

**Policy and Planning Committee Meeting  
18 March 2021**

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

**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.*

**352 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pringle and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

**353 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**354 MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 be approved.

**355 BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS MAST**

A presentation was made by Mr John Bullivent of 'Quickline Communications' regarding a proposed 36 metre communications mast off Barnsley Road, Hemsworth.

Resolved that:

- Mr Bullivent be thanked for his presentation.
- 'Quickline Communications' be asked to assist the community by sponsoring and/or donating to a local football team.

**356 CEMETERY ROAD – EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP**

Resolved that the request from West End Terriers FC to hold an Easter holiday football camp be deferred to the next town council meeting, pending receipt of further details.

**357 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK - FUNFAIR**

Resolved that the respective requests regarding possible funfairs at the park be deferred to the next town council meeting.

**358 INSURANCE – COVID BUSINESS INTERRUPTION CLAIM**

The town clerk reported that the council's insurer (RSA) has declined the council's claim for COVID business interruption (primarily at Lakeside Café Bar).

Resolved that an appeal be submitted and legal advice sought, if necessary.

**359 INSURANCE RENEWAL**

The town clerk confirmed that WPS had been notified of the council's decision (minute no. 342) and that the new cover will be in place from 1 April 2021.

**360 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Further to minute no. 343, the town clerk reported that Wakefield Council have yet to provide a quote for health and safety consultancy.

Resolved that the matter be deferred to the next town council meeting, pending receipt of the quote from Wakefield Council.

**361 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Resolved that:

- All purchases of £100 or more must be referred to the town clerk first.
- Two new lawnmowers be procured.

**362 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.

**363 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX**

The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex.

Resolved that:

- The report of the town clerk be noted and approved.
- The knotweed survey report be provided to the person concerned.
- 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.