

Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 28 November 2022 commencing at 7PM

Present: Cllr: J Bell, in the Chair

Cllrs: S Balfour and T Hames

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs A Cook, A Garbutt and 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. Siting of the Pit Tub

Confirmation has been received that planning permission is required to site the pit tub on the grass verge at Carr Bridge. It was agreed to **recommend** that this is applied for.

3.2. Entry/No Entry Signs for the Cemetery - Awaiting Installation.

3.3. Seating for Low Ackworth - Awaiting order.

3.3 Inclusive Play Equipment - Ongoing. Looking at grant funding

4. To discuss youth provision and recommend a course of action

4.1. A discussion took place.

Although the funded activities by Wakefield Council in the summer had been a success it was agreed that following a catch-up session with the youth at the Community Centre on Bell Lane earlier this month, the Parish Council has no suitable indoor space during the winter.

It was agreed to **recommend** that the Parish Council does support the ongoing provisions of youth services in the spring, and looks at funding streams\costs of providing such a service.

It was further agreed to **recommend** that the Parish Council signposts to the current activities available in the village and welcomes any groups who would be interested in providing provision to meet with the Parish Council to discuss options.

5. To consider a request from Wakefield Council to take ownership of the multi-use games area (MUGA)

5.1. A discussion took place. It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council does not take ownership of the MUGA

6. To receive correspondence from a resident regarding trees at the Community Centre, Bell Lane

6.1. Correspondence had previously been circulated to all Councillors

It was agreed to **recommend** no further action. The Tree Hazard Assessment identified the required work and action will be taken on those tree as appropriate.

7. 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

8. To retrospectively agree the cost of the playground inspections

8.1. The quotation for the annual inspection of the play areas totalling £360+vat had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed to **recommend** that the quotation is accepted.

8.2. It was further agreed to **recommend** that alternative quotations are received next year.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55pm

Signed.....Date.....

Chair