

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH, ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllr: Roberts in the Chair
 Cllrs: S Balfour, J Bell, A Cook, M Galvin, T Hames, S Hollyhead,
 T Hollyhead, G Marshall, S Parker and S Richmond
 7 members of the public
 District Councillor R Massey
 Apologies – Dist Cllr A Garbutt, District Cllr Jessica Carrington.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 The Chair invited questions from members of the public.

Question 1 A resident asked for an update on the Wakefield Road crossing. He is very upset that the crossing is not in place and wants to know who is responsible for this. District Cllr Massey said he would look into this.

Question 2 A resident asked a question about Agenda Item 18 and whether or not the council intends to amend what was submitted to the LDP 2036 in December 2020 with the statement at tonight's agenda 18.
 The chair explained the point would be discussed at the Agenda point 18.

Question 3 – A member of the public observed that the statement at agenda 18 is weak in terms of the area covered and that Brackenhill Common and Hessle Common should be included.

Question 4 – A resident enquired about pieces of land up for housing development on Beech View, Lee Lane

Question 5 – A resident advised that they had not received a response to any of their correspondence and questioned the Standing Orders if legal. The Interim Clerk advised that these had been worked on recently and would be available in due course.

Question 6 – A resident asked about the boundary changes, and how this affected the precept.

Question 7 – A resident asked questions about Community Infrastructure Levy monies allocated and spent, in and outside of the parish. Resident was asked to send his questions in.

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 from Cllr Garbutt 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 received

It is to be noted that Cllr Balfour explained that Agenda Item 18 was worded incorrectly. It was agreed that the correct wording of the motion would be dealt with as part of that agenda item.

3. To receive a report from West Yorkshire Police

C3.1. The crime statistics were read out at the meeting. **Noted.**

It was agreed that follow-up information for sexual violence/harassment is requested. That a statistic comparison spreadsheet is uploaded to the website to facilitate a year-on-year comparison and inform Neighbourhood Watch.

4. To receive a report from District Councillor

C4.1. Written reports were read out by the Clerk from District Cllrs A Garbutt and J Carrington **Noted.**

C4.2. A verbal report was provided by Dist. Cllr Massey. Questions were raised around Wakefield Road crossing, Lee Lane signage/spelling, concerns in the increase in harassment cases from the Police report.

It was arranged that District Cllr Massey would meet with the interim Clerk on Wednesday to be fully versed on the parish council's involvement over the Wakefield Road crossing as there had been far too much mis-information circulating and causing friction in the community.

It was agreed that Cllr Tony Hames in his District Cllr capacity will enquire with Highways about the diversion route for HGV's from the A1 during the scheduled roadworks, what the signage is to state and its location.

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 16 January 2023

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

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

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

3 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved as an accurate record.

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

C7.1. The following matters arising had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

- The questions asked by members of the public are still outstanding. Due to reduced staffing levels, it is regrettable that these are taking longer than usual.
- The repair work on the obelisk at the top of Station Road has been chased with Wakefield Council, their response was circulated to all Councillors on 18 January
- District Cllr R Massey is dealing with correct spelling of Lee Lane.
- The King's Coronation will be discussed at the next Village Events Committee meeting
- There has been no response from Wakefield Council to the letter sent to Highways regarding the alternative proposal crossing on Wakefield Road. See also Road Safety Committee minutes

NOTED

8. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to the end of January 2023

C8.1. Due to the month end timing, the information was unavailable and will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting. **NOTED**

9. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 6 February 2023

C9.1. The list of payments to be made was circulated at the meeting. There was no petty cash spent and no update to the Petty Cash account.

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

Voting took place

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the list of payments to be made is approved.

10. To receive and approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 23 January 2023

C10.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Marshall raised a point of order relating to minute no's 4 & 5, stating that Financial Regulations 1.13 had been breached.

The Interim Clerk clarified with Cllr Marshall if she thought a procedural error was being raised in the way the F&GP committee were approaching the Budget and Precept task.

The Chair took the advice from the Clerk in that there was no procedural error and moved the meeting on.

20:15 Cllr Hames left the meeting

Cllr S Balfour proposed and Cllr Galvin 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 minutes are approved.

