

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Road Safety Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, on Monday 5 September 2022 at 6pm

Present: Cllr M Roberts in the Chair

Cllrs S Balfour, Mrs S Hollyhead, T Hollyhead and S Parker

SELRAG Representative; D Vaux

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr 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 11 July 2022

3.1. The minutes were noted.

4. To receive matters arising from the minutes of 11 July 2022

4.1. A628 High Ackworth to Pontefract Safety Improvements.

It was reported that there has been no update from Wakefield Council on the proposed improvements on A628 south of the water tower. It was agreed this would be chased up.

4.2. Pedestrian Crossing on Wakefield Road

It was reported that there had been no update from Wakefield Council regarding the location of the crossing. It was agreed this would be chased up.

5. To receive and discuss a draft Road Safety Plan

5.1. The draft plan had previously been circulated to all Councillors along with a submission from Cllr Richmond regarding Doncaster Road.

The submission from Cllr Richmond was noted and it was agreed to recommend that this is dealt with as part of the draft plan.

A discussion took place.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the draft plan is moved to the second stage which will look to liaise with community groups that may be interested along with an in-house consultation with residents. Details of how the consultation

process will take place is to be discussed at the next Road Safety Committee meeting with recommendations being brought to the full Council.

6. South Featherstone Link Road

6.1. To receive information from Wakefield Council regarding the Local Plan 2036 Stage 2 Hearing and decide a course of action.

A discussion took place.

The Stage 2 Hearings Programme and Agendas had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that Cllr Parker attends the Hearings as an observer.

It was further agreed to enquire as to whether a representative from the Parish Council can attend as a participant.

6.2. To discuss and draw up a proposal with safeguards for Ackworth

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that Cllr Roberts contacts Paul Belbin who is representing Featherstone Town Council at the Stage 2 Hearings to discuss the affects that will be felt in Ackworth and report back to the Road Safety Committee.

7. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding the speed limit on Station Road

7.1. The correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The request was to reduce the speed limit on Station Road from 60mph to 30mph from Rigg Lane to the A639.

It was agreed to recommend that the request is passed to Wakefield Council for consideration.

8. To receive further correspondence from Wakefield Council regarding Park and Stride for Mill Dam School

8.1. Following a request from the Parish Council for further information regarding the scheme, no additional information had been received and it was agreed to request an update.

8.2. It was further agreed to recommend that a request is made to Outwood Academy Bell Lane to see if the school gate leading onto Dando Way could be used which would alleviate traffic on Bell Lane.

9. To receive an update from SELRAG

9.1. Nothing to report

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