Town Council Meeting
14 July 2022

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

Twenty members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

091 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
All members were in attendance.

WMDC Cllr Jones sent her apologies.

092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles each declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 16 – Plant machinery – disposal.

093 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Members of the public raised the following matters:

- The casual vacancy.
- Mounds of planings at Sandygate football facility.
- Accessible play equipment.
- The Nolan principles and the code of conduct.

094 RECORDED VOTES
Resolved that all items have a recorded vote.

095 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS
Resolved that the respective minutes of the council meetings held on 12 May and 16 June 2022 be approved (unanimous).

096 COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Resolved that the minutes of the following meetings and their respective sub-committees be adopted (unanimous):

Committee	**Date**
Leisure and Recreation	23 June 2022
Finance	23 June 2022
Policy and Planning	23 June 2022

097 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
Resolved that the payment of accounts as approved at the Finance Committee meetings held on 14 April and 23 June 2022 be approved (unanimous).

098 HEMSWORTH FOOD PANTRY

Resolved that the request from Hemsworth Food Pantry for use of the main hall and catering kitchen in the community centre be approved (unanimous).

099 FUNFAIR
Resolved that the request for a smaller funfair in Hemsworth Water Park from 20 – 29 August 2022 be approved but with all liability being on the part of the funfair (unanimous).

100 CONCERT
Resolved that the request to hold an Abba concert in the Lakeside cade bar be declined but invited to re-submit next year (unanimous).

101 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – KINSLEY AND FITZWILLIAM
Resolved to fund a marching band (with traffic management), wreaths and refreshments (unanimous).

102 HANGING BASKETS – MEMORIAL PLAQUES
Resolved to allow the sponsorship of hanging baskets with memorial plaques (unanimous).

103 FOOTBALL/RUGBY PITCH PROVISION
The working group's findings were that the football teams in the parish currently have sufficient capacity but Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC do not.

Resolved that Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC be advised to contact Wakefield Council (unanimous).

104 GRANT FUNDING FROM WAKEFIELD COUNCIL
Resolved that as the top priority, the accessible play equipment in Playworld be referred for grant funding with possible future consideration of the lakes in the park and the football facilities at Sandygate Lane and Cemetery Road (unanimous).

105 VEHICLE LEASE RENEWAL – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
Resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee for a lease renewal for a Ford Transit Tipper (unanimous).

106 PLANT MACHINERY - DISPOSAL
Cllr Middleton proposed that the highest offers be accepted for the excavator, trailer and dumper. This was seconded by Cllr Hardacre.

For:
Cllrs Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hirst, Hird, Middleton, Moran, Pringle, A Westmorland, G Westmorland and Wilson.

Against:
Cllr Mitchell

Abstentions:
Cllr Kenyon

Resolved that the highest offers be accepted for the excavator, trailer and dumper.

107 COUNCILLORS' CONDUCT
Resolved to reaffirm that councillors should adhere to the code of conduct and standing orders (unanimous).

108 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 (unanimous).

109 SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST
The town clerk reported on an (anonymized) subject access request received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the subject access request (unanimous).

110 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR – FRIDGES AND FREEZERS
Resolved that quotes be obtained to replace the walk-in fridge and freezer (unanimous).

111 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.

112 ICE CREAM CONCESSION – HEMSWORTH WATER PARK
The ice cream concession holder attended to give his views but then left so that the council could consider its response.

Cllr G Eccles proposed that the location of the second ice cream van remain as stipulated in the terms and conditions and that the council's concerns regarding staff issues be conveyed to the concession holder.

For:
Cllrs G Eccles, J Eccles, Hirst, Kenyon, Mitchell, Pringle and Wilson.

Against:
None.

Abstentions:
Cllrs Dodson, Hardacre, Hird, Middleton, Moran, A Westmorland and G Westmorland.

Resolved that the location of the second ice cream van remain as stipulated in the terms and conditions and that the council's concerns regarding staff issues be conveyed to the concession holder.

113 LAND AT SANDYGATE LANE
Resolved to request a 50 year lease, otherwise a 25 year lease (unanimous).

114 COMPLAINT

Resolved that a panel consisting of Cllrs Dodson, Hirst and Mitchell be appointed to investigate the complaint concerned (unanimous).

115 STAFFING MATTERS

a) Appointment of a capability panel
Resolved that the capability panel consist of Cllrs Hird, Moran and A Westmorland (unanimous).

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 (unanimous).

c) Probationary period
Resolved that the three months probationary period of the member of staff concerned be approved (unanimous).

d) Grounds maintenance staffing
Resolved that the town clerk continue to be authorised to appoint staff at all levels on temporary contracts (unanimous).

e) Review of public abuse of staff
Resolved that the situation be kept under review (unanimous).

f) Outcome of grievance
Resolved that this item be deferred (unanimous).

g) Overtime / time off in lieu review
Resolved that this item be deferred (unanimous).

h) Tenancy review
Resolved that this item be deferred (unanimous).

The meeting closed at 20:45.