

Town Council Meeting
17 October 2019

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

18 members of the public were in attendance

222 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Colvin.

Resolved that the reason for absence be approved.

223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations other than those already stated in members' respective register of interests.

224 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Points were raised by members of the public on the following matters:

- The traffic and resultant bottlenecks in Hemsworth.
- Wasteland at the former Farmers site in Kinsley.
- The KFC/Costa planning application for the former market site in Hemsworth.
- Mrs Witton (who requested her name be included in the minutes) raised the following issues:
 - (i) The poor state of repair of Kirkby Road
 - (ii) Traffic being forced to go one way through Hemsworth to Wakefield due to 'rat runs' being closed.
 - (iii) The risk assessment, general safety and refuse in respect of the music festival in August 2020.

225 CORRESPONDENCE

The town clerk reported on correspondence in respect of the following:

- a) Letter of thanks from BOAR Cottage.
- b) Letter of thanks from 'Friends of Fitzwilliam Station'.
- c) Request from Scope to place a recycling bank on council property.

Resolved that the request from Scope be declined due to the council's recent agreement to place donation points on council property for the children's air ambulance.

226 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held on 15 August 2019 be approved.

227 COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

Leisure and Recreation	12 September 2019
Finance	19 September 2019

Policy and Planning

2 October 2019

228 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the payment of accounts as approved at the Finance Committee meeting held on 19 September 2019 be approved.

229 COUNCIL TAX MITIGATION GRANT

Resolved that the town clerk write to the Leader of Wakefield Council to request that the mitigation grant be passed on to the town council in 2020-21.

230 COUNCILLORS AS VOLUNTEERS

The town clerk confirmed that councillors receive no remuneration for the work they do for the town council.

231 COUNCIL CHAMBER DECOR

Resolved that all décor in the council chamber which is unrelated to the parish of Hemsworth be removed.

232 ALLOTMENTS

Resolved that signs be placed at Newstead allotments to remind allotment holders of the environmental regulations regarding fires.

233 CLUB TERRACE

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to submit a request to the Secretary of State in respect of allotment classification for the land at Club Terrace, Fitzwilliam.

234 SANDYGATE AND CEMETERY ROAD – GRASS PITCHES

Resolved that the respective football teams be reminded not to overuse the grass pitches to prevent damage.

235 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

a) Small fishing lake

Resolved that York Agricultural College be asked to assist with possible dredging of the lake.

b) Mitigation rights/payments for sewerage

Resolved that the chairman be commended for arranging a significant refund from Yorkshire Water / Business Stream in respect of the sewerage.

236 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR SUPPLIERS

Resolved that the café bar manager review the suppliers and report back in due course.

237 COUNCIL EVENTS

a) Halloween 2019

Resolved that a Halloween event with a children's disco take place on 26 October 2019 at the Lakeside Café Bar.

b) Bonfire night 2019

Resolved that the traditional bonfire night celebration be held at Hemsworth Water Park on 5 November 2019 with entertainment provided in the Lakeside Café Bar.

c) Christmas lights switch on 2019

Resolved that the traditional Christmas lights switch on be held on 30 November 2019 with an ice rink, reindeer and children's entertainment.

d) Winter wonderland 2019

Resolved that a winter wonderland children's event be held at the Lakeside Café Bar on a date in December to be determined by the café bar manager.

e) Luncheon club

Resolved that the arrangements for a luncheon club be made as soon as possible.

f) Staff and councillors Christmas party 2019

Resolved that a party be held in the function room at the Lakeside Café Bar for staff and councillors on 13 December 2019.

g) New Year's Eve 2019

Resolved that an event be held on New Year's Eve at the Lakeside Café Bar.

h) Hemsworth pop concert 2020

Resolved that a pop concert be held in Hemsworth Water Park on 31 August 2020.

i) Abba/Christmas concert

Resolved that a combined Abba tribute and Christmas concert be held in the main hall at Hemsworth Community Centre on 14 December 2019.

238 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Resolved that Hemsworth Community Safety Group be allowed to store its equipment at Hemsworth Community Centre.

239 HIGHFIELD ROAD PLAYING FIELDS, HEMSWORTH

Resolved that Wakefield Council be asked to erect fencing at the site to ensure children's health and safety.

240 SECTION 106 MONIES

Resolved that Cllrs Womersley and Kenyon continue the discussions with Wakefield Council and report back in due course.

241 WMDC DELEGATED DECISION – JUNE 2016

Resolved that Cllrs Womersley and Kenyon continue the discussions with Wakefield Council and report back in due course.

242 YOUTH CLUB PROVISION

Resolved that the arrangements for a youth club continue and that the town clerk report on progress in due course.

243 COUNCIL ARCHIVE

Resolved that members be allowed to inspect the council's archive by appointment and subject to GDPR clearance from the town clerk.

244 GENERAL INCOME

Resolved that a general income report be established.

245 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & 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.

246 SPORTS COMPLEX, KIRKBY ROAD

a) Refuse, knotweed and general detritus left on site by SCL

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to procure remedial knotweed work and that matters generally of refuse, knotweed and general detritus left on site by SCL be progressed in accordance with the advice of the council's solicitor.

b) Authorisation of progress

Resolved that the overarching matter of the sports complex be progressed in accordance with the advice of the council's solicitor.

247 TENDER – BONFIRE NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Resolved that:

- Two tenders be accepted from one person and one tender from another person in respect of bonfire night.
- The tenders for the Christmas lights switch on be deferred to the Finance Committee meeting on 21 November 2019.

248 STAFFING MATTERS

a) Rescission of a final written warning

Resolved that the final written warning of the member of staff concerned be rescinded.

b) Remaining staffing matters

Resolved that the remaining staffing matters be deferred to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:55.