

**Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Road Safety Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 30 January 2023 at 6pm**

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair  
 Cllrs S Balfour, M Galvin, T Hollyhead and S Parker  
 SELRAG Representative; D Vaux  
 4 members of the public

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Mrs S Hollyhead

**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 interests (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 7 November 2022**

3.1. **Noted.**

**4. To receive matters arising from the minutes of 7 November 2022**

4.1. A628 High Ackworth to Pontefract Safety Improvements.

It was noted a letter had been sent to Wakefield Council to ask them to verify whether the improvements would open the stretch of road to housing.

The response was previously circulated to all Councillors; *"land to each side of the A628 between Beech Drive and Sandygate Lane remains allocated as Green Belt in the emerging Local Plan 2036 which is currently subject to examination by the Planning Inspector. The Local Planning Authority is not aware of any plans at this time to open the area for housing development."*

It was reported the white lining south of Castlesyke Hill is faded and incorrect in places  
 It was agreed to **recommend** that this is raised with Wakefield Council to reapply paint and correct any incorrect markings.

4.2. Reduced Speed Limit on Station Road

This is the section passed the Rustic Arms to A639. It was reported that no update had been received from Wakefield Council and it was agreed to **recommend** that this is chased again.

4.3. To receive a response from Dist. Cllr J Carrington about double yellow lines on Wakefield Road.

A response from Cllr J Carrington has previously been circulated. It was agreed to **recommend** that a response is sent to the resident to ask them to build a case for the need of the double yellow lines.

4.4. To receive original plans regarding Robinson's View

The plans were not available at for circulation at the meeting. They will be circulated once available and brought to the next meeting.

4.5. To receive an update on the proposed new crossing on Wakefield Road

The letter sent to Wakefield Council requesting an urgent meeting had previously been circulated to all Councillors. It was noted a response had not been received.

It was agreed to **recommend** that this is chased up by email and telephone call.

**5. To draw up the consultation for the draft Road Safety Plan**

5.1. It was agreed to recommend costs for letter drop to each household are obtained and will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

## 6. South Featherstone Link Road:

6.1. To consider and discuss documents circulated at the last Road Safety meeting

- <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/2036/evidence-base/ins08-note-to-council-re-road-schemes-29sept22%20-insp.pdf>
- <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/2036/evidence-base/exwdc104-note-for-inspector-south-featherstone-link-road-and-lp11-final.pdf>

Items 6.1 and 6.2 were considered together.

6.2. To discuss and draw up safeguards for Ackworth

- To consider and discuss how Ackworth can work better with neighbouring Town and Parish Councils.

A discussion took place.

It was agreed to **recommend** that a meeting is setup with Ackworth Parish Council, Featherstone Town Council and Nostell Parish Council to discuss shared interests and create a joint statement about housing and Hessele.

## 7. To receive correspondence from residents regarding:

7.1. Speeding traffic and parking problems on Doncaster Road

A discussion took place.

It was agreed to **recommend** to write to Fairways Garage to respectfully and cooperatively ask if they are able to have more vehicles in the yard during the day rather than them being parked on the highway

Additionally, it was agreed to **recommend** investigating a speed limit sign within the cemetery service road.

7.2. Parking at the top of Station Road on weekends

A discussion took place.

It was noted that this problem has been raised before.

It was agreed to **recommend** that contact is made with Ackworth School and/or the sports teams using the school facilities to advise them of the issue and to contact to Police to monitor the location to see if any offences are being committed.

7.3. Pedestrian safety near to A628\A638 roundabout

A discussion took place. It was noted that two crossing are proposed in the vicinity, on the draft road safety plan and a meeting will be arranged with council officers and councillors in the future to go through the draft plan.

It was agreed to **recommend** that a letter is sent to the Police to see if they can monitor the roundabout for motorists not indicating.

## 8. To receive an update from SELRAG

8.1. Nothing to report

There being no further business to be discussed the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7pm.