

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH, ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair

Cllrs: J Bell, A Cook, M Galvin, T Hames, S Richmond

6 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair invited questions from members of the public.

Question 1. A resident requested a response to their question asked at December's Parish Council meeting (question 2 from that meeting), as they didn't receive an answer to their question during the meeting.

The Chair advised the resident that the Clerk would provide a response in writing to this.

Question 2 – A resident asked how the road, which he believed would be between Featherstone and the A639, would reduce the traffic in Ackworth. The question was in principle directed at Cllr Hames relating to Item 18 from December's Parish Council meeting; Cllr Hames's attendance at the Examination in Public: Wakefield District Council – Local Plan 2022. A second question asked by the same resident, again directed at Cllr Hames, asked why he thinks there will be no junction onto the A1 at Carleton Road when the A1 is updated to motorway standard.

The Chair asked the resident to send an email to the Clerk so the questions could be responded to.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their questions

1. To receive apologies for absence

C1.1. Apologies were received and the reasons given as reported in the attendance book were approved from Cllrs S Balfour, A Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead, G Marshall

A letter of resignation from Cllr J Hardman was received at the meeting.

District Councillors and PCSO Lorraine Kavanagh

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

C2.1. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

C2.2. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest (if any)

C2.3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None to receive.

3. To receive a report from West Yorkshire Police

C3.1. No report to receive.

4. To receive a report from District Councillors

C4.1. The Clerk read out a report from District Councillor A Garbutt.

The report was received.

5. To receive a report from Council Representatives on outside bodies

C5.1. None to receive.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 December 2021

C6.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place

5 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes are approved.

7. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 13 December 2021

C7.1. Nothing to report.

8. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end December 2021

C8.1. The accounts had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the accounts are approved.

Voting took place

5 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the accounts are approved.

9. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 10 January 2022

C9.1. The list of payments and petty cash account was circulated to all Councillors at the meeting.

Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that the list of payments and petty cash account are approved.

Voting took place
 5 Councillors voted in favour
 0 Councillors voted against
 1 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the list of payments and petty cash account are approved.

10. To decide on a response to the Community Governance Review

C10.1. The Community Governance Review document had previously been circulated to all Councillors along with a document with suggestions for discussion prepared by Cllr Roberts.

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that the suggestions, as circulated, be approved for submission to Wakefield Council. See Appendix 1.

Voting took place
 4 Councillors voted in favour
 0 Councillors voted against
 1 Councillor abstained
 1 Councillor didn't vote

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is accepted.

11. To receive and comment on Planning Applications received by Wakefield MDC:

C11.1. The planning applications were noted unless otherwise stated:

- 21/02585/FUL 10 Holly Bank – part single, part two storey extension to front & side
- 21/02939/FUL 13 Brackenhill – proposed single storey rear extension & first floor side extension – *objection to be sent as the size will detract from the amenities of surrounding properties and is not in keeping with the street scene.*
- 21/02992/FUL Court Farm, Lee Lane – construction of outdoor riding arena for private use with 1.2m boundary fence - *a letter to be sent in to state that the Parish Council do not object to the application as it has been submitted, however if the application included lighting the outdoor arena, they would submit an objection.*
- 21/02998/FUL Faireacre, Pontefract Road – erection of 1 no. detached dwelling

The following applications had been received since the agenda was published:

- 21/02774/TCA 23 Hill Drive - Fell 1 Birch tree (Betula pendula - T1)
- 21/027771/CPL 8 Charlestown - Hip-to-gable extension with dormer to form bedroom loft conversion
- 21/00045/FUL - Bell Lane - change of use of first floor and second floor flat to play café

Voting took place
 5 Councillors voted in favour
 0 Councillors voted against
 1 Councillor abstained

12. To receive Burial Rights

C12.1. None to receive.

13. That in the light of the CPRE review of the 2036 Local Development Framework Plan, Ackworth Parish Council withdraw the request that it made on 23rd December 2020 for the SFLR to be routed through Ackworth (Cllr Marshall and Cllr Richmond)

C13.1. Cllr Richmond proposed and no Councillor seconded therefore the motion did not progress.

The Chair thanked members of the public for attending.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

14. To receive a response from the solicitor regarding Low Ackworth Lease

C14.1. The response from the solicitor was noted. It was agreed that a way forward would be for the Clerk to ask the solicitor to draw up a draft sublease and draft lease for Wakefield Council for them to send to their solicitors and bring updates to February's meeting.

Voting took place

6 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk takes this action.

15. To receive a quotation for the repair costs to the library heating

C15.1. The Clerk reported that there has been ongoing problems with the heating in the library. A quotation was received from the company which carried out the installation of replacement boilers last year.

Cllr Galvin proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that the quote is accepted.

Voting took place

6 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors

0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the quotation is accepted.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Chairman 14 February 2021