

**Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
3 December 2020**

Present: Councillors Bugge, Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hirst, Kenyon, Wilson and the town clerk.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

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

171 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hardacre, Pringle and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

172 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

173 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020 be approved.

174 COUNCIL OPERATIONS - COVID

The town clerk confirmed the tier 3 restrictions and the resultant effects on council operations.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.

175 CHRISTMAS – HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Resolved that:

- The community centre will close at lunchtime on 24 December 2020 and will re-open on 4 January 2021.
- The three working days be deducted from the leave of the office staff.

176 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) 'Hybrid' meetings

Resolved that 'hybrid' meetings (COVID secure physical meetings simultaneously held online) will continue until the government's guidance changes.

b) Holding meetings in Fitzwilliam Community Centre

Resolved that:

- Meetings cannot be held in the community centre due to it not being fully COVID secure.
- A review be held when the COVID situation improves.

c) Streaming meetings on social media

Resolved that meetings will not be streamed on social media but will be held via Zoom to enable remote viewing.

Visit Lakeside Café Bar for a quality carvery every Wednesday and Sunday

- 177 CODE OF CONDUCT – CONSULTATION BY THE COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**
Resolved that the consultation be noted.
- 178 CHRISTMAS FLOAT**
Resolved that a Christmas float be approved to deliver gifts to children throughout the parish.
- 179 STATIONERY**
Resolved that elected members are provided with the necessary stationery and associated equipment to fulfil their respective roles.
- 180 GAS BOILER SERVICING/MAINTENANCE**
Resolved that the quote from Mastiff Heating be approved.
- 181 FIXED WIRE TESTING**
The town clerk reported that he is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the fixed wire testing.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.
- 182 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK**
a) Request from the 'Mad Paddlers'
Resolved that the request regarding a different location for the container be declined.

b) Storage unit
The town clerk reported on the insurance stipulations for the new storage unit.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.

c) Music festival
The town clerk confirmed that a license has been obtained for the music festival on 31 May 2021 but that other preparations are on hold.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.
- 183 CLUB TERRACE**
Resolved that the adjacent landowner be allowed access to survey the site regarding possible knotweed.
- 184 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.
- 185 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX**
The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex and a request regarding knotweed management.

Resolved that:
 - The report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

- The advice of Richard Buxton and Matthew Hutchings continue to be accepted and approved.
- Richard Buxton Solicitors continue to be instructed accordingly.
- A quote be obtained from the knotweed management company to survey the densely wooded area of the site.

The meeting closed at 19:45.