

RECREATION COMMITTEE

15 September 2015

Present: Councillors Swift (Chairman), Beck, Draper, McIntyre, Nicholson, Upson & Westmorland.

Apologies: Councillor Briggs & Jones.

2 members of the public were in attendance.

148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda.

The Chairman read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

The Chairman informed members that she wished to put forward a proposal to suspend standing orders to allow the 2 members of the public present to raise matters relating to Item 8d (Newstead Allotment land – Vehicles Parking on Council land). The proposal was seconded by Councillor Upson and this was carried unanimously.

Councillor Upson gave a brief update on matters relating to the parking of vehicles on Newstead allotment land and the Town Council's actions taken to protect ownership of this land. The Chairman allowed the members of the public to put forward their comments.

The Chairman thanked the members of public for their comments and informed them that the matter would be discussed in full in exclusion of press and public due to the legalities of the matter and the Clerk would contact the residents in due course.

Standing orders were reinstated and the meeting restarted @ 7.20 p.m.

149 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 2 (2015/2016) pages 087 – 089 and as adopted by the Town Council on 18th July 2015, be received and approved.

150 FOOTBALL FACILITY - INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information that had been circulated with the agenda relating to the income received from the Football Facility for July & August 2015 as compared to the previous year – pages 136 - 137 of these minutes. The Clerk informed members of the stock report details for July & August

It was agreed that the information be noted.

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151 HEMSWORTH MARKET – INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information that had been circulated with the agenda relating to the income received from the Market for July & August 2015 as compared to the previous year – pages 138 - 139 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

152 BONFIRE – 05 NOVEMBER 2015

Members discussed the report on the Bonfire arrangements for 05 November 2015 which was circulated with the agenda. The Clerk informed members that since writing the report permission had now been given by Hemsworth Arts & Community College to use their car park. The Clerk explained that due to the additional car parks being used this year, 2 additional security staff would be required.

Councillor McIntyre asked the Clerk to pass on the Council's thanks to the staff for providing an excellent report.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations in the report be approved as detailed below;

1. That the report and the additional information provided by the Clerk be noted and authority be given to have 2 additional security staff on duty
2. That members approved the changes to the procedures.
3. That Councillor Swift is nominated to attend the event and undertake the civic duties
4. That members agreed to the closure of Sandygate Football Facility on 5 November 2015.

153 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – 26 NOVEMBER 2015

Members discussed the report on the Christmas Lights Switch On for 26 November 2015 which was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and Councillor Swift is nominated to attend the event and undertake the civic duties on the evening.

It was further agreed that the quotation from Company 1 to undertake a magic show and balloon modelling between 4.00 – 5.30 p.m. be approved and that South Kirkby Renaissance band be asked if they can come along and perform some carols for a sing-along with members of the public between 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

154 ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- a. Club Terrace Allotment Site – Request for Information.

The Clerk read out an item of correspondence received relating to what plans the Town Council have for the Club Terrace allotments along with a request for compensation for loss of 15 balls in the Club Terrace and Wanneville allotment sites.

The Clerk explained that the Hemsworth Miners FC were looking to initiate phase 2 of their football foundation development plan and that this would mean looking for more playing fields.

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154 ALLOTMENTS - continued

- a. Club Terrace Allotment Site – Request for Information - continued.

Members discussed the matters raised and requested further details be obtained re; Football foundation Phase 2 project/Clubs proposals on regeneration of the area so that this could be looked at in conjunction with the Town Council's Strategic Plan for that area. In addition to this the Town Council could not be held responsible for lost balls however contact would be made with the Allotment Secretary at Wanneville to ascertain if any balls have been found so that these could be returned to the club.

It was agreed that the Clerk responds to the letter as discussed.

- b. Allotment Representative Meeting – Wednesday 19 August 2015

Members discussed the minutes of the meeting which had been circulated with the agenda. Councillor Upson gave additional information on the matters raised.

It was agreed that the information and notes of the meeting be noted.

- c. Grove Lane Removal of trees and hedges on vacant plots.

It was agreed that the quotation received to remove the trees and hedges be approved.

- d. Newstead Allotment Land – Vehicles Parking on Council Land – **to be taken in exclusion of press & public**

- e. Newstead Allotments Water Course – Request for Contribution to clearing the water course.

It was agreed that following the details supplied by the Clerk that authority is given to paying half of the costs for the work undertaken.

155 GARAGES PLOT

The Town Clerk reported on an issue relating to a garage plot on Newstead Allotment site.

It was agreed that the Clerk deals with this matter following obtaining appropriate legal advice.

156 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

157 OPENING OF THE BONFIRE TENDERS

The Clerk opened the five Tenders received and they were duly signed by two Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the highest tender for the catering van along with the same company's tenders for the sweet stall, doughnut stall and light-up glows be accepted.

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158 CITY ESTATE

The Town Clerk gave details of matters relating to the development at Fitzwilliam that affected access to the Councils land (Club Terrace Allotments) and the cost for the Consultants to undertake the necessary work in safeguarding the Town Council land. Members discussed this matter and the need to ensure that safeguarding of the Town Council land is paramount.

It was agreed that the costs be approved and the Clerk instructs the Consultants to undertake the work.

159 ALLOTMENTS

d. Newstead Allotment Land – Vehicles Parking on Council Land

Members discussed in detail the issues relating to the vehicles parking on the Town Council land and considered the correspondence received and the points raised by local residents.

Councillor Draper put forward the following proposal; That this Town Council takes the necessary action to secure the Town Council's land by offering a garden tenancy to the local residents for a small annual charge in line with allotment charges and that the appropriate legal advice is sought. In addition to this one of the conditions in the tenancy is to allow a maximum of 2 vehicles per household. This was seconded by Councillor McIntyre.

Councillor Westmorland put forward an amendment that the residents be allowed a maximum of 3 vehicles. There was no seconder for the amendment.

RESOLVED: That by a vote of 6 for and 1 against the proposal was carried;

That this Town Council takes the necessary action to secure the Town Council's land by offering a garden tenancy to the local residents for a small annual charge in line with allotment charges and that the appropriate legal advice is sought. In addition to this one of the conditions in the tenancy is to allow a maximum of 2 vehicles per household.

Meeting closed @ 8.30 p.m.