

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
4 March 2021**

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

No 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.

313 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Womersley.

Resolved that the reason for absence be approved.

314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

315 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2021 be approved.

316 ALLOTMENTS

Resolved that the request from 'Springfield Allotment Community Klub' to waive the allotment fees for 2021 be approved.

317 WALKING FOOTBALL TEAM

Resolved that the request from Hemsworth West End Terriers FC to support their setting up of a walking football team be approved in principle, pending receipt of further details.

318 FOOTBALL PITCH – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Resolved that further to minute no. 249, the goalposts work has to cease and that portable nets will have to be used instead.

319 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

a) Review of the park's operations generally with reference to COVID

The town clerk reported that Wakefield Council's Licensing Team had conducted a surprise COVID inspection.

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.

b) Possible acts/entertainment in the café bar

Resolved that this matter be deferred, dependent on the prevailing COVID restrictions.

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

c) Storage unit - update

The council chairman reported that the structure has been constructed and the roof is complete.

d) Car park charges

Resolved that car parking remains free with a review to be held in 2022.

e) Request from the 'Mad Paddlers'

Resolved that the request from the 'Mad Paddlers' be declined with a review to be held in June, COVID restrictions permitting.

320 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.

321 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – ICE CREAM CONCESSION

Resolved that:

- All monies due to the council be paid.
- The matter to be deferred to the next Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting.

322 SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST

The town clerk reported on an (anonymized) subject access request received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the subject access request, in accordance with legal advice from Darren Finlay.

323 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX

a) Request from Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC

Resolved that Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC be assured that all stakeholders such as them will be consulted in due course.

b) Knotweed report

Resolved that the knotweed concerned (JK12) be dealt with in-house.

c) General matters pertaining to the sports complex

Resolved that:

- The advice of Richard Buxton and Matthew Hutchings continue to be accepted and approved.
- Richard Buxton Solicitors continue to be instructed accordingly.

The meeting closed at 20:10.