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Minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on Monday 22nd September 2025 @ 6PM

Attendance

Cllr John Bell – Chair
Cllr Sharon Maiden
Cllr Suzy Sherratt
Cllr Sarah Balfour

Clerk J Nolan

0 Members of the public in attendance

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 Cllrs Roberts & Bland.

1.2 The committee had considered and **APPROVED** the reason given by Cllrs Roberts & Bland.

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 Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2025.

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

4. To consider items for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget and make recommendation to Council.

4.1 A discussion took place; no new items were raised.

5. To receive correspondence from East Hardwick Parish Council and make recommendation to Council.

5.1 Correspondence was **RECEIVED** which stated that due to the recent boundary change on Station road near the junction with the A639, that the mill stone upon entry to the village is now within East Hardwick. As East Harwick Parish Council intend to install village signs they have requested that either the mill stone is relocated or the metal Ackworth sign removed.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk writes to Ackworth Heritage, District Councillors and Wakefield Council in relation to the viability of relocating of the mill stone and also reviews the boundary change on Rigg Lane and impact on the metal Ackworth signs installed at the same time and brings all information gained back to the next committee meeting.

6. Community Centres & Public Open Space

6.1 To consider the installation of an external electrical socket at Carr Bridge Pavilion building for use at events and make recommendation to Council

6.2 To receive correspondence from a resident in relation to the Willow Tree on Carr Bridge Playing Field, including quotation of suggested works and make recommendation to Council.

6.3 To receive information from the Clerk relating to centre storage and to make recommendation to Council

6.4 To receive a report on Brackenhill Community Centre & Land and make recommendation to Council

6.5 To receive a quotation for a replacement entrance park sign for Low Ackworth Play Area

6.1 It was **RECOMMENDED** to approve the installation of a double waterproof external socket, with internal key isolator switch at a cost of £310 exc VAT by Acorn Electrical. Socket to be enclosed in metal lockable cabinet

6.2 It was **RECOMMENDED** to advise Ackworth School of intended tree trimming based on resident's feedback of the long canopy becoming a safeguarding concern of young people gathering and to approve the staff team to provide an initial first canopy trim to attempt resolve in the first instance.

6.3 Information had previously been circulated to Cllrs regarding the increased storage strain on Bell Lane community centre, the committee **RECOMMENDED** the Clerk's proposal to provide onsite crockery and to write to the user groups serving notice on centre crockery storage and review any other items being stored at the centre to ensure they comply with Health & Safety requirements, actioning accordingly.

6.4 The committee reviewed the report previously circulated prior to the meeting, the following actions were agreed for further exploration;

- Gain a quotation on building repair works from the original suppliers
- Research land income and expenditure for horse grazing
- Offer existing Bell Lane user, use of the building at the community rate for a 3 month period to explore an option for long term hire for further committee review

6.5 It was **RECOMMENDED** that the damaged park sign would be replaced at a cost of £50 exc VAT from Bowden Signs.

7. Allotments

7.1 To receive a report from Brackenhill Allotment Association

7.2 To receive an update on the waiting list and new lets

7.3 To consider approval of the allotment's competition prize budgeted expenditure for the 2025 awards evening

7.1 The Association advised that they had applied for a grant for a new shelter at the allotments and asked Council to support if required.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council would support with the association's grant application to Wakefield District Council for a new shelter.

7.2 It was **NOTED** that there was 1 new let and 3 vacant plots. There was 3 residents and 9 non-residents on the waiting list.

7.3 The budgeted 'Allotment Competition Prizes' was **APPROVED** and vouchers for First Impressions to be purchased.

8. TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960)
8.1 It was AGREED to move to the private section of the meeting.
9. Allotments – Confidential Items 9.1 To receive a report following the monthly plot inspections and number of letters
9.1 It was NOTED that there were 6 plots being monitored and all appropriate action had been taken by the staff team in issuing letters.

Time Closed: 19:00