

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
12 November 2020**

Present: Councillors Bugge, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Kenyon, Pringle, Wilson and the town clerk.

Six members of the public were in attendance.

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

138 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hirst and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Eccles declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8(b) – Hemsworth Water Park – Correspondence from Yorkshire Water.

Cllr J Eccles declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8(b) – Hemsworth Water Park – Correspondence from Yorkshire Water.

Cllr Pringle declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8(a) – Hemsworth Water Park – request from Wakefield Council.

140 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2020 be approved.

141 CLUB TERRACE

Resolved that the fencing at Club Terrace be reinstated.

142 LOCAL PLAN

Resolved that the council respond to Wakefield Council's consultation regarding its Local Plan 2036 by submitting that Club Terrace, Fitzwilliam be taken out of green belt and that the land at Kirkby Road, Hemsworth be put back to recreational use.

143 CHRISTMAS TREES

Resolved that a Christmas tree be procured for and placed in Fitzwilliam and Kinsley.

Cllr Pringle left the meeting at this juncture thus Cllr G Eccles assumed the chair.

144 ALLOTMENTS

a) Asbestos removal

Resolved that the quote from 'Smart Asbestos Removal' be approved.

b) Request to transfer plots

Resolved that the request to transfer plots from a recently deceased allotment holder be approved.

c) Request to have another horse on a paddock

Resolved that the request be declined due to insufficient space.

145 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

a) Request from Wakefield Council to book Playworld

Resolved that the request from Wakefield Council to book Playworld for a day in July 2021 be approved, with the charge to be determined in due course.

b) Correspondence from Yorkshire Water regarding pipe/sewer work

Due to their respective pecuniary interests, Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles took no part in this item thus Cllr Kenyon assumed the chair.

Resolved that the correspondence from Yorkshire Water be noted and that any resultant compensation be claimed.

At this juncture Cllr G Eccles resumed the chair.

c) Storage unit - update

The town clerk reported that the unit has been deconstructed and that the project manager – Jason Begg – will direct the reconstruction when the necessary permissions have been obtained.

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

d) Review of the park's operations - COVID

Resolved that:

- The park remains open.
- Playworld remains closed.
- The beach shop remains open.
- The (outdoor) toilets remain open but with COVID secure measures in place.

146 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR - COVID

Resolved that the café bar remains closed.

147 FOOTBALL FACILITIES - COVID

Resolved that the football facilities remain closed.

148 COMMUNITY CENTRES - COVID

Resolved that:

- Fitzwilliam Community Centre remains closed.
- Hemsworth Community Centre be closed to the general public unless for an appointment for an exempt activity.

149 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The town clerk reported on the (anonymized) freedom of information requests received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the freedom of information requests.

150 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.

151 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX

The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex and reported two requests in respect of 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.
- The requests regarding knotweed management details be approved.

The meeting closed at 20:30.