

**Minutes of Ackworth Parish Council's Road Safety Committee meeting held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 5 July 2021 at 6pm.**

Present: Cllr M Roberts, in the Chair  
Cllrs S Balfour, Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead  
SELRAG Representative D Vaux

Cllr T Hames

Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies**

1.1. None 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 note the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2021**

3.1. The minutes were noted

**4. Matter Arising from the minutes of 29 March 2021**

**4.1. Oakfield Park School - safety measures outside the school**

It was reported that a response has been received from Oakfield Park School. The Headteacher had met with the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors and they believe that a speed camera is necessary; there is also a lack of signage to inform drivers of the impending 30mph approaching the school.

Cllr Balfour joined the meeting 6:10

**4.2. A628 – Proposed Traffic Calming High Ackworth to Pontefract**

Following the request to Wakefield Council to have a site meeting at Castlesyke Hill, Cllr Hames reported that a new Officer has been employed at Wakefield Council and a site meeting had been arranged for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. District Councillor representatives from Ward 13 and Ward 1 along with Pontefract Civic Society and the Parish Council Road Safety Committee would attend. It was agreed that the Cllr Roberts and Cllr Hollyhead would attend

**5. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding sightlines at the A628\A638 roundabout**

5.1. The correspondence had previously been distributed to all Councillors. It was reported that this had previously been sent to Wakefield Council for comment however a response had not been received, It was agreed that a response would be chased and copied to District Councillors.

**6. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding the Campaign for Better Transport “more roads create more traffic”**

6.1. The link to the article had previously been distributed to all Councillors.

<https://bettertransport.org.uk/roads-nowhere/induced-traffic?fbclid=IwAR06DK-WFvOOx3sYFhOQi-ml1BE34q7dbsiuowbJSyvL7IFZR1ZoWdWb9kQ>

The contents were noted.

**7. To discuss Barnsley Road A638 towards Hemsworth**

7.1. It was noted the above should read A628 not A638.

A discussion took place and it was agreed to write to Wakefield Council to ask again to look at safety measures outside Oakfield Park School as outlined in agenda item 4.1

**8. To discuss Doncaster Road A638 towards Doncaster**

8.1. A discussion took place regarding the increased amount of vehicles blocking the pavement outside of Fairway Garage thus causing an obstruction to pedestrians. It was recommended that these should be reported to the Police.

**9. To receive an update from SELRAG**

9.1. Mr Vaux reported that consultants for the SFLR had still not been appointed and the local plan is still to be agreed regarding the proposed housing in Purston.

9.2. The results of the road traffic survey that was carried out in Ackworth, Featherstone and Pontefract in 2017 are yet to be analysed by Wakefield Council. If the analysis isn't completed by autumn of 2022 then the data will be invalid.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6:45pm