

Update from Parish Council meeting held on 8 October 2018:

- A report was given PCSO Lorraine Kavanagh which is available on our website.
- A report was read out by District Councillor Jessica Carrington on behalf of the Ward Councillors.

Bell Lane Car Park

- The car park is owned by Wakefield Council but ways of improving the car park and preventing the anti-social behaviour is being explored. A meeting will be held to discuss ideas.

Accounts

- The Clerk reported that the year-end accounts to the 31 March 2018 had been audited and they had received a clear audit with no issues to report. Councillors thanked the Clerk for her work in achieving this.

Standing Orders

- Council approved the updated version of the Standing Orders which take into account changes due to the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came in to force in May 2018

This is Ackworth

- The Parish Council agreed in principle to formally accept the role of trustee as a founding member along with Ackworth School and St Cuthbert's Church and are seeking advice to ensure that this role fits within its legal powers.

Village Facilities Committee

- The Committee met on 24 September and the minutes were approved.
- It was agreed to submit a planning application to Wakefield Council for approval to site a notice board on the grass verge on Barnsley Road adjacent to Carr Bridge playing field.
- Two wooden seats have been ordered to be sited at Low Ackworth play area
- Cemetery – a site meeting was held to identify where memorial seats could be sited and the alterations proposed to the area on 'V' plot where the waste is kept.
- Following a meeting with officers at Wakefield Council they confirmed that Youth Shelter and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) are the property and the responsibility of Wakefield Council.
- It was agreed in principal that a tree could be planted on the Village Green in memory of Mrs Margaret Shaw past Clerk.

- Ackworth School Wall – a letter was sent to Ackworth School re the condition of the wall on Pontefract Road and their response was that this is currently being dealt with through an insurance claim and that the remedial work is out of their hands at the moment.

Road Safety Working Group – meeting held on 24 July

- An ongoing issue was discussed - the provision of a crossing at High Ackworth – the group have asked what the cost of carrying out a survey will be.
- South East Link Road Action Group – no update on the infrastructure scheme received at the meeting. A member of SELRAG gave an update to the Parish Council this evening – work is being undertaken to analysis the figures from the surveys that took place in 2017 and will be reported back to Wakefield Council as soon as this has been completed.
- Low Ackworth speed of traffic and condition of pavements – we continue to press for a site meeting to discuss this.
- Speed Camera Locations – a resident had written to say that in his opinion the Speed Cameras were sited in the wrong place – he will be advised to write to West Yorkshire Speed Reduction Partnership as they are the organisation responsible for this in accordance with the relevant criteria which must be met.

Christmas Lights

- Following last month's response to the quotation sent Wakefield Council have re quoted reducing the cost by over 40% of the original quote.

Planning Applications Update:

- 18/00990/FUL Land off Wakefield Road – removal of condition no. 10 (noise in relation to plots 129-139 inclusive) from approved application 14/00940/REM – a decision has still not been taken on this application. A technical legal matter is to be reviewed and relevant legal advice obtained. To date no decision has been taken.
- This month's applications – the Council will object to application no. 18/02046/TPO to remove a beech tree unless it is dead, dying or in a dangerous condition.