

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 26 April 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Balfour in the Chair
Cllrs J Bell, M Galvin and T Hames

1 Parish Councillor who is a member of the committee

1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given.

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hollyhead

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest (if any)

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

Cllr Hames declared an interest in agenda items 12 and 19

3. To receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021

3.1. The minutes were noted.

4. To receive and note any matters arising from the minutes

4.1. None to receive.

5. 'Remote meetings- addendum to standing orders requires that Councillors should 'see and be seen by all those in attendance'. The Parish Council will purchase a suitable camera for any councillor experiencing difficulty with the camera on their own equipment.'

5.1. This item was withdrawn.

6. To receive an update from Wakefield Council re Cil funding times scales

6.1. The Clerk reported that she has received confirmation from Wakefield Council that the tranche of CIL funding that was due to expire in October 2021 has been extended until October 2023.

7. Health & Safety - receive and note a report on Health & Safety Issues

7.1. The Clerk reported that the annual visit will be held on 27 May 2021

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

8. To agreed that the Personnel Sub Committee meets to discuss Contracts of Employment for the Administration Staff regarding 'working from home'

8.1. It was agreed a date would be set.

9. To receive the minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 4 February 2021 and to decide how the recommendations are dealt with.

9.1. This item has been withdrawn.

10. To receive and note a report from the Personnel Sub Committee on meetings held between 1 July 2020 and 31 January 2021

10.1. The report was noted.

11. To receive a report from the Clerk re the Library Lease and to recommend any action required to the Parish Council

11.1. The lease had previously been distributed. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a 7-year lease is agreed.

12. Low Ackworth playing field - to discuss and recommend to the Parish Council items that need to be included as terms of the lease with Wakefield Council and to further discuss the details that need to be included in any sub lease between Ackworth Parish Council and Low Ackworth Community Association and to appoint Wellers Hedley Solicitors to carry out the necessary work.

Cllr Hames left the meeting.

12.1. The Chairman gave an overview of the history of the lease. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to ask Wakefield Council for a lease that gives permission to sub-let the land, gives permission to allow a building on the sub-let piece of land owned by a 3rd party, and that permitted activity allows what goes on currently ie community events. Additionally, Wellers Hedley Solicitors are appointed to carry out the necessary work.

Cllr Hames re-joined the meeting.

13. To receive and note the Budget summary sheets to end of March 2021

13.1. The budget sheets were noted.

14. To recommend to the Parish Council the cost to renew the van insurance for the forthcoming year

14.1. The renewal notice had previously been circulated. All Councillors agreed to accept the quotation.

15. To receive a report and to make recommendations to the Parish Council on the cost of replacing glazing units at the Community Centre

15.1. A report had previously been distributed. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that quotation 2 is accepted.

16. To receive a report and to make recommendations to the Parish Council for the cost of installing solar panels at the Community Centre

16.1. beneficial to seek independent professional guidance to assess the full requirements.

17. To receive a report and to make recommendations to the Parish Council for the cost to replace the roof at the Community Centre

17.1. The clerk reported that three companies were contacted, two of which have provided a quotation. Quote1 was recommended however it was recommended that this is put on hold until the option of solar panels where investigated.

18. To receive a report and to make recommendations to the Parish Council for the cost to replace 'Ackworth' signs on to the Mill Stones

18.1. A report had previously been circulated. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the cost is approved. Additionally, it was agreed that a request is made for the old signs be returned to the Parish Council office.

19. To receive a report and to make recommendations to the Parish Council for the cost of a legal challenge to the Parish Poll

19.1. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the cost of the legal challenge is approved.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm