

Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
28 September 2022

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

Sixteen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

160 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

161 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

162 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Objections to plaques being placed on trees.
- The 'exclusion of press and public' section of meetings.
- A thank you from Hemsworth Food Pantry to the council for use of the community centre.

163 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2022 be approved.

164 NOTICEBOARDS

Resolved that noticeboards be made in-house and placed at Bank Street, the Fitzwilliam Centre and a location to be determined in Kinsley, notwithstanding the necessary compliance.

165 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT AND OTHERS

Resolved that the Christmas lights switch on event be held on 26 November 2022 and that the other traditional Christmas themed events also take place.

166 HANGING BASKETS 2023

Resolved that hanging baskets be approved for 2023 in the traditional locations, as well as six extra locations each on Barnsley Road and Station Road.

167 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Children's Christmas disco

Resolved that a children's disco be held on the weekend of 10/11 December.

b) Christmas Day at the café bar

Cllr Middleton requested a recorded vote on this item.

Resolved that the café bar be closed on 25, 26, 27 December and 1 and 2 January (unanimous).

c) Growing flowers in-house

Resolved that this item be deferred.

d) Weed clearing – lower lake

The town clerk reported on the weed clearing done thus far and confirmed that at some point the lakes will need dredging.

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

e) Memorial plaques on trees

Resolved that memorial plaques will not be allowed on trees.

f) Income and general manager's report

The town clerk reported on the park's income as well as the general manager's report.

Resolved that the respective reports be noted and approved.

168 ALLOTMENTS – LIVESTOCK INSPECTIONS

The town clerk reported on the recent livestock inspections from WMDC's animal health inspector and equine welfare officer.

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

169 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.

170 ALLOTMENTS – SECURITY

The town clerk reported on a security and crime prevention measure for one of the allotment sites.

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

171 INSURANCE CLAIM

The town clerk reported on an insurance claim in respect of Hemsworth Water Park.

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

The meeting closed at 19:30.