

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 26 September 2022 commencing at 7PM

Present: Cllr: A Garbutt, in the Chair

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr M Roberts 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

None to receive.

3. To receive and note any matters arising from the minutes

3.1. Youth Services

It was reported that the funding stream for provision in the summer had come to an end and a request had been made to Wakefield Council for the service to continue.

It was agreed to recommend to request a meeting with Youth Services.

3.2. Seating for Low Ackworth

It had previously been agreed to purchase two new benches and images of the proposed benches were circulated at the meeting. It was agreed to recommend that these are purchased at a total cost of £1004.00. This is for 1x wheelchair access picnic table and 1x standard picnic table.

3.3 Inclusive Play Equipment

A quotation had been received for an inclusive roundabout totalling £15,713.31.

A quotation had been received for an inclusive swing, which could be fitted to an existing swing frame, totalling £918.73.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to look for grant funding for inclusive play equipment.

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

4.1. It was reported that the agreed repair work has been completed.

It was noted that a section of the centre seating is damaged.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that Parish Council staff carry out the repair to this section.

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

5.1. The correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors

A discussion took place.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to ask Wakefield Council about the dimming of the lights or putting them on sensors.

6. To receive correspondence regarding kitchen space in any of the Parish Council facilities

6.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors

A discussion took place.

The Parish Council has no suitable kitchen facilities to meet the request.

7. To receive correspondence from residents regarding trees:

7.1. at the community centre on Bell Lane

Correspondence regarding overhanging branches had been previously circulated to Councillors

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that no action is necessary on the tree as per the tree inspection report received in February 2022.

7.2. at the village green

Correspondence regarding branches touching a telephone line had previously been circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that no action is necessary on the tree as per the tree inspection report received in February 2022.

7.3. planting scheme for the village

Correspondence regarding plans for additional trees in the village had previously been circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a site meeting is setup to look at the field at the new community centre at Strata to see if trees could be planted around the boundary and look to see what funding is available for tree planting. Mention was also given to Old Holes Quarry and the possibility of new trees for that area.

It was further agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Queen's floral tributes would be removed from the memorial, composted and used when planting a commemorative tree next year.

8. To receive an update on the new community centre

8.1. The Clerk reported that a visit to the community centre couldn't be arranged until November.

It was agreed to recommend to request a meeting so progress can be made on looking to get quotes for furnishing the building.

9. To discuss charges for playing fields and changing rooms

9.1. Usage of the Pavilion and Sports Fields had previously been circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed to recommend a seasonal charge per location of:
£100 for Junior Football for use of pitch and community room at Carr Bridge
£500 for Rugby for use of pitch and the whole pavilion on match days

It was further agreed to arrange a meeting with senior rugby regarding the usage and cleanliness of the pavilion.

10. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

11. To receive correspondence regarding use of the new community centre as a nursery

11.1. A discussion took place

It was agreed to recommend that a response is sent to the applicants to advise them the community facility has not yet been handed over so no decision can be made, however it was agreed that any facilities owned by the Parish Council are for the whole community to use.

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

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