

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
17 June 2021**

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

4 members of the public were in attendance

072 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Cllr Pringle be elected chair for the ensuing council year.

073 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Cllr Hird be elected vice-chair for the ensuing council year.

074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were in attendance.

075 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

076 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2021 be approved.

077 ALLOTMENTS

a) Asbestos removal

Resolved that a quote be obtained for the removal of asbestos.

b) Community allotment (Sandygate) – request to waive fees

Resolved that the request to waive the fees for this year be approved.

c) Community allotment (Springfield) – request to 'whacker' the lane

Resolved that this item be deferred pending receipt of further information.

d) Paddock – request for refund

Resolved that the request for a refund be declined.

078 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Review of COVID measures

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 open but with COVID secure measures in place.

b) Evac-chair maintenance

Visit Hemsworth Water Park and Playworld for a great family day out

Resolved that evac-chair be appointed to conduct the annual servicing/maintenance.

c) Entertainment acts

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

d) Memorial garden

Resolved that a memorial garden be approved in principle with a specific location to be determined in due course.

e) Request to use the lake for sailing activities

Resolved that the request be declined.

f) Request to use the lake for canoeing activities

Resolved that the request be declined.

g) Request to use the park for a lantern event

Resolved that this item be deferred pending receipt of further information regarding the lanterns and the potential fire risk.

h) Review of the pedalos

Resolved that the pedalos remain out of use.

i) Review of Playworld

Resolved that Playworld remains closed for the immediate future but that work commence to ensure it is open for the summer holidays.

j) Review of the lower lake

Resolved that this item be deferred pending receipt of a revised quote to dredge the lower lake.

k) Lift for the café bar

Resolved that this item be deferred.

079 HEMSWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

a) Confirmation of license from WMDC

The town clerk confirmed that WMDC had granted an amendment to the license so that the festival can take place on 3 June 2022.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.

b) Black Watch Pipe and Drums

The town clerk reported that the Black Watch Pipe and Drums are not available on 3 June 2022.

c) Other acts and entertainment

Resolved that this item be deferred.

080 BONFIRE NIGHT

Resolved that this item be deferred.

081 CHRISTMAS TREES

The town clerk reported that he has requested costings from WMDC but currently awaits a response.

Resolved that this item be deferred.

082 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

a) 3g pitch maintenance

Resolved that this item be deferred.

b) Request to open grass pitches from 9 August

Resolved to confirm that the grass pitches need at least six weeks preparation.

c) Offer of assistance regarding the goal mouth areas

Resolved that the offer be held in abeyance.

d) Request/offer regarding a defibrillator

Resolved that the offer be accepted, provided funding can be obtained.

e) Request for a bin

Resolved that the request be approved.

f) Request regarding building access for 'walking football'

Resolved that the request be approved.

g) Request for site access regarding a disabled child

Resolved that the request be approved.

083 GARDEN SCHEME

Resolved that the garden scheme continue.

084 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.

085 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – ICE CREAM CONCESSION

a) Review of the current concession

Resolved that the status quo be maintained.

b) Future tender of the concession

Resolved that the concession be put out to tender during the summer but with the details to be agreed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:00.