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Minutes of the Environment, Road Safety and Planning Committee held on Monday 27th July 2026 @ 7:15PM

Attendance

Cllr Martin Roberts - Chair
Cllr Amanda Cook
Cllr Andy Sherratt
Cllr Sean Richmond
Cllr Ian Moore

Deputy Clerk: K Batty
3 members of the public
Lucy Johnson from Don Catchment Rivers Trust

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 S Balfour.
- 1.2 The committee had considered and **APPROVED** the reason given by Cllr S Balfour.

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.

Cllr Moore **NOTED** being the neighbour of application 23/00314/S730 but had no pecuniary interest on the application.

3. To note the minutes for the Environment, Road Safety and Planning Committee meeting held on 27th April 2026.

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

4. To consider a response to the planning authority on the following planning applications.

4.1 26/01217/CPL - 61 Station Road Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7LU. First floor extension above existing ground floor footprint. Deadline date 02/09/2026. 4.2 23/00314/S730 - Mill Lane Garages Mill Lane Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7NW. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application 23/00314/REM01 (Reserved Matters pursuant to 23/00314/S7301 (appearance, landscaping and scale) for residential development of 4no. dwellings) to alter internal layout increase number of bedrooms within plots 2, 3 and 4 and alteration and addition of openings to all plots. Deadline date 24/08/2026. 4.3 26/01251/CPL - Low Field House Vale View Ackworth Pontefract WF7 7HQ. Fire damage to existing side extension, extension is to be demolished and rebuilt on same footprint. Deadline date 07/09/2026
4.1/4.2/4.3 The above applications were considered and NOTED.
5. To receive an update on available River Went reporting information from a local volunteer and consider recommendation.
5.1 The Chair introduced Lucy Johnson, a volunteer from the Don Catchment Rivers Trust. Lucy provided an overview of the work carried out by the Trust. It was RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council work with the Trust to set up a line of communication to receive updates of volunteering opportunities etc to share with residents. Any future reports to be added to relevant agendas.
6. To further review the draft Road Safety Proposal from Cllrs A Sherratt, Balfour and Moore and make recommendation to Council.
6.1 The draft Road Safety Proposal was reviewed. It was RECOMMENDED that it is circulated to District Councillors to request their support and included in the next Council meeting for APPROVAL.
7. To receive results from West Yorkshire Police following the use of a Speed Indicator Device 'SID' on Doncaster Road on the 23rd April 2026 at 17:00 supplied for awareness only following requests made by residents at a PACT meeting.
7.1 The report was RECEIVED. The results of the survey were previously circulated to this committee: Doncaster Road – Ackworth on 23/4/26 @ 1700 hours Outbound – 189 vehicles of which 5 were over speed limit Inbound – 97 vehicles of which 4 were over speed limit. Councillors AGREED the results should be shared on social media.
8. To receive a draft policy for the adoption of a 'Disposal of Council documents and equipment (including IT) and consider recommendation.
8.1 It was RECOMMENDED that the draft policy is adopted.
9. To receive a Council deferred proposal from Cllr A Sherratt regarding parking at Bell Lane Community Centre including use by centre users, school users, and resident parking and to make recommendation on who is permitted to use the car parking facility.
9.1 It was RECOMMENDED that a Car Park Policy is created and brought back to a future meeting. It was further RECOMMENDED that the resident using the disabled space at the front of the building is asked to utilise a different space, thereby freeing up a disabled bay.
10. 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)

10.1 It was AGREED to move to the private section of the meeting.
11. To receive correspondence from Environmental Health at Wakefield Council regarding a complaint relating to light pollution at Ackworth Quarries Community Centre and make recommendation.
11.1 It was RECOMMENDED that the lights on the outside of the building are dimmed to the lowest setting and provide a response to Wakefield Council advising of this. It was NOTED that this action could be taken by the Clerk under delegated authority.

Meeting Closed: 20:00