

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Road Safety Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 11 July 2022 at 6pm

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair

Cllrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead and S Parker

SELRAG Representative; D Vaux

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs S Balfour and M Galvin

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 28 March 2022

3.1. The minutes were noted.

4. To receive matter arising from the minutes of 28 March 2022

4.1. A628 High Ackworth to Pontefract Safety Improvements.

It was reported that the lining work has been carried out to the north of the water tower.

Mr Vaux circulated a diagram with suggested road marking for south of the water tower.

It was agreed to recommend that a letter is sent to Wakefield Council to ask what is proposed for the A628 south.

4.2. Pedestrian Crossing on Wakefield Road

A puffin crossing has been confirmed in Wakefield Council's Programme of Works 2022/23 for A638 Wakefield Road. The Parish Council has not been advised where this will be sited.

It was agreed to recommend to write to Wakefield Council to ask where it will be sited.

4.3. Parking on Station Road

A response from school was read out. The field opposite school is used as an overflow car park when the school has events on and parents are reminded to use the car parks. The school car parks are available for use when the fields are being used for sport clubs.

It was noted there are no parking restrictions at the top of Station Road.

4.4. Low Ackworth Flooding

District Councillor J Carrington has emailed the Clerk to say that she is keeping residents up to date.

It was agreed to recommend that a further update is requested.

4.5. Response from Featherstone Town Council regarding proposed development near Purston Park and their view on the South Featherstone Link Road

Featherstone Town Council made the following comment on local plan 2036 at Wakefield Council.

- 1. Featherstone Town Council would oppose any project that would result in more traffic on the A645 which is at total saturation point already.*
- 2. Featherstone Town Council must insist that the proposed bypass is built before we could contemplate any houses being built.*
- 3. Any future development which includes an area of open water would be vehemently opposed.*

It was agreed to write to Featherstone Town Council to thank them for their response and acknowledge that the Parish Council support their view on the A645 being at saturation point.

It was further agreed, to recommend that the Road Safety Committee put a proposal together with safeguards in place for Ackworth. To be drawn up at the next Road Safety Committee meeting,

5. To receive and discuss a draft Road Safety Plan

5.1. The draft plan, put together by Cllr Roberts, was circulated at the meeting

A discussion took place.

It was agreed that councillors would consider this and for any comments, amendments, suggestions to be brought back to the next Road Safety Committee meeting.

6. To receive an update from SELRAG

6.1. Nothing to report

There being no further business to be discussed the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.55pm.