

**Finance Committee Meeting
16 September 2021**

Present: Councillors Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, A Westmorland, G Westmorland and the town clerk.

Five members of the public were in attendance.

223 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hird, Pringle, Wilson and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

224 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles each declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 – Payment of accounts.

225 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2021 be approved.

226 SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved that the minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 19 August 2021 be approved.

227 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for August 2021 be approved.

228 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Resolved that:

- A donation of £200 be made to the Hemsworth branch of the Royal British Legion, with the same amount to be donated to the respective branches in Kinsley and Fitzwilliam pending receipt of further information.
- Refreshments be provided in Hemsworth Community Centre after the parade.

229 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE – ROOM HIRE FEE REQUEST

Resolved that in view of the beneficial nature of the old persons' keep fit, the request to reduce the room hire fee be approved and that the fee be wholly waived, conditional upon the fee charged to the patrons being reduced when possible and a review to be held if the usage increases.

230 INSURANCE CLAIMS

The town clerk reported on two unsuccessful claims for business interruption, respectively due to COVID and loss of broadband caused by a third party.

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

231 TELECOMS

Resolved that the renewal quote from Lilycoms be accepted and approved.

232 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORTS

The town clerk reported on the recently received health and safety reports from the council's consultant, Ellis Whittam.

Resolved that:

- The report of the town clerk be noted and approved.
- The town clerk be authorised to take all necessary action in accordance with any remedial work recommended in the respective reports.

233 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.

234 DAMAGED VEHICLE

Resolved that the request regarding a damaged vehicle be declined.

The meeting closed at 20:10.