

**Extraordinary Town Council Meeting
10 June 2021**

Present: Councillors Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, Mitchell, Pringle, A Westmorland, G Westmorland, Wilson, Womersley and the town clerk.

No members of the public were in attendance

043 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bugge and Hardacre.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Eccles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 (e) – Staffing matters – seasonal staff overtime.

Cllr J Eccles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 (e) – Staffing matters – seasonal staff overtime.

045 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

046 MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE

Resolved that the meal delivery service will be put on hold on Wednesday but will continue on Sundays with a review to be held in due course.

047 CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, PROCEDURES AND TRAINING

a) Conduct of council meetings

The chairman reminded members of their obligation to abide by the code of conduct during council meetings.

b) Council procedures

The chairman reminded members of their obligation to act in accordance with the council's procedures.

c) Training from YLCA

Resolved that code of conduct training be procured from YLCA.

048 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.

049 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

Resolved that Yorkshire Water be allowed access to conduct the bore hole investigatory work.

Further to minute no. 42 (2021-22), the town clerk presented his report on his investigation into the dumped rubbish, with two primary recommendations:

- Appoint an external person/body to continue with the investigation.
- Appoint a contractor to assess whether there is any asbestos and remove the rubbish and/or make it safer.

Resolved that:

- The town clerk's report be noted and approved.
- Quotes be obtained from YLCA, YHEA etc to continue with the investigation.
- That the asbestos firm used by the council previously (Smart Asbestos) be tasked with testing for asbestos.

050 STAFFING MATTERS

a) Appointment of an appeal panel

Resolved that Cllrs Dodson, Hird and Middleton be appointed as the appeal panel with Cllr A Westmorland as reserve.

b) Counselling

Resolved that this item be deferred, pending receipt of costings.

c) Furlough

Resolved to offer 100% of salary for the remaining staff on furlough.

d) Grounds maintenance

Resolved that:

- A recruitment exercise for permanent staff (manager and two officers) be conducted by the town clerk and the general manager.
- All necessary training be procured forthwith.

e) Seasonal staff - overtime

Resolved that seasonal staff will not be paid overtime.

f) Correspondence from ACAS

Resolved that Darren Finlay be authorised to liaise with ACAS on this matter.

The meeting closed at 20:15.