11. To receive and approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 30 January 2023

C11.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr S Balfour proposed and Cllr J Bell 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 minutes are approved.

12. To receive for approval the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held 30th January 2023 regarding the 2023-24 Budget and Precept request

C12.1 It was noted there was a typo in the recommendation, it should read "of 94p" not "to 94p"

“To recommend to full council the Option 1 resulting in a budget of £290,123, and a precept amount of £215,786 which calculates to a 1.27% increase, giving an annual bill of £75, an increase of 94p per year for a Band D, and requiring the amount of £8337 from reserves.”

Cllr T Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Balfour seconded

Voting took place

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation from the meeting.

13. To receive and approve the minutes of the Road Safety Committee meeting held on 30 January 2023 and the recommendations within them

C13.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors. Updates and actions for the speed limit on Station Road, Castlesyke Hill road markings, resident needing to build a case for double yellow lines and a meeting with other Parish Councils was discussed.

Cllr S Balfour proposed and Cllr M Galvin 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 minutes are approved.

14. To receive and approve the minutes of the Communications and Media Committee held on 30 January 2023 and the recommendations within them

C14.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr A Cook proposed and Cllr S Balfour 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.

It was **Agreed** that WMDC is contacted to provide clear guidance on if and how Purdah applies to the Parish Council, a request for items for the newsletter, other newsletter delivery options and key decisions from each committee meetings to be uploaded to the website for the community's information.

15. To receive and approve the minutes of the Allotment Subcommittee meeting held on 3 February 2023 and the recommendations within them

C15.1. The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr S Holyhead 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 minutes and the recommendation not to increase the annual rent are approved.

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

C16.1. None to receive.

17. To receive and approve a quotation from Wakefield Council for the Grounds Maintenance Contract Extension to run from March 2023 to March 2024.

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

It was explained that the existing 3-year contract expires in March 2023. The tender process was unable to go ahead due to the absence of the RFO and time constraints. The tender process would recommence for March 2024.

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the quotation is approved.

Voting took place

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the quotation from Wakefield Council for the Grounds Maintenance contract extension from March 2023 to March 2024 is approved.

18. To consider that the following statement is taken as the Parish Council's agreed position on the South Featherstone Link Road (SFLR) development.

"Ackworth Parish Council is opposed to any plans to build houses on greenbelt land and to any plans to build a road that encroaches on Hessle Common. We are opposed to any local development that will result in a significant increase in traffic movement through Ackworth" Cllr S Balfour

C18.1 It was raised at the start of the meeting that the motion on the agenda was worded incorrectly, and should only read:

"To receive and approve the following motion:"

Resolved: That the amendment to the motion to read **To receive and approve the following motion** is approved.

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Cook seconded the proposed statement.

Cllr Parker proposed and Cllr S Hollyhead seconded an amendment to the statement to include the words 'and on Brackenhill Common'.

Voting took place on the amendment

10 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

0 Councillors abstained

Resolved: 1) That the statement below as amended is approved

"Ackworth Parish Council is opposed to any plans to build houses on greenbelt land and to any plans to build a road that encroaches on Hessle and on Brackenhill Common. We are opposed to any local development that will result in a significant increase in traffic movement through Ackworth"

C18.1. That the statement is uploaded to the parish council website and forwarded to WMDC.

C18.2. All Councillors agreed that anything that had previously been submitted by the Parish Council that was in conflict to this statement would be reviewed and withdrawn if necessary.

19. To receive a request from a resident of Hessle to site a Hands-off Hessle Banner on a plot of land controlled by Ackworth Parish Council

C19.0. Details of the banner had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

As there was no land in the direct vicinity under the ownership of the parish council, it was proposed to pass this to the Planning Subcommittee to research appropriate sites and planning permissions needed.

Cllr Parker proposed and Cllr S Hollyhead seconded

Voting took place
10 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
0 Councillors abstained

20. To receive Burial Rights

C20.0. None to receive.

21. Time and date of next meeting Monday 13th March 2023, 7.15pm

C21.0. Noted.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.56

Chair – 13 March 2023

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