

**PURSUANT TO NOTICE A VIRTUAL MEETING OF ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM**

**MEETING STARTED AT 19:40**

**Present:** Cllr: S Balfour, in the Chair

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

3 members of the public

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

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

Cllr Hardman left the meeting

**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

Cllr Roberts declared an interest in agenda item 18.4

All Councillors agreed to go straight to the meeting as there were no questions from members of the public.

**3. To receive a report from West Yorkshire Police**

C3.1 The Clerk read out a report from PCSO Lorraine Kavanagh. The report was received and noted.

**4. To receive a report from District Councillors**

C4.1 The Clerk reported that no report had been received.

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

C5.1 The Clerk reported that she was unaware of any meetings taking place. Cllr Tony Hames had submitted a brief report about the Low Ackworth Community Centre that had previously distributed to all Councillors.

**6. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 March 2021**

C6.1 Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Mrs Hollyhead seconded that the minutes are approved

Voting took place:

8 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

## **7. To receive the Clerks report on matters arising from the Minutes of 8 March 2021**

C7.1 The Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Chief Executive and the Leader of Wakefield Council regarding the letter from the three independent councillors indicating that the Parish Council had acted fraudulently. This response had previously been distributed to all Councillors

Cllr Tony Hames proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that in response to this letter, the Parish Council writes back to say that because the response from the three independent councillor was submitted after the consultation closing date then the comments should be completed removed from the website.

Voting took place:

Cllr Marshall requested a named vote

8 Councillors voted in favour

Cllrs Balfour, Bell, Cook, Galvin, Hames, Mrs Hollyhead, Hollyhead and Roberts

2 Councillors voted against

Cllrs Marshall and Richmond

0 Councillors abstained

C7.3 The Clerk reported that a response had been received Wakefield Council regarding pressing for better internet access in Low Ackworth. In response to this the resident has indicated that the options suggested are not suitable. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a response to Wakefield Council as per the resident's comments and that the Parish Council will continue to press for improvements.

C7.4 The Clerk reported that an extension to 14 May had been agreed by the external auditor for the Audit challenge work.

## **8. To receive and approve the accounts, income, expenditure and bank reconciliation to end of March 2021**

C8.1 A list of accounts to the end of March had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The total amount of expenditure for March was £50,793.71

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

Voting took place:

8 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.

## **9. To receive and approve a list of payments to be made and Petty Cash account to 12 April 2021**

C9.1 A list of payments to be made and the petty cash had previously been circulated to all Councillors

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the list of payments is 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 and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

**10. To approve the Dates of meetings for the forthcoming year**

C10.1 A list of dates had previously been distributed to all Councillors

The dates were accepted with the proviso the Parish Assembly date is agreed at the next meeting

**11. To agree that the village Event Committee has delegated powers to decide whether the Annual Gala will go ahead in 2021**

C11.1 The Clerk advised that as a decision needs to be made on 26 April it can't wait until May's Parish Council meeting to make a decision. All Councillors agreed.

**12. To receive the minutes of the Village Facilities Committee meeting held on 18 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 and to approve any recommendations contained in them.**

C12.1 The minutes had previously been circulated to all Councillors

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr 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 are approved.

**13. To receive the minutes of the Road Safety Committee held on 29 March 2021 and to approve any recommendations contained in them**

C13.1 Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that the minutes are accepted.

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

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes are approved.

**14. To receive the minutes of the Communications and Media Committee held on 29 March 2021 and to approve any recommendations contained in them.**

C14.1 Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that the minutes are approved

Voting took place:  
8 Councillors voted in favour  
1 Councillor voted against

1 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the minutes are approved

**15. To receive a report from the climate change task group along with the notes and documents from the meetings held on 11 March 2021 and 25 March 2021 and to approve any recommendations contained within them.**

C15.1 The notes and documents were previously distributed to all Councillors

Cllr Hames proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that the report along with the notes and documents are approved.

