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Minutes of Environment, Road Safety & Planning Committee held on Monday 22nd January @ 7.30PM.

Attendance

Cllr Martin Roberts - Chair
Cllr Mike Galvin
Cllr Andy Sherratt
Cllr Nathan Bland
Cllr Sarah Balfour

Clerk – J Nolan

3 members of the public present

<p>1. Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting. <i>The Parish Council meeting may be audio recorded under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014. Devices are to be placed on the table provided throughout the meeting.</i></p>
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>2.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting 2.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence</p>
<p>2.1/2.2 Apologies for absence were received and approved in respect of Cllr Cook. The reasons for absence was verbally noted.</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</p> <p>3.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda 3.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest 3.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate</p>
<p>3.1/3.2/3.3 None to receive.</p>
<p>4. To note the minutes for the Environment, Road Safety and Planning Committee meeting held on 30th October 2023</p>
<p>4.1 Noted</p>

<p>5. To receive information on the following ongoing matters arising – Clerks Update</p> <p>5.1 Requested an update from Highways on bulb planting for 2024 5.2 Requested information on the removal of the stonewall on Station Road 5.3 Requested information on the removal of the wall at Low Green</p>
<p>5.1 The clerk read out an email from National Highways which advised that due to supplier challenges bulbs were still in the process of being sourced, it also noted that a donation could be given if bulbs were unable to be sourced to Ackworth Parish Council for bulb planting in the village. National Highways also commented that they would re-visit the request for support in repairing of stone walls within the village. It was recommended that the Clerk accepts National Highways offer of support. Proposed by Cllr A Sherratt, seconded by Cllr Bland. All in favour.</p> <p>5.2 It was noted that the Clerk will continue communication with WMDC with the support of Cllr A Sherratt and for further update to be given at the next meeting of this committee.</p> <p>5.3 Noted.</p>
<p>6. Reports from outside bodies</p> <p>6.1 SELRAG update</p>
<p>6.1 None to receive</p>
<p>7. Planning Subcommittee</p> <p>7.1 To note the members Cllr M Roberts, Cllr A Sherratt and Cllr A Cook 7.2 To note that Cllr Roberts is Chair and Cllr Cook is Vice Chair.</p>
<p>7.1 / 7.2 Noted.</p>
<p>8. To receive from Cllr Roberts an updated Road Safety Plan for review by this committee.</p>
<p>8.1 A discussion took place, it was agreed that all councillors would email feedback directly to Cllr Roberts, who would produce a second draft for review at the next meeting of this committee before any recommendations made to full council.</p>
<p>9. To receive from Cllr Roberts a draft tree policy for review by this committee.</p>
<p>9.1 A discussion took place, it was agreed that all councillors would email feedback directly to Cllr Roberts, who would produce a second draft for review at the next meeting of this committee before any recommendations made to full council.</p>
<p>10. To receive a report from the Councillors of this committee regarding site visit completed of the Village Green Trees and decide any action where appropriate for recommendation.</p>
<p>10.1 It was recommended that the Clerk contact the phone company to advise that residents have reported tree interference with telephone lines on the village green. Cllr Roberts to supply photos and the Clerk to draft a letter for circulation to this committee via email before sending. Proposer Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Balfour. All in favour</p> <p>It was noted that all trees are within their assessment cycle and there are no rectification works required at this time.</p> <p>It was noted that as regrowth appears on trees, some village highways signage may no longer be visible in High Ackworth.</p>
<p>11. To receive correspondence from residents regarding Wakefield Road Crossing and decide any action where appropriate for recommendation.</p>
<p>11.1 It was noted that some information within the correspondence from the residents was inaccurate regarding process or assumed responsibility of the parish council and this should be corrected by the Clerk when communicating a response.</p>

It was **noted** that an enquiry should be sent to WMDC regarding the resident point about lack of signage for the crossing on Wakefield Rd.

It was **noted** that a Facebook post should be added to APC social media page in how to report highway concerns to WMDC direct.

It was **noted** by the Clerk that there is currently a live action in place from November's meeting which included a request for an upgrade to the existing Wakefield Crossing.

It was **recommended** that all correspondence is forwarded and reported to WMDC for their review. Proposer Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Balfour. All in favour.

Time Closed: 20:18