2025, as a true and correct record.

82. To receive applications for the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

83. Financial Matters

- 83.1:** To receive and consider for approval the accounts including bank statements to the end of September 2025.
- 83.2:** To receive and consider for approval payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 13th October 2025.
- 83.3:** To consider increasing the £10,000 daily online payment limit to £20,000 and decide a course of action.

84. Committee Meeting Minutes

- 84.1:** To receive the minutes of the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2025 and approve the recommendations within them.
- 84.2:** To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2025 and approve the recommendations within them.
- 84.3:** To receive the minutes of the Environment, Road Safety & Planning Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2025 and approve the recommendations within them.

85. To consider a response to the planning authority on the following planning applications.

- 85.1:** 25/01464/CPL - 8 Wenthill Close Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7LP - utility room single storey extension - No Deadline Date
- 85.2:** 25/01680/FUL - 1 Andrews Grove Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7NU - Proposed erection of 2m fence at the base along an 11.3m section of the side boundary – Deadline 23/10/2025
- 85.3:** 25/01848/TPO - 22 Andrews Grove Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7NU - Crown Reduce 1 Pine tree beneath the branch failure points as identified within the submitted photos. Crown Reduce 2 Silver Birch trees by 3metres in height and Crown Reduce the lower left branch on the front tree by 3metres as identified - No Deadline Date

86. To receive the external auditor's report for year ending the 31st March 2025.

87. To review recommendations made by the internal auditor for year ending the 31st March 2025 and decide any further action required.

88. To receive an update on Low Ackworth Playing Fields Lease progression.

89. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding the exercise equipment on Dando Way, requesting for Council to consider the installation of additional children's play equipment and to decide a course of action.

90. To receive further update on expressions of interest received relating to the Neighbourhood Plan and decide a course of action.

91. To further review a request to consider support with a donation to Ackworth Senior Citizens Fund under section 137 grants for the Annual Christmas Tea

92. To review and select lampposts for Christmas 2025 light wraps to be installed and consider resident communication.

93. To receive a draft copy of the Autumn/Winter Newsletter for review and to consider approval of content.

94. Motions requested by Councillor(s)

- 94.1** To receive a proposal from Cllr Roberts to be given delegated authority by Council to progress the lease agreement of Low Ackworth playing fields, car park and play area which is currently under review between Wakefield District Council and Ackworth Parish as and where required in his capacity as both Chair to Ackworth Parish Council and Ward 1 District Councillor.
- 94.2** To receive a proposal from Cllr Maiden to supply Councillors with a term dated ID badge and lanyard to be identifiable when attending Council events.
- 94.3** To receive a proposal from Cllr A Sherratt that Ackworth Parish Council work with Low Ackworth Community Association, providing administrative support, to ensure that the existing building on Town End Playing Fields is removed as quickly as possible to make the site safe for all residents, removing the risk of further vandalism and arson, whilst removing the unsightly structure.
- 94.4** To receive a proposal from Cllr Richmond that this council resolves that no new lease for Townend Playing Field shall be executed until an official copy of the previous lease agreement has been obtained and thoroughly

reviewed. The Clerk is instructed to take all necessary steps to secure the document from the appropriate authority, including Wakefield Council and HM Land Registry if required.
95. 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)
96. Committee Meeting Minutes 96.1 To receive the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 22 nd September 2025 and approve the recommendations within them.
97. To receive correspondence from a resident relating to a freedom of information request administered by the Clerk.
98. To receive a legal update between Ackworth Parish Council and Strata Homes regarding the handover of the community centre and land.
99. To receive quotations to consider the feasibility and associated costs of improving security at Carr Bridge Playing Fields and decide a course of action.

Next Council Meeting: 10th November 2025