

Town Council Meeting
24 March 2022

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

Fifty members of the public were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting a two minutes' silence was held as a mark of respect for the people of Ukraine.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

434 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present.

435 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs G Eccles, J Eccles and Moran each respectively declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 25 – 'Land at Newstead View, Fitzwilliam'.

436 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- A possible lift at the café bar.
- The marquee at the café bar.
- A parish meeting.
- The (settled) legal action with SCL regarding the land at Kirkby Road.
- Wakefield Council's local plan 2036.

At this point the meeting was suspended due to disruption.

437 RESUMPTION OF MEETING

Cllrs Dodson, Folletti, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, Middleton, Mitchell, Moran, A Westmorland and G Westmorland returned to resume the meeting.

Resolved that:

- The meeting to resume but due to time constraints to only transact only those items of business in the "exclusion of press and public" section of the meeting.
- Cllr Middleton be elected to chair the remainder of the meeting.

438 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.

439 LAND AT NEWSTEAD VIEW, FITZWILLIAM

Due to her pecuniary interest, Cllr Moran took no part in this item.

Resolved that the request regarding the land at Newstead View be declined.

440 ICE CREAM – HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

Resolved that:

- The council continues to sell ice cream in house at the park.
- A tender exercise be conducted for an ice cream concession at the park.

441 STAFFING MATTERS

a) Probationary periods

Resolved that, as per the town clerk's report, two of the respective six months' probationary periods for the members of staff concerned be approved and the other six months' probationary period for the other member of staff concerned be extended by three months.

b) Sickness absence

The town clerk reported generally on the number of staff currently on sickness absence.

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

c) Summer/winter hours for café staff and a contractual matter

Resolved that:

- Having conducted a consultation, the summer/winter hours for café staff be implemented as of 1 April 2022.
- The contractual matter of full time hours be approved for the member of staff concerned.

d) Occupational health referral

Cllr Middleton declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Resolved that the town clerk's report regarding the occupational health referral be noted and approved.

e) Tenancy

Resolved that:

- The tenant's response be received and noted.
- The advice of the council's legal advisor be accepted and implemented.

The meeting closed at 21:10.