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**Minutes of Village Amenities Committee held on
Monday 27th April 2026 @ 6PM**

Attendance

Cllr John Bell – Chair
Cllr Suzy Sherratt
Cllr Nathan Bland

Clerk J Nolan

5 Members of the public in attendance

<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>1.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting 1.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence</p>
<p>1.1 Apologies were RECEIVED in respect of Cllr Balfour, Maiden & Roberts. 1.2 The committee had considered and APPROVED the reason given by Cllr Balfour, Maiden & Roberts.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</p> <p>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</p>
<p>2.1/2.2/2.3 NONE to RECEIVE.</p>
<p>3. To note the minutes for the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2026.</p>
<p>3.1 The minutes had previously been circulated. The committee NOTED the meeting minutes.</p>
<p>4. Allotments</p> <p>4.1 To receive any updates from Brackenhill Allotment Association. 4.2 To receive an update on the waiting list and new lets. 4.3 To receive a report following the monthly plot inspections and number of letters. 4.4 To receive correspondence from a tenant regarding shooting trapped rats on their plot.</p>
<p>4.1 NONE to RECEIVE. 4.2 It was NOTED that there were 10 new lets and 1 vacant plot, which was currently not in a condition to let. There are 2 residents and 10 non-residents on the waiting list. 4.3 It was NOTED that the last inspection was completed on 22nd April and that 8 plots are currently being monitored.</p>

4.4 It was **RECOMMENDED** that permission is not granted to allow the shooting of trapped rats within the allotment grounds.

5. Community Centres & Public Open Space

5.1 To receive a copy of the Bell Lane Community Centre asbestos report and consider recommendation to Council.

5.2 To receive a draft Flag Policy for review to adopt and consider recommendation to Council.

5.3 To review a proposal from Cllr S Sherratt as deferred by the March Council meeting, to discuss with invited residents the feasibility of setting up community Padel courts with a community café on Parish Council owned land at either Brackenhill or Quarries and make recommendation to Council.

5.4 To consider offering the two available 'fire safety' course places as part of the APC compulsory staff training, to our permanent library employees and consider recommendation.

5.5 To receive a request from the library tenant at Bell Lane Community Centre and consider recommendation.

5.1 The report was **RECEIVED** and no recommendations were made. The report stated that there was NO asbestos found at Bell Lane Community Centre.

5.2 It was **RECOMMENDED** that the draft flag policy was **APPROVED**.

5.3 A proposal was circulated by Cllr S Sherratt during the meeting. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the proposal is distributed by the Clerk to Full Council and that once action, the item is referred to a future Council meeting to consider and decide a course of action on the request to set up a steering group or a working/task group.

5.4 A wording amend to the agenda item was **NOTED**. The amend was 'OUR' to 'THE' in relation to the library employees to clarify that the Parish Council are not responsible for these employees.

The Clerk advise that the course minimum was 10 and there were 2 spaced available, with 8 APC employees confirmed. It was therefore **RECOMMENDED** that the 2 available places would be offered to the library employees to attend.

5.5 It was **RECOMMENDED** that the library request was **APPROVED**, which was to remove the 2 electrical points from the rear wall, installed additionally to the main electrical points by a qualified electrician as no longer in use for PCs.

6. 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)

6.1 It was **AGREED** to move to the private section of the meeting.

7. To receive a copy of the independent playground inspection reports and consider recommendation to Council.

7.1 Reports for equipment inspected at Low Ackworth, Carr Bridge and Dando Way had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was **NOTED** that there were no areas marked red that required urgent attention. The Clerk provided an overview of remedial works that the caretaking team could action and maintain.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk is given delegated power to action the amber and green remedial works required which included the replacement of 6 steps at Carr Bridge play area at an approximate cost of £80 per sleeper step.

8. Ackworth Quarries Community Centre

8.1 To note the retrospective quote as per previous approval for installation of external CCTV at Ackworth Quarries.

8.2 To receive quotations relating to a replacement secure front door on the new community centre and make recommendation.

8.3 To receive quotations relating to the installation of a sound absorption system within the main function room at the new community centre and make recommendation.

8.4 To receive quotations relating to the installation of a carpeted area within the main function room at the new community centre and make recommendation.

8.5 To receive quotations relating to the installation of a Solar Privacy Filming within the main function room at the new community centre and make recommendation.

8.6 To receive quotations relating to the installation of additional bird-mouth fencing to the front public open space and make recommendation.

8.1 Council had been previously advised via email of an increase in price for the installation of the external CCTV at Ackworth Quarries. It was **NOTED** that the final cost was £1550.

8.2 It was **RECOMMENDED** that the item was referred to the May Council meeting for decision with supporting photo of the quoted doors.

8.3 /8.4 The Chair took the two items together; it was **RECOMMENDED** that these items are deferred to a later meeting of this committee post summer once further user feedback had been gained.

8.5 It was **RECOMMENDED** that further quotes and designs including half solar and half privacy were gained for further review.

8.6 It was **RECOMMENDED** that Barkers Fencing were selected to complete the remainder of the bird mouth fencing as previously agreed for installation by Council.

9. To confirm the legal handover of 'Phase Two' front public open space and wooded area starting May 2026 between Strata Homes Ltd and Ackworth Parish Council.

10. It was **NOTED** that the legal handover of 'Phase Two' front public open space and wooded area starting May 2026 between Strata Homes Ltd and Ackworth Parish Council was **CONFIRMED**.

Time Closed: 19:45