Voting took place:

10 Councillors voted in favour

0 Councillor voted against

0 Councillor abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the report is approved.

**16. To receive the minutes of the 3 year Village Plan Task Group from the meeting held prior to the Parish Council meeting in April 2021 (date to be advised by Cllr Marshall, Chair for the Task Group)**

C16.1 There were no minutes to receive.

Cllr Roberts proposed that this is deferred to the June Parish Council meeting.

**17. To receive the minutes of the Planning Sub Committee held on 8 April 2021 and to approve any recommendations contained in them.**

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

Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Bell seconded that the minutes are approved.

Voting took place

8 councillors voted in favour

0 Councillors voted against

2 Councillors abstained

**18. To receive and comment on Planning Applications received by Wakefield MDC:**

Cllr Roberts had previously declared an interest and took no part in this agenda item.

C18.1 All applications were noted unless otherwise stated within the Planning Committee minutes

- 21/000576/TCA Woodside, Long Lane – Cypress T7
- 21/00594/FUL The Angel, Wakefield Road – erection of pergola (retrospective)
- 21/00595/FUL Fieldings, Wakefield Road – single storey garage extension to side, render to property, demolition and rebuilding of existing porch
- 20/01650/NMC01 7 Madison Close – application for amendment to approved application no. 20/01650/FUL (proposed single storey extension to rear) including submission of patio door and window for bi folding doors

- 20/02440/TCA sites in Ackworth – submission as per Hazard Assessments for Village Green Pontefract Road Ref: (TCC 1254-1) and Carr Bridge playing field, Barnsley Road (Ref: TCC 1254-5)
- 21/00465/FUL Low Grange Farm, Rigg Lane, East Hardwick – 2 storey double garage with store / office above
- 21/00624/FUL Hundhill Bungalow, Hundhill Lane, East Hardwick – change of use of store/garage to form a Community Charity Café
- 21/00633/FUL The Spinney, Pontefract Road – renovation of property including roof lights, windows, door openings and balconies
- 21/00678/FUL Wentdale, Doncaster Road, East Hardwick – Equestrian ménage with lights for private use including associated drainage
- 21/00696/FUL 91 Bell Lane – tree works
- 19/02758/REM 20 Hardaker Lane (land adj) reserved matters
- 21/00786/FUL 6 Oddfellows Club Houses – single storey extension to front.

Voting took place  
8 Councillors voted in favour  
0 Councillors voted against  
2 Councillors abstained

#### **19. To receive Burial Rights**

J58 Keith Wood  
Section C row E 19 Mable Binns  
Section C row E 20 Dennis Farmery  
Section C row E 21 Gwyn and June Williams

#### **20. To decide and formulate a response to the consultation on the Leeds East Air Airport.**

C20.1 Cllr Roberts proposes and Cllr Cook seconded that the Parish Council make a general comment about the environmental impact of increased flights and that Cllr Roberts and Cllr Cook in conjunction with the Clerk put together a response.

Cllr Marshall proposed that the response is brought back to the full Parish Council for approval before being submitted

Voting took place  
2 Councillors voted in favour  
7 Councillors voted against  
1 Councillor abstained

The amendment FELL

Voting took place on the proposal  
7 Councillors voted in favour  
0 Councillors voted against  
2 Councillor abstained  
1 Councillor unable to vote

It was therefore RESOLVED that a response to the consultation is formulated and submitted.

#### **21. To give consideration to document IDV2492 dated 19/02/2019, which indicates that a serving councillor deliberately misled the public attending a Parish Meeting held**

**06/03/2020. Bringing the Parish Council into disrepute. With the proposal that the Parish Council submits a legal objection to the Village Poll arising from this meeting. (Cllr Hames)**

C21.1 Cllr Hames proposed and Cllr Galvin seconded that the proposal is approved.

