

PURSUANT TO NOTICE A VIRTUAL MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

Present: Cllr: S Balfour, in the Chair

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

District Councillor J Carrington

4 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone of the protocol for members of the public.

As no members of the public had any questions / comments to make the Chairman asked Council's permission to move in to the formal part of the meeting. All Councillors agreed.

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

C1.2 There were no apologies to receive. All Parish Councillors were present.

C1.3 Apologies were received from District Councillor Martyn Ward and PCSO Lorraine 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 Garbutt declared an interest in Agenda item 17 - Low Ackworth Footpath

3. To receive a report from West Yorkshire Police

C3.1 The Clerk read out a report sent by PCSO Kavanagh.

4. To receive a report from District Councillors

C4.1 Cllr J Carrington gave a report on the recent flooding at Low Ackworth.

The report was received and noted.

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

C5.1 None to receive

6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2021

C6.1 Cllr T Hollyhead proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

1 Councillors voted against

2 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

7. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the minutes of 11 January 2021

C7.1 The Clerk reported that there were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. To receive and approve accounts income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end of January 2021

C8.1 The Clerk explained that she had been unable to produce a report on the accounts and the report would be produced for the March meeting

9. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 8 February 2021

C9.1 The Clerk had previously circulated a list of payments to be made and the petty cash account.

Cllr Hames proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that the accounts be approved.

Voting took place:

10 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against
2 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the accounts are approved and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

10. To receive the minutes for the Precept meeting, agree a budget and set a precept for 2021/2022

C10.1 The Clerk reported that a copy of the interim report had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Hames proposed and Cllr Galvin seconded that the minutes of the precept meeting are accepted

Cllr Bell proposed a procedural motion to move to a vote on these minutes.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour
3 Councillors voted against
0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED to move to a vote

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour
0 Councillors voted against

3 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED the minutes of the Precept meeting are accepted and the Clerk submits the relevant paperwork to Wakefield Council.

11. That the Newsletter Editorial Group should be re-named the Communications and Media Committee and to approve its Terms of Reference. (Cllr Roberts)

C11.1 Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Cook seconded that this proposal is agreed.

Cllr Marshall proposed and Cllr Hardman seconded an amendment to “The Newsletter Editorial group should be renamed Communications and Media Committee.” Delete “and to approve its Terms of Reference”.

A vote took place on the amendment

Voting took place:

3 Councillors voted in favour
9 Councillors voted against
0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the amendment falls.

Voting took place on the original proposal:

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

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is approved.

12. To receive and approve an amendment to the disciplinary policy (Cllr Roberts)

The policy was previously circulated to all Councillors.

C12.1 Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that the amendment to the disciplinary policy is approved.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour
1 Councillors voted against
2 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the amendment to the disciplinary policy is approved.

13. To receive the minutes of the Village Facilities Committee held 21 January and 4 February and to approve the recommendations contained in them,

C13.1 Cllr Hames proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the minutes are accepted as presented

It was agreed that the cost for the seat and storage box would be discussed in the private part of the meeting.

Voting took place:

10 Councillors voted in favour

1 Councillors voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes of Village Facilities Committee meetings are approved.

Cllr Hardman left the meeting 21:08

14. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Committee held on 1 February 2021 to approve the recommendations contained in them.

The Clerk advised that the date on the minutes is incorrect. The meeting was held on 1 February 2021

14.1 Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Garbutt seconded that the minutes are approved with the amendment to the date

Cllr Roberts proposed to move to a vote

Voting took place on moving to the vote

9 Councillors voted in favour

2 Councillors voted against

0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED to move to a vote.

Voting took place

9 Councillors voted in favour

2 Councillors voted against

0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the Road Safety Committee minutes are accepted as they were presented.

15. To receive the minutes of the Planning Sub Committee meeting held on 18 January 2021.

C15.1 It was proposed by Cllr T Hollyhead and seconded by Cllr Galvin to receive and accept the minutes.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillor voted against

2 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Sub Committee meeting are accepted.

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

The following applications were noted unless otherwise stated.

- 20/02357/FUL 63 Station Road – rear conservatory extension and alterations to openings
- 20/02849/FUL 44 Hollybank – single storey extension to front with pitched roof over existing projection
- 20/02539/TCA Ackworth School – removal of 5 Hawthorn trees

17. To receive and discuss an application to divert an unrecorded public footpath at Station Road

C17.1 Cllr Garbutt declared an interest

C17.2 Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Hollyhead seconded to support the diversion of the unrecorded footpath.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillor voted against

1 Councillor abstained

1 Councillor declared an interest

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal is approved.

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded an extension of 10 minutes to the meeting.

Voting took place by a show of hands

9 Councillors voted in favour

1 Councillor voted against

0 Councillor abstained

18. To receive and approved a Parish Council statement on Climate Change

C18.1 Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Galvin seconded that the climate change statement is approved.

“We are all facing a Climate Emergency. The effects of Global Warming are felt by everyone and we all have a responsibility to tackle this crisis. Governments, industry, business, farmers, local councils, communities and individuals all have a part to play.

Ackworth Parish Council resolve that with immediate effect we will put the Climate Emergency at the heart of all our decision making, with the intention of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.”

Cllr Marshall left the meeting 21:40

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillor voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the statement is approved.

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Hames seconded that this statement goes to the Village Facilities Committee to work the statement up into a plan.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillor voted against

1 Councillor abstained

19. To receive Burial Rights

C19.1 There were none to receive

Members of the public left the meeting

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION 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

20. To receive quotations to replace the gas boiler at the Community Centre

The Clerk reported that no quotations had been received and therefore would need to be carried over to March.

Additional item from Village Facilities Committee

To receive information regarding the seat and storage box at Low Ackworth

Cllr Balfour gave her apologies and asked the Vice Chair to take over chairing the meeting

Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that all three items are ordered subject to a meeting with the Crime Prevention team.

Voting took place:

9 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillor voted against

1 Councillor abstained

Cllr Balfour left the meeting

As there was no further business to discuss the Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Chairman – 08 March 2021

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