

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH, ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllr: J Bell, in the Chair
Cllrs: S Balfour, J Bell, M Galvin, T Hames, S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead,
G Marshall, S Parker and S Richmond
6 members of the public
District Councillor R Massey

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair invited questions from members of the public.

Question 1

A resident of Hessle representing Hands off Hessle asked what the Parish Council's view on the SFLR and hopes the matter gets on to the agenda at some point in the future. They would also like a location in Ackworth to site a banner.

Question 2

A resident asked questions about CIL money and 106 money. The questions were given to the Interim Clerk and a response will be provided in writing.

Question 3

A resident asked if the proposal for Low Ackworth Community Centre had been fully costed. The resident was asked to email the request to the Clerk and a written response would be received.

The responses to the questions will be copied to all Councillors.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their questions and opened the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

C1.1. Apologies were received and the reason given as reported in the attendance book were approved.

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. The crime statistics were read out at the meeting. **Noted.**

4. To receive a report from District Councillor

C4.1. A written report was read out from District Councillor A Garbutt. **Noted.**

C4.2. A verbal report was given by Cllr R Massey. **Noted.**

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

C5.1. A report was read out from Ackworth Heritage Group

The following actions were agreed.

- That the Parish Council find out when the obelisk at the top of Station Road will be repaired.
- District Councillor R Massey will investigate the correct spelling of Lee Lane; the Heritage Group believe it should be Lea Lane.
- Are the Parish Council organising anything for the King's Coronation?

6. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 December 2022

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

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place:

7 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

3 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved.

7. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 12 December 2022

C7.1. None to receive.

8. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end of November 2022

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

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr T Hollyhead seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the accounts are approved.

9. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to the end of December 2022

C9.1. To accounts had previously been circulated to all Councillors

Cllr S Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the accounts are approved.

10. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 16 January 2023

C10.1. The list of payments to be made and petty cash account was circulated at the meeting.

Cllr T Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that these are approved.

Voting took place

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the list of payments to be made and petty account account are approved.

11.To receive and approve the minutes of the Low Ackworth Community Centre Working Group held on 15 December 2022 and the recommendations within them.

C11.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors
Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place

8 Councillors voted in favour

2 Councillors voted against

0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved.

12.To receive and approve the minutes of the Events Subcommittee held on 9 January 2023 and the recommendations within them.

C12.1.The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors
Cllr T Hollyhead proposed and Cllr S Hollyhead seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place

9 Councillors voted in favour

2 Councillors voted against

0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved.

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

C13.1.All applications were noted unless otherwise

All applications were noted unless otherwise stated.

- 22/01311/FUL Ackworth Cricket Club - Application for proposed single storey extension to club house – already approved.
- 22/02571/FUL 27 Station Road – drop kerb and vehicle crossover

C13.2.To receive feedback from the live hearing session regarding the Local Plan 2036 attended by Cllr S Parker

This is Stage 3 Live Hearing held on 11 January 2023

Cllr Parker gave a verbal report.

The Chair invited comments from other Councillors who had attended.

Cllr Balfour, Cllr Hames and Cllr Marshall gave verbal reports.

From the verbal reports given, it is noted that

- The planned road (from the War Horse to Went Lane), to be funded by the developer, is not about relieving traffic, it just about managing the traffic generated by the new Featherstone housing development.
- Concern was raised about where the traffic would then go when it reached Went Lane – any development in the areas surrounding Ackworth has an impact on Ackworth.
- The map showing the “road” over Hessle is not a map of the preferred route of the South Featherstone Link Road, it a map of safeguarded land.

It was noted that the sound quality of the Live Hearing Session was very poor, both for those joining the meeting virtually and those who attended in person.

14. To receive Burial Rights

C14.1. William McManus K8

C14.2. Lillian Thorpe K9

15. To receive for consideration the alternative Wakefield Road crossing proposal from Wakefield Council

C15.1. The alternative proposed crossing had previously been circulated to all Councillors; this being a zebra crossing instead of a puffin crossing and located outside the Mission Rooms House rather than outside the shops.

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr T Hollyhead seconded that the Road Safety Committee meet urgently with relevant highways representatives and Cllr Matthew Morley to find out what can be done to get us a safe controlled crossing on Wakefield Road.

Cllr Marshall proposed and Cllr Richmond seconded an amendment; the same proposal as Cllr Balfour and to add the words "and that the Road Safety Committee report back on this matter for a decision on it by the Full Parish Council."

Voting took place on the amended proposal

3 Councillors voted in favour

7 Councillors voted against

0 Councillors abstained

The amended proposal FELL

Voting took place on the original proposal

9 Councillors voted in favour

1 Councillor voted against

0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that an urgent letter is sent to Highway as per Cllr Balfour's proposal.

16. 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 PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

C16.1. Members of the public left the meeting.

17. To receive and approve the minutes of the Personnel Subcommittee held on 20 December 2022 and the recommendations within them.

C17.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors

Cllr T Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded that the minutes are approved

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:40am