

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
12 September 2019**

Present: Councillors Colvin, Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hirst, Holmes, Kenyon, Mitchell, Pringle, Wilson and the town clerk.

11 members of the public were in attendance

179 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bugge and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

180 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Eccles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 – Yorkshire Water.

Cllr J Eccles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 – Yorkshire Water.

181 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 be approved.

182 YORKSHIRE WATER

Resolved that advice be sought from the council's solicitor regarding Yorkshire Water's request to survey a portion of land at Hemsworth Water Park.

183 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

a) Use of the facility generally, and particularly regarding a request from Hemsworth Town FC

Resolved that the trial period end forthwith and that the facility revert back to being managed by council staff.

b) Procurement of a dug out and a small stand

Resolved that in principle a dug out and small stand be procured, pending receipt of further information and quotes.

184 CEMETERY ROAD FOOTBALL FACILITY

Resolved that the arrangements for the facility remain the same.

185 ALLOTMENTS

a) Request regarding the entrance area at Springfield allotments.

Resolved that the request to improve the entrance area be approved.

b) Request regarding the wildflower/orchard area at Springfield allotments.

Resolved that the request to have a wildflower area and corresponding funding of £155 be approved.

c) Request to assist with funding for the Springfield Allotments Community Club

Resolved that the request for further funding be declined but with advice provided as to other forms of support.

d) Animal fee

Resolved that the animal fee be reviewed in the New Year.

e) Asbestos removal

Resolved that the further quote obtained for the removal of asbestos from the specified allotments be approved.

186 WATER PARK

a) Dredging of the lower lake

Resolved that the town clerk and Cllr Hardacre investigate the matter, with particular reference to the Environment Agency.

b) New machinery/equipment

Resolved that the matter be deferred pending receipt of further information/estimates.

c) Criteria for passes into Playworld

Resolved that the criteria for passes be extended to include those persons who are resident in the parish but have children or grandchildren who reside out of the parish.

d) Disabled access to car park

Resolved that disabled parking be more clearly signposted and that possible further disabled parking spaces be identified.

187 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR

a) Menu

Resolved that this be deferred until the new café bar manager is in post.

b) Kitchen equipment

Resolved that this be deferred until the new café bar manager is in post.

c) Indoor play area

Resolved that the play area be monitored by staff at peak times and that a further review be conducted in due course.

d) Disabled access to café bar

Resolved that a ramp be procured to aid disabled access to the main entrance of the café bar.

e) Income for July and August

Resolved that the income for July and August be noted and approved.

f) Recruitment of café bar staff and staffing update generally

Resolved that the recruitment of café bar staff commence via the standard recruitment procedure with the relevant chairs and vice-chairs being on the recruitment panel.

g) A Remembrance Sunday event

Resolved that an event involving the SESKU Scooter Club be approved along with a buffet.

h) Opening hours for winter generally and Christmas and New Year specifically

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

188 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE - DEPUTY MANAGER

Resolved that the internal recruitment of a grounds maintenance deputy manager and if necessary, a grounds maintenance operative, commence via the standard recruitment procedure with the relevant chairs and vice-chairs being on the recruitment panel.

The meeting closed at 20:30.