

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
3 March 2022**

Present: Councillors Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, Moran (non-committee member), Pringle, A Westmorland, G Westmorland, Wilson and the town clerk.

Twelve members of the public were in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting the chairman sent the council's best wishes to the people of Ukraine.

394 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hird.

Resolved that the reason for absence be approved.

395 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Pringle declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7(a) – Request from WMDC to book Playworld.

396 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Traffic management and litter picking for the seaside event.

397 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2022 be approved.

398 EVENTS

Resolved that the matter of the jubilee celebration be deferred and that the following events be approved for the coming council year:

- Easter eggs for children – Easter weekend
- Brass band concerts – 28 April, 6 October and 15 December
- Seaside event – 1 August
- Bonfire night – 5 November
- Christmas lights switch on – 26 November
- Pantomimes – December (dates to be confirmed)

399 YOUTH CLUB

The town clerk reported that the average attendance at the youth clubs is 36.

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

400 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Request from WMDC to book Playworld

Resolved that the request from WMDC's Children and Young People's Service to book Playworld on 27 and 28 July 2022 be approved.

b) Request to grow 'seaweed'

Resolved that the request to grow 'seaweed' in the lakes be declined for the time being.

c) Paths in the park – repair or replacement

Resolved that a quote be obtained to replace the paths in the park.

d) Income

The town clerk reported that the (gross) income for the café bar and the park for the first three quarters was £232,638.

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

e) Memorial garden - location

Resolved that a memorial garden be located at the far side of the larger lake – near to the former church.

401 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

Resolved that the quote from 'Surface Performance' for FA re-certification be approved.

402 ALLOTMENTS

a) Wanneville site – update on the 'car park'

The town clerk reported that WMDC have advised that planning permission is required.

Resolved that:

- WMDC be asked to contribute to the costs.
- The town clerk's report be noted and approved.

b) Newstead site – request for a second beehive

Resolved that the request for a second beehive be approved, provided that the allotment holder has the requisite compliance in place.

c) Grove Lane site – caravan appeal

Resolved that further to minute no. 339(a), the appeal regarding a caravan be declined.

403 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.

404 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.

405 ALLOTMENTS

Resolved that a less expensive security item be procured.

406 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – CORRESPONDENCE

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

Resolved that the response be approved and issued.

The meeting closed at 20:05.