

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
8 April 2021**

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

Three 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.

In the absence of the chair, Cllr J Eccles was elected to chair the meeting.

405 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pringle and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

406 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

407 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2021 be approved.

408 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY – REQUEST TO REDUCE FEES

Resolved that the fees for the 3g pitch be halved for 2021-22 season for teams in the parish.

409 ALLOTMENTS

a) Request to place a beehive (Newstead site)

Resolved that the request to place a beehive be approved, conditional on the allotment holder having public liability insurance and with a review after 12 months.

b) Security wire in lieu of fees (Grove Lane site)

Resolved that the supply of security wire be accepted and approved in lieu of fees for 2021-22 for the allotment holder concerned.

c) Request regarding late payment of fees (Grove Lane)

Resolved that the request to accept late payment of fees be approved (by 30 April 2021 at the latest).

d) General correspondence issued to allotment holders

Resolved that:

- General/routine correspondence be issued in the general manager's name.
- Notices to quit be issued in the town clerk's name.

410 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

a) Review of the park's operations generally with reference to 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.
- The café bar remains closed but kept under regular review

b) Possible acts/entertainment in the café bar

Resolved that there be no acts/entertainment in the café bar until further notice.

c) Storage unit - update

The council chairman reported that the unit is almost complete.

d) General manager's report

The general manager was unable to attend.

411 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE – CYCLE RACK

Resolved that:

- The request from Wakefield Council to place a cycle rack at the front of the community centre be declined.
- The car park be offered as an alternative location.

412 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.

413 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – ICE CREAM CONCESSION

Resolved that:

- The current ice cream concession be extended by three months to end on 31 August 2021 with the same terms and conditions and a pro rata charge.
- A review to be held in June regarding a future tender.

414 KIRKBY ROAD 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 19:45.