

Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council's virtual Road Safety Committee meeting held on Monday 29 March 2021 at 6pm.

Present: Cllr T Hollyhead, in the Chair
Cllrs S Balfour, Mrs S Hollyhead, G Marshall and M Roberts
SELRAG Representative D Vaux

1 member of the public

Cllr Hollyhead welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

1.1. None to receive

2. Declarations of Interest 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 interest (if any)

2.3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None to receive

3. To note the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2021

3.1. The minutes were noted

4. Matter Arising from the minutes of 1 February 2021

4.1. 30mph countdown markers outside Oakfield Park School. A response received from Wakefield Council advises that the rules set out in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (as amended) does not permit the use of these signs. A discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a letter is sent to Oakfield Park School to see what safety measures they feel would benefit the school users.

5. To receive and note a response from Wakefield Council on the proposed traffic calming measures on A628 High Ackworth to Pontefract

5.1. A response received from Wakefield Council was read out; The engineer that was dealing with the scheme is no longer employed at the council and the scheme is on hold until a new engineer is appointed. If a site meeting is deemed beneficial then this will be arranged in due course.

6. It is proposed that Ackworth Parish Council write to Wakefield District Council informing them that as part of the general aim to improve pedestrian safety in Ackworth, to achieve walkable streets, a walkable community and safely crossable roads, Ackworth Parish Council welcomes recent initiatives from Wakefield District Council regarding traffic calming measures on entrance to Ackworth at its High Ackworth end and asking that the Road Design team now look at the other entrances to Ackworth with a view to developing and introducing traffic calming measures aimed at calming and reducing the speeds of traffic entering Ackworth at these points.(Cllr Marshall)

6.1. Cllr Marshall proposed an amendment to her proposal, the committee agreed to the amendment.

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It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a letter is sent as detailed above.

7. To receive an update from SELRAG

7.1. Mr Vaux reported that the officer at Wakefield Council who had been dealing with SELRAG for a number of years has retired and a new officer has taken over.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

Meeting closed at 6.50pm