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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 9th NOVEMBER 2026, COMMENCING AT 7.15PM.**

Yours faithfully

Jemma Nolan
Clerk

AGENDA

105 Apologies

105.1: To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
105.2: To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.

106 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

106.1: 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.
106.2: To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest.
106.3: To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

107 To receive available reports from the following:

107.1: WMDC District Councillors.
107.2: APC Council Representatives on outside bodies.

108 To consider for approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th October 2026, as a true and correct record.

109 To receive applications for the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

110 Financial Matters

110.1: To receive and consider for approval the accounts including bank statements and petty cash account to the end of October 2026.
110.2: To receive and consider for approval payments to 9th November 2026.
110.3 To review the current banking arrangements in line with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme to ensure appropriate cover in place and decide a course of action.

111 Committee Meetings

111.1 To receive the minutes of the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 26th October 2026 and approve the recommendations within them.
111.2 To receive the minutes of the Environment, Road Safety & Planning Committee meeting held on 26th October 2026 and approve the recommendations within them.

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

112.1 26/01765/ADV - Willsdene Wakefield Road Pontefract WF7 7JL - Non illuminated signage scheme – No Deadline Date

112.2 23/00314/S730 - Mill Lane Garage Mill Lane Ackworth Pontefract - Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to approved planning application 23/00314/S7302 dated 23/06/2026 [which granted alteration of the internal layouts to increase number of bedrooms within plots 2, 3 and 4, alteration and addition of opening – Deadline Date 17/11/2026

113 To receive a verbal update on the 2026 Christmas Light Provision.

114 To receive correspondence from Wakefield Council regarding received CIL monies unspent for longer than 5 years.

115 To receive a report and quote to fell a tree in Low Ackworth Playing Field following the high winds and decide a course of action.

116 To select the 2026 charities locations to receive any surplus Santa Day perishables post event.

117 Motions requested by Councillor(s)

117.1 To receive a proposal from Cllr Bland that Ackworth Parish Council instructs the clerk to investigate the installation of either or both public or private WIFI in the council room and more widely at Bell Lane Community Centre and bring further information and quotes to the Village Amenities Committee to make recommendation to full council.

117.2 To receive a proposal from Cllr Bland that Ackworth Parish Council implements a 'digital first' approach to councillor packs if WIFI is installed in the council room. Councillor packs would be sent over email as they are currently with paper packs available on request to the clerk.

117.3 To receive a proposal from Cllr A Sherratt that the parish council agree to allocate an area of land on which to site beehive(s) for the Community Apiary Project from Wakefield Grow/Wakefield & Pontefract Beekeepers Association.

118 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 CONFIDENTAIL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960)

119 To receive quotations for the 2027 Hanging Basket provision and decide a course of action.

120 To discuss the Ackworth Quarries public open space in relation to legal title restrictions to eligible properties regarding grounds maintenance and decide a course of action.

121 To receive an updated quotation for the new vehicle and decide a course of action.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 14th December 2026

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.