

Ackworth Parish Council

**Minutes of the virtual Village Facilities Committee held on Thursday 18 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

None to receive.

3. To receive an update on boundary signs

It was reported that a new quote had been received and it was recommended that the details are sent to Wakefield Council so a like for like quote can be obtained from them.

It was also recommended that a price should be obtained for an additional sign to be placed on the back of the signs or to be placed on the opposite side of the road to the new signs to read "Thank You For Driving Carefully "

Once quotes have been received they will come back to Parish Council for approval,

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

Cllr Bell reported that following a socially distanced site meeting with a representative from First Impressions and S&D Landscapes both were going to provide a quote for carrying out the necessary work.

To enable the work to be carried out as soon as the recommendation has been approved, it was agreed that the locations would be:

- Outside the cemetery,
- Carr Bridge Playing Field near the memorial tree
- High Ackworth village green
- Low Ackworth on or near to the triangle at Station Road \ Rigg Lane junction

5. To discuss options to recognise the mining community in Ackworth

A discussion took place and Cllr Bell suggested that in recognition of the mining community we could look to acquire a pit tub and track to hold a floral display. The exact siting of this would be discussed at a later meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Mining Museum to see if they could help

6. To discuss a competition from Harpins at Ackworth Garden Centre for garden renovation projects.

Cllr Cook explained that Ackworth Garden Centre are running a competition for a garden makeover. A discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that an application is made for Low Ackworth planters and herb garden.

There being no further business to be discussed the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2.10 pm.