

**Minutes of the virtual meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Facilities Committee
held on Thursday 1 April 2021 commencing at 1pm**

Present: Cllr A Garbutt in the Chair

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Cook

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

3.1 A request for a drawing of the exact requirements has been made by Wakefield Council.

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

4.1 Cllr Bell reported that he and Cllr Roberts had met with S&D Landscapes to identify the size of planting at each location. In total an area of 110m² will be planted. The groundwork will commence mid-April followed by the planting of the seeds.

5. To receive an update regarding the Harpins at Ackworth Garden Centre garden renovation projects

5.1 Cllr Cook was pleased to report that a response to the application submitted by Ackworth Parish Council had been received and the garden centre were very keen to support the idea of Ackworth having a community garden. They will be donating a wildlife and herb box for Low Ackworth. As part of this work the blue fencing within the play area will be relocated to the boundary wall.

6. To receive and update on purchase of a colliery tub

6.1 Cllr Bell reported that he had contacted numerous organisations including the Harworth Estate, National Mining Museum and Bowes Railway Museum regarding the purchase of an authentic tub however locating one was proving difficult. Bowes Railway Museum can manufacture on however they are smaller and may not look effective. It was agreed that the search for one would continue.

7. To discuss a request received from a resident regarding hiring out Brackenhill Centre over the summer

7.1 The Clerk reported that a resident would like to use the centre for serving cakes and coffees over the summer. Maybe with a view to carrying this on long-term. It was

agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a meeting is setup with the resident at the centre so further information can be gathered.

8. To receive and discuss correspondence received from “Reverse the Cycle”

8.1 A discussion took place regarding the bike track at Fitzwilliam Country Park and the old bike track on Dando Way near to Bell Lane car park. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a meeting is setup with representatives from the group and other residents who have expressed an interest in a bike track.

9. To discuss a request from Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC regarding field usage and car parking

9.1 A discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the junior teams could play at Carr Bridge. Whilst car parking was an issue when multiple teams use the facilities it was suggested that visiting supporters should be encouraged to use Bell Lane car park.

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