

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 28 June 2021 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllr A Garbutt in the Chair

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were approved from Cllr J Bell

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 Colliery Tub – It was reported that confirmation from Bowes Railway Museum that the tub would be ready at the end of June. Costings will be obtained for the groundwork for the siting of the tub. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the tub is sign-written and a commemorate plaque installed to include dates and a colliery name

3.2 BMX track – Cllr Cook reported that an inspection was being carried out and a quote would be supplied in due course.

3.3 Girl Guides Bench – Cllr Garbutt reported that the Guides may wish to apply for NIF funding to help fund the repair \ replacement of the bench. It was agreed that this information would be passed on.

3.4 Gym Equipment – Initial costings and options had been distributed to committee members. It was agreed to seek additional quotations and to have a look on Dando Way to identify locations. Permission from Wakefield Council for the siting of the equipment will need to be sought once costings and options have been approved.

4. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council the pitch allocation and pitch fee charges for the season 2021\22

4.1 It was agreed that an additional meeting needs to be setup to discuss in more detail the requirement for the forthcoming season. It was acknowledged that the senior pitch at Carr Bridge is already oversubscribed and no additional bookings for the pitch could be taken if existing sports clubs continued to want to use the facilities next season.

5. To discuss and recommend the adoption of the Youth Shelter adjacent to Bell Lane car park

5.1 Cllr Balfour proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded to recommend to the Parish Council that a request is made to Wakefield Council for the Parish Council to adopt the shelter. All Councillors agreed.

6. To discuss correspondence received from the Quaker Meeting to organise an outreach event on Carr Bridge playing field

6.1 All Councillors agreed to the outreach event and a request be made to the Quaker Meeting to see if the Parish Council can also take part; to publicise the Parish Council's Climate Change statement. Cllr Garbutt proposed an invitation is sent to Jack Hemmingway. It was recommended that confirmation of a proposed date is requested.

7. To discuss storage facilities at all Parish Council buildings

7.1 Consideration was given to rework the inside of Brackenhill and Carr Bridge Pavilion. It was agreed that a study be carried out to see who uses the facilities and what layout\storage would suit best.

8. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council options for restricting access for large vehicles on the cemetery service road

8.1 A discussion too place. It was agreed to investigate the maximum length\width\height of a vehicle that would need access to the service road, these include hearse, maintenance vehicles for grass cutting and tree work. Additionally, look at decorative height barriers and bollards.

9. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council the repair or replacement of the signpost at the Village Green

9.1 It was reported that paint is flaking of the sign and some of the wood is rotten. It was agreed to obtain some quotes to replace like for like along with costings to replace the wood with cast.

There being no further business to be discussed the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.