

PURSUANT TO NOTICE THE MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.15 PM, IN THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELL LANE, ACKWORTH.

Present: Cllr: S Balfour, in the Chair

Cllrs: J Bell, A Cook, A Garbutt, T Hames, J Hardman, Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead, G Marshall, S Richmond and M Roberts

4 members of the public
District Councillor M Ward

The Chairman advised everyone present that the meeting would be recorded. It was noted that Cllr Hardman and Cllr Richmond would be recording. Cllr Hames objected to the meeting being recorded as it was being minuted.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A representative of SELRAG (South East Link Road Action Group) commented that he was here primarily to observe but if Councillors wish to ask any questions on the proposed bypass he would answer them

7.20pm - With permission from Councillors the Chairman moved on to the Council meeting.

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

C1.1 Apologies were received and the reasons given as reported in the attendance book were approved from Cllr M Galvin. All Councillors agreed.

Apologies were also received from PCSO Kavanagh.

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 interests (if any)

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

Cllr M Roberts declared an interest in agenda item 12.

3. To receive a report from West Yorkshire Police

C3.1 PCSO Kavanagh had sent her report which the Clerk read out.

4. To receive a report from District Councillors

C4.1 Cllr Ward had sent a report on behalf of the District Councillors which the Clerk read out.

- Gullies cleaned and swept on A628 also pavements swept
- Ongoing work on Bell Lane car park, CCTV installation
- Brackenhill Allotments significant grant for CCTV installation

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ward for the report and to District Councillors for their work on providing CCTV in Bell Lane car park.

It was also agreed to recognise the work that Cllr Richmond had done in this matter.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 January 2020

C5.1 Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that the minutes are accepted as a true record.

Cllr Marshall proposed that the following be added to agenda item 6:

'Cllr Marshall pointed out that this item had been voted on at the December meeting and the last point had been removed. Cllr Marshall pointed out to the Chair that this was an erroneous vote'.

Cllr Richmond seconded.

Voting took place, Cllr Marshall requested a recorded vote:

Councillors voting in favour: J Hardman, G Marshall and S Richmond
Councillors voting against: S Balfour, J Bell, A Cook, A Garbutt,
Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead and M Roberts
Councillors abstained: T Hames

It was therefore RESOLVED that the amendment falls

Voting then took place on Cllr Garbutt's proposal to accept the minutes as a true record.

Cllr Marshall requested a recorded vote:

Councillors voting in favour: S Balfour, J Bell, A Cook, A Garbutt, T Hames, J Hardman,
Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead, M Roberts
Councillors voted against: G Marshall, S Richmond
Councillors abstained: None

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and the Chairman duly signed them.

6. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the minutes of 13 January 2020

- a) Strata Homes – plan – response to say that the folding wall has been included.
- b) Task Group – Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act. The Task Group had met and the Clerk reported that a further meeting would take place in the next few weeks.
- c) Task Group – 3-Year Plan – regarding correspondence – this matter will be dealt with in the private part of the meeting.

Cllr Garbutt proposed that agenda item 18 is discussed next to enable members of the public to hear the discussion. All Councillors agreed.

18. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on 3 February 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that the minutes are received and all recommendations in them are approved.

The Chairman of the Working Group drew Councillors attention to agenda item 4 Smiley Sid and agenda item 5 - a report from SELRAG on South Featherstone Link Road. A discussion took place on item 5 on the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Hames that the second paragraph of item 5 be amended as follows:

after "he explained that in principle Councillors present ' insert '*at the Road Safety Committee*'

9 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that this paragraph will be duly amended.

Voting took place on Cllr Cook's proposal to approve the minutes

7 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
4 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes and recommendations within them are approved.

7. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end of January 2020

C7.1 A list of accounts to the end of January had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for January was £17,072.02.

Cllr Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that the accounts presented are approved.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the accounts are approved and the Chairman duly signed them.

8. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash Account to 13 January 2020.

C8.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of payments to be made and petty cash account at this evenings meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Cook that the accounts presented are approved.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the accounts are approved and the Chairman duly signed them.

9. To receive a response from the Insurance Company regarding increasing the public liability insurance cover

C9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Garbutt to increase the insurance cover at a cost of £361.13

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the Public Liability is increased.

10. To receive the minutes of the Precept Meeting, agree a budget and set a precept for 2020/21

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

It was proposed by Cllr Hollyhead and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hollyhead that a 0% precept is approved.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

2 Councillors voted against

0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk submits the relevant paper work to Wakefield Council.

11. To discuss and decide on waiving the room hire fees for the Singing Group for people living with Dementia and their carers and Ackworth Carers Group

C11.1 A short discussion took place.

It was proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Richmond that the hiring costs for both groups are waived.

Voting took place:

11 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is carried.

Cllr Roberts declared an interest in the following item.

12. To receive a request from District Councillors regarding the use of a room for Turning Point Talking Therapies (Mental Health Charities) at no cost to them

C12.1 The Chairman reported that she had also been contacted by a local resident regarding this matter.

