

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 4 July 2022 commencing at 7PM

Present: Cllr: A Garbutt, in the Chair

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

1 non-committee member Councillor

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

1.1. None to receive

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

None to receive

3. To receive matters arising

3.1. The Clerk reported on the following matters

- Boundary Signs
Ready to be installed at the locations previously agreed. This sign for High Ackworth and Low Ackworth not to be installed until after the boundary review
- Youth Services – meeting scheduled for this evening has been rescheduled for 11 July.
- Disabled Access onto Dando Way – logged with Wakefield Council ref -227219.
- Nordic Walking Storage Facility. A location has been identified in the car park of Bell Lane Community Centre.

4. To receive an update on the Youth Shelter and agree a course of action

4.1. Wakefield Council has advised that they are happy for the Parish Council to take on ownership of the youth shelter.

It was agreed to recommend the following points:

- To request a formal letter of transfer from Wakefield Council.
- Ask Wakefield Council what the annual costs of maintenance for the last 5 years.
- To obtain quotes to remove two side panels and two seats so the shelter is not enclosed.
- The shelter needs to be fixed to the floor.
- Offensive graffiti needs to be painted over.

5. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding switching off street-lights

5.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed to recommend that this is passed to Ward 1 District Councillors, with the resident's permission.

Details within the correspondence regarding light pollution from a private property is a civil matter however the District Councillors may be able to assist further.

6. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding nesting swifts and decide a course of action

6.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

All Councillors are in favour of this and are happy to sponsor a nesting box. The Parish Council community centre on Bell Lane is the only property that the Parish Council have responsibility for which would be tall enough to house a box.

It was agreed to recommend that a nesting box is sourced and an article is placed in the newsletter to advise that the Parish Council is supporting this and to let residents know what they can do to join in.

7. To receive correspondence from two residents regarding play equipment for disabled children

7.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to ask the two residents about what they would suggest, and to contact playground equipment companies to obtain quotes.

8. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding the purchase of a "Covid" bench

8.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors

It was agreed to recommend that costs are obtained for a metal decorative Covid bench which would be sited at Carr Bridge.

9. To receive an update on the new community centre

9.1. A discussion took place.

Cllr Garbutt left the meeting 7:55

Cllr Bell took over as Chair

It was agreed to recommend the following:

- The community centre is named Ackworth Quarries Community Centre.
- That a working party is setup, to include the Parish Council Projects Manager. This working group reports back to this Committee.

- Cllr Hames to draw up a list of what the Parish Council want so there is no misunderstanding between Wakefield Council, Strata, Meadfleet and the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that Steve Wells Associates is happy to assist the Parish Council with its handover of the Community Centre and public open space. She explained that Steve Wells Associates had worked previously with the Parish Council for the building of Carr Bridge Pavilion, Carr Bridge play area and Brackenhill Centre. There will be no charge for this service.

It was further agreed to recommend that Steve Wells Associates is appointed to assist the Parish Council in the handover of the new community centre.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8pm.

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