

**Coronavirus Contingency Committee Meeting
8 July 2020**

Present: Councillors Bugge, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Kenyon, Mitchell and Womersley.

One member of the public was in attendance.

NB – This meeting was held online, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.

A minute's silence was held prior to the meeting as a mark of respect for two parishioners who had recently passed away, Malcolm Tinker and Terry Wildman.

527 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pringle and Wilson.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

528 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Eccles declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (c) – Allotments - Land adjacent to Newstead allotments.

Cllr J Eccles declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (c) - Allotments - Land adjacent to Newstead allotments.

529 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2020 be approved.

530 ALLOTMENTS

a) Water butts

Resolved to confirm that water butts can be used.

b) Inspections

Resolved that:

- Members conduct a site visit with the head of security to the Grove Lane allotments.
- When (COVID) circumstances and government regulations allow, a public meeting be held for allotment holders.

c) Land adjacent to Newstead allotments

Having each declared a pecuniary interest, Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles left the meeting at this juncture. The town clerk confirmed the meeting is still quorate.

Resolved that the request to temporarily place some flagstones be approved but not permanently.

At this juncture Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles returned to the meeting.

531 ROADS/HIGHWAY CONDITION

Resolved that all overgrown verges adjacent to roads be reported to Wakefield Council.

532 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDERS

Resolved that enquiries be made with Wakefield Council and local schools regarding possible grounds maintenance tenders.

533 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

a) Luncheon club

Resolved that Cllr J Eccles will liaise with the Lakeside café bar manager to progress the luncheon club when (COVID) circumstances and government regulations allow.

b) Roof repair

Resolved that the quote be declined and that other arrangements be made.

c) Citizens advice service

Resolved that the citizens advice service resume in the centre in August and consequently two-thirds of the annual bill be paid.

534 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

Resolved that the request from West End Terriers FC regarding the fees for the astroturf pitch be approved as follows:

- Free use in July.
- 50% off the fees in August.
- Full fees from September onwards.
- The changing rooms and floodlights remain out of use.

535 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

a) Mad paddlers

Resolved that the request from the 'mad paddlers' to use the large lake be declined but with a review to be conducted in two weeks' time.

b) Sewerage issues

The chair reported on the sewerage from the Hemsworth Park Care Home.

Resolved that:

- The report of the chair be noted and approved.
- Correspondence issued thus far be approved.
- The care home be asked to confirm the measures taken to alleviate the problem.

c) Review of operations

Resolved that:

- All portaloos be returned.
- Having conducted a COVID secure risk assessment, the beach shop toilets and indoor (café) toilets re-open forthwith but remain under regular review.
- Pedalos remain out of use.
- Playworld remains closed.

536 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR

a) Meal delivery service

Resolved that the meal delivery service continue but with a review in two weeks' time.

b) Slush machine

Resolved that the chair will source another quote and that the matter be deferred accordingly.

c) Walk in fridge freezer

Resolved that this item be deferred until the next financial year.

537 GARDEN SCHEME 2020

Resolved that the grounds maintenance manager will review the applications received and report back at the next meeting.

538 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.

539 ALLOTMENTS

Resolved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting pending a site visit by members.

540 COMPLAINT

Resolved that in accordance with procedure, the town clerk deal with the complaint and that the complainant has a right of appeal to the council.

541 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX AND MEADOW CROFT

a) Sports complex and Meadow Croft

The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex and Meadow Croft.

Resolved that:

- The report of the town clerk be noted and approved.
- Mr Paul Stookes of Richard Buxton Solicitors be instructed accordingly.

b) Land adjacent to Meadow Croft

Resolved that the request regarding land on the sports complex which is adjacent to Meadow Croft be declined.

The meeting closed at 11:15.