A short discussion took place.

It was proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Roberts to waive the fees for this group.

Voting took place:

11 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is carried.

13. To receive and approve a special motion to amend Standing Orders (Cllr Balfour & Cllr Garbutt)

C13.1 The Chairman explained that the amendments are to tidy up / clarify the wording of the Standing Orders:

Section 4 Committees and sub-committees

Amendment 1

New point a. The standing orders of the Parish Council and the policies of the Parish Council shall apply to the conduct of all meetings of committees, sub-committees and task groups.

Amendment 2

New point b. "Unless the council determines otherwise all standing committees shall be advisory committees."

All subsequent points to be renumbered accordingly.

Amendment 3

(old) Point b.

After 2 "The members of a committee", add "or sub-committee"

After "unless it is a committee", add "or sub-committee"

Add at end "or which manages personnel matters or which is granted executive powers by the council."

Amendment 4

(old) Point d

2nd sentence.

After “standing committees” delete “or” and other “other committees” add “sub-committees, working groups or task groups”.

Amendment 5.

ix. After “meetings of a sub-committee” add “or working group or task group”.

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A discussion took place.

It was proposed by Cllr Hollyhead and seconded by Cllr Bell to move to a vote. Cllr Marshall requested a recorded vote.

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Bell, Cllr Cook, Cllr Garbutt, Cllr Hames, Cllr Mrs Hollyhead, Cllr Hollyhead, Cllr Roberts

3 Councillors voted against: Cllr Hardman, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Richmond

0 Councillors abstained.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal to move to a vote is agreed.

Voting took place on the agenda item:

Cllr Marshall requested a recorded vote.

8 Councillors voted in favour: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Bell, Cllr Cook, Cllr Garbutt, Cllr Hames, Cllr Mrs Hollyhead, Cllr Hollyhead, Cllr Roberts

3 Councillors voted against: Cllr Hardman, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Richmond

0 Councillors abstained.

It was therefore RESOLVED that Standing Orders are amended.

14. To receive and approve Terms of Reference for the 3 Year Plan Task Group (Cllr Balfour)

The Chairman proposed and Cllr Hollyhead seconded that the Terms of Reference are received and approved

Voting took place on the Chairman’s proposal:

Cllr Marshall requested a recorded vote.

7 Councillors voted in favour: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Bell, Cllr Cook, Cllr Garbutt, Cllr Mrs Hollyhead, Cllr Hollyhead, Cllr Roberts

3 Councillors voted against: Cllr Hardman, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Richmond

1 Councillor abstained: Cllr Hames

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is carried.

15. To receive and approve a request from Ackworth Heritage Group to use the Village Green for their annual event on 7 June 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Hollyhead and seconded by Cllr Roberts to approve this request

Voting took place

10 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that this request is approved.

16. To receive the minutes of the 3 Year Village Improvement Plan Task Group meeting (Cllr Marshall)

Cllr Marshall gave a verbal report as no minutes had been received.

It was therefore RESOLVED to agree to receive this verbal report.

17. This Parish Council resolve to liaise with Wakefield Council to save the only bit of woodland we've got left in Ackworth (shown on the Wakefield Council Strategic Housing Land Availability map reference 1005) in the interests of reducing global warming and benefiting public health and well-being – also taking into account biodiversity as the woodland is a natural wildlife habitat (Cllr Richmond).

C17.1 Cllr Richmond reported that Wakefield Council have made a mistake when they included this area of woodland.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Richmond for his work on this matter.

It was RESOLVED to note this item.

18. Road Safety

See above

19. To receive the notes from the Planning Sub Committee meeting held on 20 January 2020

Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded to receive these notes.

Cllr Hames as Chair of this Committee gave a brief explanation about planning application

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

3 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED to receive the notes of the meetin

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

The following applications were noted unless otherwise stated.

20/00040/TCA 3 Mews Cottage, 62 Pontefract Road – remove Cedar tree adjacent to wall and driveway. All Councillors agreed to strongly object.

19/02816/OUT Land adjacent to 2 Chiltern Drive – erection of 2 detached dwellings (outline planning application including access, appearance, layout and scale) (resubmission of application 19/00377/OUT) It was agreed to write to Planning and ask them take into consideration the Conservation Officers report from the original application.

10/00027/FUL 46 Holly Bank – erection of a two-storey rear extension and infill porch area to front.

20/00089/TPO 37 Flounders Hill – T1 cherry – crown lift up to 5.2m over highway and draw back up to 1.5m over garden. T2 dying cherry – remove. T3 crown lift up to 5.2m over highway. It was agreed to object unless the tree is dead, dying or in a dangerous condition.

21. To receive Burial Rights

None to receive this month

22. Additional Correspondence:

- From Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA). Four issues of the White Rose Update (sent via email). Information on Yorkshire Day which will be held in Rotherham on 1 August

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

The Clerk turned off the recorder. The Chairman asked Councillors to turn off their recording devices.