Cllr Marshall raised a procedural motion to move to a vote

Voting took place  
9 Councillors voted in favour  
0 Councillors voted against  
1 Councillor abstained

Voting took place on the proposal  
Cllr Marshall and Cllr Richmond requested for a named vote  
7 Councillors voted in favour  
    Cllrs Balfour, Bell, Cook, Galvin, Hames, Mrs Hollyhead, Hollyhead  
2 Councillors voted against  
    Cllrs Marshall and Richmond  
1 Councillor abstained  
    Cllr Roberts

It was therefore RESOLVED that a legal objection is submitted.

**22. This Parish Council discuss supplying lighting on the darkest part of Dandos Way (between Mill Lane and Woodhall Drive) from our £85,000 Infrastructure Levy in the interests of public safety (Cllr Richmond)**

C22.1 Cllr Richmond proposed and Cllr Marshall seconded that the proposal is approved.

Cllr Marshall raised a procedural motion to move to a vote

Voting took place  
3 Councillors voted in favour  
7 Councillors voted against  
0 Councillors abstained

The motion FELL

Voting took place on the proposal  
Cllr Marshall requested a named vote  
2 Councillors voted in favour  
    Cllrs Marshall and Richmond  
8 Councillors voting against  
    Cllr Balfour, Bell, Cook, Galvin, Hames, Mrs Hollyhead, Hollyhead and Roberts  
0 Councillors abstained

It was therefore RESOLVED that the proposal FELL

It was suggested that this proposal should be submitted as a CIL funding request for consideration alongside other CIL applications

Cllr Mrs Hollyhead moved an extension of 15 minutes of Standing Orders. All Councillors agreed.

**23. That the selection of projects for CIL funding be managed by the following process. (Cllr Balfour)**

C23.1 Notices will be published in the Parish Council newsletter, on the Parish Council website and on Facebook explaining the criteria for projects and asking residents to submit proposals by 7 May. Residents will be asked to give their full name and address with their proposals and an indication of the sum of money to be allocated to the project. Any Councillor proposing a project will also be asked for an indication of costs.

C23.2 The Clerk, the Chair and the Vice-Chair will assess the proposals against the criteria for CIL projects and the available funding and identify any proposals that do not comply with the criteria or that will be too expensive for the funding available. Councillors will be given information of all proposals submitted and reasons for the non-compliance of any projects.

C23.3 There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Council on Monday 17 June to select and prioritise projects.

*\*Correction: C23.3 date should read Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June*

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded the proposal.

Cllr Hames proposed a change of wording on C23.2 to:

*The Clerk, the Chair and the Vice-Chair will assess the proposals against the criteria for CIL projects and the available funding and identify any proposals that do not comply with the criteria and to maximise the neighbourhood fund. Councillors will be given information of all proposals submitted and reasons for the non-compliance of any projects.*

Voting took place on the amendment  
8 Councillors voted in favour  
1 Councillor voting against  
1 Councillor abstained

Amendment carried

Cllr Marshall proposed and Cllr Richmond seconded that paragraph C23.2 as amended is removed

Voting took place  
Cllr Marshall has asked for a name vote.  
2 Councillors voted in favour  
    Cllrs Marshall and Richmond  
8 Councillor voting against  
    Cllr Balfour, Bell, Cook, Galvin, Hames, Mrs S Hollyhead, Hollyhead and Roberts  
0 Councillor abstained

The amendment FELL

Voting took place on the amended motion  
8 Councillors voted in favour

2 Councillor voting against  
0 Councillor abstained

It was RESOLVED that the motion as amended is accepted

The Chairman closed the meeting closed at 9.48pm

**The following agenda items will be included on a future agenda.**

24. That the Village Facilities committee will be renamed the Village Amenities committee.(Cllr Garbutt)

**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**

25. To receive costs / quotes from and to appoint a Solicitor to carry out the work required in relation to John Gully's Grave

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**Chairman - 21 June 2021**