

**Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
14 April 2022**

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

Twenty members of the public were in attendance.

486 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were in attendance.

487 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

488 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public queried one of the council's planning applications.

489 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 be approved.

490 WMDC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The town clerk reported on WMDC's initial recommendations after the first stage of its community governance review consultation.

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

**491 WMDC LOCAL PLAN 2036 – PRE-MAIN MODIFICATIONS
CONSULTATION**

Resolved that an objection be submitted to WMDC in respect of the proposed allocation of land for development at Highfield Road, Hemsworth.

492 WAKEFIELD DISTRICT 'SWIFT GROUP'

Resolved that assistance be provided to the 'Swift Group' to increase local swift populations, with particular reference to possible swift boxes in Hemsworth Water Park.

493 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - HTC

The town clerk confirmed that the council's respective planning applications have been submitted to WMDC for the compound in Hemsworth Water Park (ref 22/00509/FUL) and the resurfacing of land adjacent to the Wanneville allotments site (ref 22/00587/FUL).

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

494 LAND AT KIRKBY ROAD (FORMER SPORTS COMPLEX)

Resolved that the town clerk be authorised to issue a submission to WMDC on behalf of the council in respect of the planning application for the land at Kirkby Road, in accordance with the legal agreement reached with SCL.

495 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.

496 STAFF PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Resolved that the respective six months' probationary periods for the members of staff concerned be approved.

497 INSURANCE – SECURITY CONDITIONS

The town clerk reported on some security conditions stipulated by the council's insurer.

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

498 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – ICE CREAM CONCESSION

Resolved that further to minute no. 440 (2021-22), the maximum number of vans allowed for the ice cream concession be two.

The meeting closed at 20:00.