

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 25 April 2022 commencing at 7PM

Present: Cllr: A Garbutt, in the Chair

Cllrs: J Bell, A Cook, T Hames and M Roberts

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr S Balfour for reasons recorded in the attendance book.

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

Cllr J Bell declared an interest in agenda item 5

3. To receive matters arising

3.1. The Clerk reported on the following matters

- Colliery Tub – there has been no progress on this and Wakefield Council now say planning permission is not needed, just permission to site the colliery tub on Wakefield Council land. Cllr Garbutt asked for the details to be sent to him so he can investigate this in his capacity as District Councillor
- Boundary Signs – the landowner on Purston Lane has been contacted regarding sighting a sign on their land. It was agreed to recommend that the new signs for Low Ackworth and High Ackworth are put on hold until the boundary review is completed.

4. To discuss disabled access onto Dando Way from Mill Lane on behalf of disabled residents (Cllr Richmond)

4.1. A photograph of the access had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed to contact Public Right of Way at Wakefield Council for guidance

5. To receive correspondence from a community group regarding free use of the community centre

5.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

A discussion took place. It was recommended that as an act of goodwill the outstanding invoice is cancelled due to a difference of understanding regarding room hire. It was further recommended that charges would be applied going forward should the group wish to continue to use the community centre.

6. To review hire charges for the community centres

6.1. Current hire charges had previously been circulated to all Councillors

It was recommended that hire charges remain the same at the Parish Council Community Centre and to reduce the hire charge for the community room at the Pavilion and Brackenhill by £2 per hour. The Clerk advised that bookings at the Pavilion are subject to VAT.

It was further recommended that all charges are reviewed again once the new Community Centre opens at Strata estate.

7. To receive correspondence from Wakefield Council regarding storage facilities for Nordic Walking equipment

7.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors

It was recommended that storage facility could be sited at the Parish Council Community Centre. The Clerk can advise on the best place for this to be sited.

8. To receive an update on WF Youth services in Ackworth

8.1. Scatter charts drawn up by the youth in the village following their first gathering at the pavilion with Wakefield Council's Youth Services (WF Youth), had previously been circulated to all Councillors

The Clerk reported that WF Youth are using the Carr Bridge pavilion and the playing field at regular interval to provide activities for the young people in the village.

It was recommended a meeting is setup with Youth Services to gather additional feedback from the sessions and see if the Parish Council can provide any further support.

9. To receive an update on Low Ackworth play area seats and planter

9.1. It was reported that one seat and the planter are available to be installed. One seat is due to be delivered early May.

It was recommended

- 3 picnic benches are purchased for the play area.
- 2 existing seats are moved to Carr Bridge Playing Field
- Rubber matting is placed in front of the bookstore
- The dustbin is moved to the other side of the gate

10. To receive an update on storage facilities at Parish Council building following site visits

10.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all councillors following site visits to each building.

- Brackenhill Centre

It was recommended that the internal layout of the building is remodelled and car parking to be investigated using the original plans when permission was given for the building.

It was further recommended that two picnic benches are purchased for the play area.

- Carr Bridge
It was identified there is a need for a larger community room and internal storage.

It was recommended to get some plans draw up for an extension.
- Cemetery
No additional needs were identified.

11. To receive further correspondence from a resident regarding the trees at the Village Green.

11.1. The correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors

A discussion took place. It was recommended that the correspondence is noted. It was further recommended that contact is made with Wakefield Council to investigate Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) for the trees at the village green.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm