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Minutes of the Meeting of Ackworth Parish Council held at Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 10th February 2025, at 7.15 PM.

Attendance

Cllr Martin Roberts – Chair
Cllr John Bell
Cllr Stephen Parker
Cllr Sarah Balfour
Cllr Carolyn Hall
Cllr Andy Sherratt
Cllr Amanda Cook
Cllr Sharon Maiden

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5 Members of the Public in attendance.

Question time was held at 7:15pm, questions asked did not relate to the agenda.

1. Apologies

- 1.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
- 1.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.

1.1 It was **resolved** that the apologies were **received** in respect of Cllrs Moore, S Sherratt, Richmond & Bland.
1.2 It was **resolved** that council had considered and **approved** the reason given by Cllrs Moore, S Sherratt, Richmond & Bland.

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

2.1 **No new** interests were declared by Councillors.
2.2 Two written applications for dispensation had been submitted prior to the meeting by Cllr Bell and Cllr Maiden who are both members of Low Ackworth Community Centre Association. The request was for approval to discuss and vote on CIL allocation under agenda item 12. The Chair requested a vote be taken for approval by a show of hands by council members. It was resolved the requests were **approved**.
2.3 It was **resolved** that the written dispensation requests by Cllr Bell and Cllr Maiden were **granted**.

3. To receive available reports from the following:

- 3.1 WMDC District Councillors.
- 3.2 APC Council Representatives on outside bodies.

<p>3.1 District Councillor Martin Roberts provided a verbal update which covered the below areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk around Ackworth completed with the Managing Director of Wakefield District Council, areas raised included, delays with Low Ackworth playing fields lease, Low Ackworth flooding issues, Dando way regular cutting schedule and challenges of 2024, delay of handover of Ackworth quarries community centre from strata • Dist Cllr Roberts also advised that the review of the removal of the war memorial wreaths was still in progress with no further update at this stage • Later in the meeting Dist Cllr Roberts shared plans that WMDC have planned to split Low and High Ackworth into two polling stations on the basis that Low Ackworth Community Centre is available at that time. <p>3.2 Cllr A Sherratt provided an update on behalf of Ackworth United Charities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything is running as expected and usual repairs/renovations underway <p>Cllr Maiden provided an update on behalf of Low Ackworth Community Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At their last meeting the state of the building was discussed
<p>4. To consider for approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th January 2025, as a true and correct record.</p>
<p>4.1 The minutes had previously been circulated to all Cllrs. It was resolved that the meeting minutes were approved.</p>
<p>5. Committee Meeting Minutes</p> <p>5.1 To receive the minutes of the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 27th January 2025 and approve the recommendations with them.</p> <p>5.2 To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27th January 2025 and approve the recommendations with them.</p>
<p>5.1 The minutes had previously been circulated to all Cllrs. It was resolved that the meeting minutes were approved.</p> <p>5.2 The minutes had previously been circulated to all Cllrs. It was resolved that the meeting minutes were approved.</p>
<p>6. To receive Burial Rights.</p>
<p>6.1 It was resolved that the burial rights had been received for plots K22, K23, K24.</p>
<p>7. Financial Matters</p> <p>7.1 To receive and consider for approval the accounts including bank statements to the end of January 2025.</p> <p>7.2 To receive and consider for approval payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 10th February 2025.</p> <p>Bank Statements, Bank & CCLA Reconciliations, and receipts \ payments for the Current and Deposit Accounts were previously circulated to all Councillors, along with a copy of the receipts and payments for the Petty Cash account. The list of payments to be approved was circulated during the meeting.</p> <p>7.1 It was resolved that the accounts to the end of January 2025 were approved. All in favour.</p> <p>7.2 It was resolved that the list of payments to be made and petty cash account to 10th February 2025 were approved. All in favour.</p>
<p>8. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications.</p> <p>8.1 24/01654/FUL - 24 Charlestown, Ackworth, Pontefract - Demolition of rear conservatory, replacing with a single storey rear extension. Side garage conversion with single storey infill extension to front. Single storey extension to side and rendered finish to dwellinghouse – Deadline 21/02/2025</p>
<p>8.1 It was resolved the application was noted.</p>
<p>9. Councillor Resignations</p> <p>9.1 To note the resignation of Cllr Sharon Maiden as a representative to the outside body 'PACT Meetings' and to consider appointment of a new member representative.</p>

<p>9.2 To note the resignation of Cllr Suzy Sherratt from the Allotments Subcommittee.</p> <p>9.3 To elect a member to the Allotments Subcommittee.</p>
<p>9.1 It was resolved that the resignation was noted.</p> <p>9.2 It was resolved that the resignation was noted.</p> <p>9.3 It was resolved that Cllr Martin Roberts was elected as a member of the Allotments Subcommittee.</p>
<p>10. To consider movement of the date set for the Parish Assembly 2025 from Monday 14th April 2025 to Monday 28th April 2025.</p>
<p>10.1 It was resolved that the date of the Parish Assembly 2025 is moved from Monday 14th April 2025 to Monday 28th April 2025.</p>
<p>11. To receive an update from the Ackworth Parish Council Solicitor regarding the Low Ackworth Playing Fields Lease.</p>
<p>11.1 It was resolved that the update had been received which stated 'final instruction was being clarified'.</p>
<p>12. To review submitted proposals for Council consideration in line with the current unallocated CIL money and decide a course of action.</p>
<p>12.1 The Chair dealt with each proposal on an individual basis, working through the 15 submitted external requests and the 1 internal staff team request.</p> <p>A discussion took place on each proposal, details on all proposals are listed on our Parish Council website.</p> <p>It was resolved by Council that the unallocated CIL monies of £32,385.40 were to be allocated to the replacement of the community centre building on Low Ackworth Playing Fields (lease dependent).</p> <p>12.1i In relation to the other proposals received, further action was resolved on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Environment, Road Safety and Planning Committee to review conditions over public pathway footbridges across the village • For the Village Events and Communications Subcommittee to continue networking with the village schools to support their fundraising opportunities • For Village Amenities to review the following in more detail Village Monument, the conversion of Carr Bridge Pavilion into a larger function space and to invite the resident who submitted multiple ideas across the village to the next meeting.
<p>13. To consider the current supplier energy renewal for April 2025 across all sites and to receive term quotation options to decide a course of action.</p>
<p>13.1 The following was resolved as approved by Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain with Octopus Energy on a Green Plan • Brackenhill Centre to be renewed on a 12 month No Standing Charge Fixed Plan • Carr Bridge Pavilion, The Cemetery and Bell Lane Community Centre to be renewed on a 24 month Fixed Plan
<p>14. To receive correspondence from a resident and decide a course of action.</p>
<p>14.1 It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the Doctors Surgery to enquire about weekend parking use for users of Carr Bridge Playing Fields to alleviate road parking, if granted that user groups would be advised and also request that all communication notes the requirement for 'responsible parking' by group attendees.</p> <p>It was also noted that a permanent agenda item would be added to the Environment, Road Safety and Planning committee agenda.</p>

Time Closed: 20:33