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## Minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 6pm

### Attendance

Clr John Bell – Chair  
Clr Martin Robert  
Clr Sarah Balfour  
Clr Suzy Sherratt  
Clr Amanda Cook  
Clr Sharon Maiden

Clerk J Nolan

4 members of the public present

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>
2. Apologies  2.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting 2.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence
2.1 / 2.2 None.
3. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations  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
3.1 / 3.2 / 3.3 None received.
4. To note the minutes for the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024.
4.1 Noted

<p><b>5.</b> To receive information on the following ongoing matters arising – Clerks Update</p> <p><b>5.1</b> To note the new defib re-installed in February 24 at Carr Bridge  <b>5.2</b> To receive an update on the Hardaker grass area  <b>5.3</b> To receive an update on the advertising board on Wakefield Rd  <b>5.4</b> To request Cllr availability to meet with a crime prevention officer, previous agenda item  <b>5.5</b> To receive an update on Ackworth School Wall Repairs  <b>5.6</b> To receive an update on the Youth Shelter following on from the Inspection Report</p>
<p><b>5.1 Noted.</b>  <b>5.2</b> No progress to date even with support of Dist Cllr, <b>recommended</b> Clerk to continue chasing. All in Favour  <b>5.3 Noted</b> that the owner of the land sourced and contacted via company website however no response to date. <b>Recommended</b> Clerk to continue chasing. All in Favour  <b>5.4</b> It was <b>recommended</b> to defer item to full council for all Councillor availability – All in Favour  <b>5.5</b> It was <b>recommended</b> to continue open communication with the school and meet if required – All in Favour  <b>5.6</b> The Clerk provided an update from the independent playground inspector following a telephone enquiry regarding the Youth Shelter and the information provided as part of the official report. <b>Recommended</b> that formal written communication requested following the conversation between the Inspector and the Clerk – All in Favour</p>
<p><b>6.</b> To receive an update on the WMDC 'Nature isn't Neat' Initiative and review for recommendation to full Council</p>
<p><b>6.1</b> Chair requested that this item be taken along with agenda item 14 – All in Favour.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding locations.</p> <p>It was <b>recommended</b> that the areas previously selected Dando Way, Doncaster Road, Beechdale Drive and Carr Bridge Park Areas should be selected using the 'traditional meadow mowing schedule' as per WMDC's initiative.</p> <p>It was <b>recommended</b> that further costs should be sought from WMDC regarding a partnership with APC covering the seed cost and WMDC covering the maintenance costs for the location Low Ackworth Triangle and Gully.</p> <p>Proposer Cllr Cook, Seconder Cllr Roberts. Voting completed – All in Favour</p>
<p><b>7.</b> To receive an update from this committee on the pit tub location review for recommendation to Council</p>
<p><b>7.1</b> It was recommended that the Village Green is considered for placement of the pit tub as this land is owned by the Parish Council and therefore will not require planning permission. Recommended in principle with consideration of conservation area and possible further permission required.</p> <p>Proposer Cllr Bell, Seconder Cllr Roberts – All in Favour.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> To receive a lease from WMDC regarding adoption of the Youth Shelter for recommendation to full council.</p>
<p><b>8.1</b> It was recommended to return the lease document to WMDC with the below considerations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of restrictions and responsibilities outlined as not fit for purpose</li> <li>• Consideration to be given to the current condition of the Youth Shelter and maintenance required</li> </ul> <p>Proposer Cllr Roberts, Seconder Cllr Bell – All in Favour</p> <p>It was <b>noted</b> that Cllr S Sherratt highlight a consideration of previous shared costs between APC and WMDC which she would send to the Clerk for further review.</p>
<p><b>9.</b> To note the request for a free framed portrait of the King via gov.uk</p>
<p><b>9.1 Noted.</b></p>

<b>10.</b> To note the emergency repair to the boundary in Low Ackworth playground
<b>10.1 Noted.</b>
<b>11.</b> To note the emergency repair to the car park potholes at Bell Lane Community Centre Car Park
<b>11.1 Noted.</b>
<b>12.</b> To note the emergency removal of a dangerous tree within the boundary of Carr Bridge Playing field in February 2024.
<b>12.1 Noted.</b>
<b>13.</b> To complete a review of Brackenhill Centre including Income and Expenditure for recommendation to full council
<b>13.1</b> It was <b>recommended</b> that the Staff team advertise the availability of the centre to generate interest for further review by this committee before recommendation made to full council. Proposer Cllr Cook, Seconded Cllr Bell – All in Favour
<b>14.</b> To review the wildflower planting areas in Low Ackworth and recommend actions for 2024
Taken with agenda item 6.
<b>15.</b> To review a request to contact Northern Gas in relation to the out of use metal box on the wildflower triangle in Low Ackworth
<b>15.1</b> It was <b>recommended</b> for the Clerk to contact Northern Gas – All in Favour
<b>16.</b> To receive correspondence from a resident regarding Carr Bridge playground swing and gatepost
16.1 A discussion took place.  The Clerk provided an update from the independent playground inspector following a telephone enquiry regarding the basket swing at Carr Bridge and the information provided as part of the official report. <b>Recommended</b> that formal written communication requested following the conversation between the Inspector and the Clerk – All in Favour

Meeting Closed: 19:04