

## Ackworth Parish Council

### Minutes of the virtual Village Facilities Committee held on Thursday 4 February 2021 commencing at 1pm

Present: Cllr A Garbutt in the Chair

Cllrs S Balfour, J Bell, A Cook, T Hames, M Roberts

#### 1. Apologies

C1.1 There were no apologies 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

The Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 5

#### 3. To receive an update on boundary signs

It was reported that no update had been received from Wakefield Council regarding the costing of the new signs. It was agreed to recommend to the parish council an alternative supplier be sourced.

Cllr Cook and Cllr Roberts visited the entrances to the village and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the new signs are sited close to the existing millstones. The exception to this is Purston Lane as a suitable location is still to be found

Additional names provided by Ackworth Heritage Group were considered and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to add Rachel Howard to the sign in Low Ackworth

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| • Brackenhill     | “Home of Ackworth Quarries”      |
| • Barnsley Road   | “Home of Mary Lowther”           |
| • Doncaster Road  | “Home of William Nelstrop        |
| • Pontefract Road | “Home of the Plague Stone”       |
| • Purston Lane    | “Home of John Gully”             |
| • Station Road    | “Home of Rachel and Luke Howard” |

#### 4. To receive an update and decide on wildflower planting throughout the village

A discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that seeds be planted at the following locations and to delegate powers to Cllr Bell to confirm the shape and size of each site.

- Outside the cemetery,

- Carr Bridge Playing Field near the memorial tree
- High Ackworth village green
- Low Ackworth on the triangle at Station Road \ Rigg Lane junction
- Dando Way near the Angel pub.

It was further agreed to recommend to the Parish Council a maximum of £1500 is allocated to the project.

A further discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that signs would need to be installed at the above locations to indicate wildflowers had been planted so that the areas weren't strimmed.

A meeting with WDH will be arranged after lockdown to discuss further planting on land in the village that they are responsible for.

#### **5. To receive information regarding the seat and storage box at Low Ackworth**

Following receipt of a quotation to build;

- a laplog bookstore with shelving and split door
- a large planter from sleepers incorporating a bench seat in the middle, filled with top soil to plant vegetables and herbs
- a small planter for sleepers filled with top soil

a discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that all three items are ordered subject to a meeting with the Crime Prevention team.

It was further agreed that the existing blue fencing be moved to the wall.

#### **6. To agree the cost of a replacement sign for the Brackenhill cabin.**

Following receipt of a quotation for a new building sign at the Brackenhill cabin with a like for like replacement, it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the sign is replaced.

There being no further business to be discussed the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2 pm.