

**Town Council Meeting
8 July 2020**

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

1 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.

542 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dodson, Hirst and Wilson.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

543 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

544 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Points were raised by a member of the public concerning the sports complex at Kirkby Road, to which the chairman responded.

545 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the respective minutes of the council meeting held on 4 February 2020 and the extraordinary council meetings held on 26 February 2020 and 19 March 2020, as detailed in minute book no. 6, be approved.

546 COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the following meetings and their respective sub-committees be adopted:

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| Staffing | 5 March 2020 |
| Leisure and Recreation | 5 March 2020 |
| Finance | 12 March 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 24 March 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 15 April 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 29 April 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 13 May 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 27 May 2020 |
| Staffing | 3 June 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 10 June 2020 |
| Staffing | 17 June 2020 |
| Coronavirus Contingency | 24 June 2020 |
| Staffing | 29 June 2020 |

547 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the payment of accounts as approved at the Finance Committee meeting held on 12 March 2020 be approved.

548 INTERNAL CONTROLS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved that in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended) and having reviewed the efficacy of the present internal audit and system of internal controls and considered the findings, the report of the internal auditor for the year ended 31 March 2020 be received and approved.

549 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019-20

Resolved that having been reviewed, the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020 be approved.

550 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2019-20

Resolved that having been reviewed, the Annual Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 be approved.

The chairman commended the work of the administration team – Sharon Holmes, Leeann Tulley and Sian Sealey.

551 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved that:

- A COVID secure ‘hybrid’ council meeting be held in August.
- One more Coronavirus Contingency Committee meeting be held in July and the cycle of regular committee meetings (Leisure and Recreation, Finance, Policy and Planning) will re-start in September.
- The council will decide at the August meeting whether the committee meetings will be ‘hybrid’ or held purely online.

552 WATER PARK AND LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR - EXPENDITURE

Cllr Womersley gave his views on expenditure at the water park and a robust discussion was held.

The meeting closed at 19:45.