

**Minutes of the meeting of Ackworth Parish Council's Village Amenities Committee held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, on Monday 20 February 2023 commencing at 7PM**

**Present:** Cllr: J Bell, in the Chair  
Cllrs: S Balfour, A Cook, T Hames and M Roberts

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr A Garbutt 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 note the minutes for the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 28 November 2023.**

It was noted the date should read 2022.

3.1. The minutes were **Noted**.

**4. To receive matters arising**

**4.1. Planning Permission to site the Pit Tub**

It was reported that there is a query as to which type of application is used on the Planning Portal and the associated costs.

It was agreed to **recommend** to the full council that Cllr Garbutt in his capacity as District Councillor is contacted to advise on this.

**4.2. Entry/No Entry Signs for the Cemetery**

These have now been installed. **Noted.**

**4.3. Low Ackworth**

4.3.1. Seating has been ordered for the play area and delivery is due in March

4.3.2. Anti-social behaviour was reported in the vicinity of the play area \ playing field.

It was agreed to **recommend** to the full council that a meeting is setup with the Crime Prevention Officer.

**4.4. Youth Provision**

No update, awaiting further details in the spring however it is to be **recommended** to the full council that they continue to express support of a provision in the village.

**4.5. Disabled Access onto Dando Way**

Still ongoing with Wakefield Council \ District Councillors. **Noted.**

**4.6. Adoption of Youth Shelter**

The transfer of the youth shelter is still ongoing. **Noted.**

**5. To receive the playground inspection report**

5.1. The report was received.

It was **noted** that all identified risks have been addressed. There were no high risk\priority tasks identified.

**6. To receive a quotation for a replacement memorial tree at Carr Bridge, for retired Parish Councillor John Evans**

6.1. It was reported that the original memorial tree had died.

It was agreed to **recommend** to the full council that a quotation from S&D Landscapes of £285+ VAT for the supply and planting of a new oak tree was approved. It was **noted** that staff must ensure the tree is watered frequently.

**7. To discuss planting up and on-going maintenance of the planter in Low Ackworth play area**

7.1. It was noted there are two planters within the play area

It was agreed to **recommend** to full council the following actions:

- The planters are topped up with soil
- A spend of up to £200 for plants
- A social media post asking for volunteers to maintain it

**8. To discuss the wildflower areas in the village**

8.1. It was noted the existing wildflower planting areas are :

Village Green, High Ackworth

Grassed area in front of Ackworth Cemetery

Station Road \ Rigg Lane

Station Road \ Langdale Drive (recently damaged by a lorry delivering goods to a nearby property)

The area on Carr Bridge playing field hadn't taken.

It was agreed to **recommend** to the full council the following:

- Extra seeds are spread in the existing areas
- Bulbs are planted around the two memorial trees at Carr Bridge
- A letter is sent to the resident in Low Ackworth advising them additional seeds are being planted and ask them for assurance further damage will not be caused to the wildflower area.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8pm