

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
4 November 2021**

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

Six members of the public were in attendance.

274 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Eccles and Middleton.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

275 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

276 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2021 be approved.

277 CASUAL VACANCY

The town clerk confirmed the casual vacancy in the Hemsworth west ward.

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

278 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Heating system – café bar

The town clerk reported that the heating system now only has one working boiler and that at some point the system will need renovation or replacement.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and the matter be deferred pro tem.

b) License variation – café bar

The town clerk reported on meetings held with West Yorkshire Police and Wakefield Council's Licensing Department regarding a possible variation regarding the security conditions at the café bar.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved and that a minor variation application be submitted forthwith to Wakefield Council.

c) Entertainment acts – café bar

Resolved that there be no acts through the winter and a review held in the spring.

d) Zipwire - Playworld

The town clerk reported that the zipwire in Playworld will require repair prior to re-opening in the spring.

Resolved that the necessary repairs be authorised.

e) Yorkshire Water drainage works - update

The town clerk reported that Yorkshire Water had now completed all their work, including the requisite restoration work.

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

f) Quote to connect the Playworld septic tank to the public sewer

Resolved that the quote to connect to the public sewer be declined.

279 ALLOTMENTS

a) Appeal regarding a caravan – Grove Lane

Resolved that the appeal be approved.

b) Request to have two goats for a temporary period - Sandygate

Resolved that the request to have two goats for a temporary period be approved, dependent upon the allotment holder's requisite lawful compliance.

c) Request to have a (second) pony - Sandygate

Resolved that the request to have a (second) pony be approved.

d) Security – Grove Lane

Resolved that extra fencing be put in place but no barbed wire.

e) Pest control

The town clerk reported that two members of staff are currently undertaking the training for pest control.

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

f) Supplementary request from Keepmoat to increase storage area - Sandygate

Resolved that the request to increase the storage area be approved and the according charge be proportionately increased.

280 CHRISTMAS FAIRS AND OVER 60S TEA DANCE – FITZWILLIAM CENTRE

Resolved that the Derby and Joan be supported to hold a joint Christmas fair and over 60s tea dance at the Fitzwilliam Centre.

281 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The town clerk reported on the (anonymized) freedom of information requests received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the freedom of information requests.

282 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.

283 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – CHILDREN'S RIDES

Resolved that the tender for three children's rides and a burger van be accepted and approved.

The meeting closed at 20:35.