

**Minutes of the virtual meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Facilities Committee
held on Monday 26 April 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 Interests 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 matters arising

3.1. Boundary Signs

A quote has been obtained from Wakefield Council for the manufacture and installation of new boundary signs. Six in total.

3.2. Wildflowers

Groundwork has been completed by S&D Landscapes and the seeds are due to be sown by the end of April.

3.3. Colliery Tub

Cllr Bell reported that he is still trying to source a suitable tub.

3.4. Storage Box and Planters at Low Ackworth

The Clerk reported that the contractor is hoping to start work on the project in June. Additionally, a letter of objection had been received about a shelter at Low Ackworth and anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that a response would be sent advising that there is no shelter being erected and the location had been assessed by the Crime Prevention team at West Yorkshire Police

3.5. Brackenhill Centre

Cllr Balfour and Cllr Roberts met with the resident wishing to rent out Brackenhill long term. Once a written proposal is received it will be distributed to the Councillors on this committee.

3.6. BMX Track

Cllr Bell and Cllr Cook reported that they had met with representatives from Reverse the Cycle. It was recommended that initially a quote is obtained for a pump track on the lower section of the land, adjacent to the Multi-Use Games Area. Additionally, to submit plans for CIL funding consideration. The land in question belongs to Wakefield Council.

4. To discuss the following for the cemetery:

4.1. A request for a memorial tree.

A discussion took place and it was agreed to approve this request. It was further agreed that a plan would be created to allow for allocation of future requests.

4.2. A request for 2 additional benches.

A discussion took place and it was recommended that the requests are approved.

4.3. To receive an update on the amount of vaults available in the original part of the cemetery.

The Clerk reported that based on historic usage, it is estimated that space in section V will last a further 12 years. Once full another section of the cemetery can be utilised.

4.4. To give an update on the progress of memorial testing \ ground anchor systems

The Clerk reported the ground anchor system work is now complete. There are two headstones that are staked and not suitable for a ground anchor system. The cost £400

It was recommended that they are left laid down on grave stones and the families are contacted and asked to pay for the work and for the Parish Council to contribute £80 which was the cost of the ground anchor system work.

5. To discuss the following request for Carr Bridge Playing Field

5.1. A request for additional benches to be installed around the playing field

A discussion took place and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council 2 or 3 more around the play area.

5.2. A request for a memorial tree

It was recommended an oak tree or similar is planted in the vicinity of the car park. It was recommended the Clerk took advise on a suitable location.

6. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council a request for outdoor fitness equipment (Cllr Martin Roberts)

6.1. A discussion took place, it was agreed that the clerk would obtain information from suppliers to see what is available and to organise some site visits at various places throughout the village.

7. That the Village Facilities Committee is renamed Village Amenities Committee (Cllr Allan Garbutt)

7.1. Cllr Garbutt suggested the name change so it encompasses all the work the Committee does. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Committee's name is changed.

8. To discuss a request from Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC to use Carr Bridge as access to enable the siting of a container on Barnsley Road.

8.1. The Clerk reported that the rugby team did have a lease from Wakefield Council for the land however there was no visibility of planning permission to site a container on the land. It was approved that the Clerk contact Ackworth Jaguars to ask them to seek permission from Wakefield Council before siting the container.

There being no further business to be discussed the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.