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**Minutes of Environment, Road Safety & Planning Committee held on
Monday 24th March 2025 @ 6PM.**

Attendance

Cllr Martin Roberts – Chair
Cllr Amanda Cook
Cllr Ian Moore
Cllr Sean Richmond
Cllr Sarah Balfour
Cllr Andy Sherratt

Clerk: J Nolan

0 members of the public present

1. Apologies

- 1.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting
- 1.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence

1.1 Apologies were **received** in respect of Cllr Roberts.

1.2 The committee had considered and **approved** the reason given by Cllr Roberts.

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

- 2.1 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
- 2.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest
- 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

2.1/2.2/2.3 **None** to receive.

3. To note the minutes for the Environment, Road Safety and Planning Committee meeting held on 25th November 2025.

3.1 The minutes had previously been circulated. The committee **noted** the meeting minutes.

4. To receive information on the following ongoing matters arising – Clerks Update

4.1 Cllr Roberts has provided an update that the Road Safety Plan is still in progress.

4.1 The update was **noted**.

<p>5. To receive an update from Wakefield District Council relating to the complaint lodge regarding High Ackworth traffic calming measures reviewed by this committee and make recommendation.</p>
<p>5.1 The Wakefield District Council complaint response had previously been circulated to the committee members. The letter stated that the red road markings would be repainted once the recurrent drainage problem on Pontefract Rd had been addressed by September 2025.</p> <p>The committee recommended that photographs and a map are gained from Wakefield District Council to ensure the area in question has been accounted for within the planned works.</p>
<p>6. To receive from Cllr Roberts a draft tree policy for review by this committee.</p>
<p>6.1 The draft policy was reviewed. It was noted the effort that Cllr Roberts had gone to in creating the new draft policy.</p> <p>It was proposed that a cover-all 'Environmental Policy' may be a better option for the parish council that would encompass trees, planning and climate.</p> <p>The committee recommended that an 'Environmental Policy' is drafted by Cllr Roberts and the Clerk and brought back to a later meeting.</p>
<p>7. To receive correspondence from a resident and make recommendation.</p>
<p>7.1 A request had been submitted regarding gaining updates on proposed planning in Ackworth.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that all planning applications are listed on the Council Meeting agenda.</p> <p>The committee made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Cllr A Sherratt would write a statement in relation to SHLAA for the council website which would include the link for Wakefield District Council planning applications. • That the Clerk would contact the school to invite them to future meetings to provide any community updates on land sale. • That the Clerk would send the resident information on where the Council agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the website.
<p>8. CIL Referred Item</p>
<p>8.1 To review conditions over public pathway footbridges across the village and make recommendation</p>
<p>8.1 It was recommended that the Clerk would write to Wakefield District Council to advise of the public footbridge condition and to gain knowledge of responsible person to rectify.</p>
<p>9. Councillor Motions</p>
<p>9.1 To receive a proposal from Cllr A Cook to consider adopting an Ackworth Parish Council environmental comment to large scale building projects within the village.</p>
<p>9.1 The committee recommended that an 'Environmental Policy' is drafted by Cllr Roberts and the Clerk and brought back to a later meeting which would include planning.</p>

Time Closed: 18:45