

**Minutes of the virtual meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Facilities Committee
held on Thursday 22 February 2021 commencing at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr A Garbutt in the Chair

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

1. Apologies

1.1 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 and note the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2020, 7 January 2021, 4 February 2021 and 18 February 2021

3.1 The minutes were received and noted.

Cllr Cook joined the meeting at 18:35

4. To receive any matters arising from the minutes detailed above

4.1 The Clerk reported the following:

- The boundary signs are progressing
- Wildflower planting progressing, as a goodwill gesture S&D Landscapes have offered to carry out the landscape working free of charge.
- Still no formal letter received from Ackworth school regarding the pavilion car park
- No action has been taken on Brackenhill car park

5. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council that work at the Cemetery building is carried out by Parish Council staff

5.1 The Clerk reported that on further inspection a small section of the gable ends are rotten. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the fascia boards are replaced with UPVC and the necessary work can be carried out by staff. Quotes to be obtained and passed to the Parish Council for approval.

6. To identify and recommend to the Parish Council that a small group of Councillors is setup to produce an action plan to work towards the goals of the Climate Change Statement.

6.1 Cllr Garbutt proposed and Cllr Hames seconded Cllr Balfour

Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Cook and Cllr Bell and Cllr Hames

Cllr Hames proposed and Cllr Garbutt seconded Cllr Roberts

It was agreed to recommend those nominated to the Parish Council to form a Task and Finish group to produce an action plan.

7. To receive an update on 'Old Holes Quarries'

7.1 Strata have indicated that the land will be handed over to the Parish Council in April 2022.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that an action plan is drawn up to ensure that the public open space will be available to all residents of Ackworth.

8. To receive an update on John Gully's Grave and to recommend to the Parish Council any action required to move this forward.

8.1 Cllr Garbutt reported there has been slow progress with this and would like to propose that the Parish Council look at alternatives to explore the feasibility of moving it forward.

9. To receive correspondence from a neighbour regarding a tree at the rear of the Community Centre and to recommend any action required to the Parish Council

9.1 The Chairman explained that two independent tree specialists have looked and found no problem. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a response is sent to the resident to explain that the tree will continue to be monitored.

10. To discuss and agree to recommend to the Parish Council to keep Cemetery fees in line with Wakefield Council from 1 April 2021

10.1 We have been advised that Wakefield Council are planning to increase their fees with effect from April 2021 It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the cemetery fees are amended using the agreed formula.

11. To receive a report on works carried out by Parish Council staff

11.1 The Clerk had previously distributed a report on works carried out by staff. The Councillors noted this and thanked staff for the work they do

There being no further business to be discussed the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.15 pm.