

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 27 September 2021, commencing at 6pm

Present: Cllr A Garbutt in the Chair

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

1. Apologies

1.1. None to receive

2. Declaration 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. The clerk reported on the following:

- BMX – nothing further to report. It was recommended that a meeting with interested parties to obtain a progress report
- Colliery Tub – awaiting sign writing . Ackworth Heritage Group are organising a blue plaque
- Girl Guides Bench – Wakefield Council NIF form to be sent to Guides leader
- Gym Equipment – this has been suggested for CIL funding
- Cemetery Entrance – work is continuing at looking at options to reduce oversized vehicles entering the service road. Temporary warning sign has been installed. Height barrier to be investigated

4. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council purchase of a defibrillator for Brackenhill

4.1. Cllr A Garbutt proposed and Cllr M Roberts seconded to recommend to the Parish Council a defibrillator is purchased for Brackenhill. All Councillors agreed.

5. To discuss correspondence from a resident regarding long term use of the new community centre on the Strata development.

5.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

A discussion took place regarding long term booking of the community centre and it was expressed that the community should be consulted to see what they would like. It was also noted that consideration should be given to setting up a community association to run the facility.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that further work is needed on this once the centre is handed over the Parish Council.

6. To discuss and recommend to the Parish Council a tree survey is carried on all trees the Parish Council is responsible for, and to receive correspondence from two residents of High Ackworth regarding the trees at the Village Green.

6.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors

The Clerk reported that the last survey was carried out in 2018 with the work from that report being carried out in 2019 and 2020 depending on priority. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that another survey is carried out on all trees the Parish Council is responsible for and that the trees at the Village Green will be surveyed annually.

6.2. Mention of the footpath within the correspondence would be passed to Wakefield Council.

7. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding Low Ackworth Play Area

7.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

The Clerk reported that concern was raised regarding the gate at the play area opening too easily straight onto the car park. The playground has been independently inspected and Wakefield Council RoPSA team has also looked at it.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a request is made to Sutcliffe Play for an inspection.

8. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding the two shrubbed areas on Bell Lane at its junction with Hardakers Lane

8.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a quote is obtained to clear and tidy the area directly outside the community centre and to ask Wakefield Council about the section of shrubbed area at the junction of Bell Lane / Hardakers Lane.

9. To discuss the lease for the van and recommend a course of action

9.1. The Clerk reported the lease on the current van runs until May 2022. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a price is obtained from the lease company to purchase the van as well as looking at options for an electric vehicle.

10. To confirm usage of Carr Bridge playing field and pavilion for 2021/2022 and agree charges

10.1. Usage of the field for the season had previously been circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that this is agreed and there would be no increase in charges for using the facilities.

11. To receive and decide on the design of the new boundary signs

- 11.1. The design of the new boundary signs had previously been circulated to all Councillors. Total cost for signs £3987.18 + VAT. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council the signs are approved.
- 11.2. It was further agreed to recommend that the “Thank you for driving safely” signs would be dealt with separately.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7:40pm