

**Finance Committee Meeting
5 August 2021**

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

Over 100 members of the public were in attendance.

157 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were in attendance.

158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

159 WAKEFIELD COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN 2036 AND LP21

Cllr Matthew Morley and Mr Neville Ford attended from Wakefield Council and answered questions from the committee and members of the public.

Cllr Morley and Mr Ford confirmed (inter alia) the following in respect of LP21:

- *There is no intention to knock down any existing houses.*
- *The bollards on Springvale Rise will not be removed as part of the Local Plan.*
- *Access to LP21 would be from Wakefield Road.*

All persons present were against the proposal to remove LP21 from the green belt.

Resolved that:

- Residents can send their objection to the (town) council so that they can be included in the (town) council's submission to Wakefield Council.
- The (town) council object to LP21 being taken out of green belt and the matter be referred to a (town) council meeting for the (town) council to formalize its objection to Wakefield Council.

160 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2021 be approved.

161 SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved that the respective minutes of the sub-committee meetings held on 29 June and 22 July 2021 be approved.

162 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for June and July 2021 be approved.

163 BUDGET UPDATE 2021-22

The town clerk provided a budget monitoring report for the first quarter of 2021-22.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

164 FISHING BAILIFF – HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next council meeting.

165 ALLOTMENTS – ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Resolved that the quote from Smart Asbestos for the removal of asbestos be accepted and approved.

166 SEASIDE EVENT

Resolved that:

- The event take place on 26 August 2021 in Hemsworth Water Park.
- The third party requests be declined.

167 CHARITY CYCLING EVENT – HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

Resolved that:

- The event take place on 15 August 2021 from 10am – 11.30am.
- The event take place in the top field/overflow car park and be cordoned off accordingly.
- A donation of £200 be made to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

168 ENTERTAINMENT ACTS – LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR

Resolved that the cost of £160 for the act on the Sunday of the August bank holiday weekend be approved.

169 HEMSWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Resolved that the services of a marching pipe band, parade marshalls and traffic management be procured for the festival.

170 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Resolved that the quote from Accordial for the maintenance of the divider in the main hall be accepted and approved.

171 QUAD BIKE

Resolved that the quad bike be retained.

172 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.

173 HSE

The town clerk reported on correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive.

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

174 EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL

Resolved that the claim be defended.

175 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The town clerk reported on correspondence from the Environment Agency and a visit to the park by officers from Wakefield Council.

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

The meeting closed at 21:15.