Town Council Meeting
5 August 2020

Present: Councillors Bugge, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hirst, Kenyon, Mitchell, Pringle, Wilson, Womersley and the town clerk.

2 members of the public were in physical attendance and 4 attended virtually via the Zoom app.

NB – This meeting was held simultaneously online in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.

A minute's silence was held prior to the meeting as a mark of respect for those who had lost their lives in the COVID pandemic.

001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hardacre, A Westmorland and G Westmorland.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As already declared in their respective register of interests, Cllrs Bugge, Mitchell and Wilson confirmed their respective pecuniary interests in agenda item 7 (a) – Allotments – Locks.

003 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Points were raised by a member of the public regarding the council's engagement with the community and that the council should be more proactive and lead from the front.

004 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held on 8 July 2020 be approved.

005 CORRESPONDENCE

The town clerk reported on correspondence in respect of the following:

a) Letter of thanks from West End Terriers FC.
b) Letter of thanks from a local couple regarding the meal delivery service.

006 GRANT FUNDING

a) Hemsworth Town FC

Resolved that a grant of £500 be awarded to Hemsworth Town FC, in accordance with section 1, Localism Act 2011.

b) Shoot Coaching Academy

Resolved that the grant request be declined due to there being professional coaches involved who charge a fee.

007 ALLOTMENTS

a) Locks

Due to their respective pecuniary interests, Cllrs Bugge, Mitchell and Wilson took no part in this matter.

Resolved that new, uniform locks be placed at all sites in due course.

b) Request to place portacabins at Springfield allotments

Resolved that:
- The request to place two portacabins on the community plot at Springfield allotments be approved
- It is entirely at the allotment holder's risk.
- The portacabins must be maintained properly.

008 STORAGE UNIT

Resolved that:
- The quote for the storage unit be approved.
- Costings be obtained for the concrete base.
- A risk assessment be conducted by a competent person.

009 FOOTBALL FACILITIES

a) Cemetery Road

Resolved that the facility be available to West End Terriers FC as of 8 August 2020, in accordance with government regulations and FA guidelines.

b) Sandygate Lane

Resolved that the established bookings for the (whole) facility from 2019-20 will remain for the 2020-21 season but with West End Terriers having first refusal on any cancellations.

010 EVENTS

Resolved that:
- The maximum cost for an act at the Lakeside Café Bar will remain at £160 with a review to be held at the next Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting.
- All planned events are to be reviewed as part of the resumption of the cycle of committee meetings in September.

011 CORONAVIRUS CONTINGENCY COMMITTEE

Resolved that all decisions made by the Coronavirus Contingency Committee be approved and reaffirmed.

012 GENERAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS – COVID

The town clerk reported on the latest government regulations affecting the council, namely, that masks will have to be worn by members of the public in community centres as of 8 August 2020. The town clerk confirmed that the relevant risk assessment would be amended accordingly.

Resolved that:
- The town clerk's report be noted and approved.
- Having reviewed council operations in respect of COVID, the current arrangements remain in place but kept under regular review.

013 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARRANGEMENTS

Resolved that:

- Council/committee meetings be 'hybrid' meetings whereby COVID secure physical meetings are held and simultaneously online via the Zoom app.
- The matter be kept under review due to changing circumstances and government regulations.

014 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.

015 ICE CREAM CONCESSION – HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

Resolved that the start date of the ice cream concession be amended to 1 June 2020 but with all other terms and conditions to remain the same.

016 HEMSWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

The town clerk reported on a query raised regarding an act for the music festival.

Resolved that:

- The town clerk's report be noted and approved.
- Clarification of the query be sought and reported prior to the contract being signed.

017 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX

The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex and Meadow Croft.

Resolved that:

- The report of the town clerk be noted and approved.
- Mr Paul Stookes of Richard Buxton Solicitors be instructed accordingly.

The meeting closed at 20:50.