

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
5 January 2023**

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

Twenty-one members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

299 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

300 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

301 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2022 be approved.

302 ALLOTMENTS

a) Pest control

Resolved that, pending clarification of the visit frequency, the services of Wakefield Council's pest control service be procured for all allotment sites.

b) Annual fees (from 2024-25)

Resolved that all fees will be increased by £5 from 2024 onwards.

303 CORONATION

Resolved that:

- A coronation tea be held in the community centre on 5 May 2023.
- The events panel be asked to draw up suggestions for other forms of celebration.

304 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Request to use Playworld

Resolved that Wakefield Council's Children's Services be allowed free, exclusive use of Playworld on 3 August 2023 for an event for under privileged children.

b) Request to hold a summer barbecue

Resolved that the request from Brakes to hold a charity summer barbecue in the park be approved in principle, pending receipt of further information.

c) Noticeboard

Resolved that a noticeboard be erected in the pergola/walkway area.

d) Outdoor cinema

Resolved that this item be deferred.

e) Income

The town clerk reported on the park's income.

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

f) Beaches – health and safety

The town clerk reported that the second/far beach requires significant remedial work.

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

g) Pedalos

The town clerk reported that not all of the pedalos are functional thus will not be available for use this coming summer.

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

h) Heating system

The town clerk reported on the initial costing as per the specification.

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

305 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Pedalos.
- Noticeboards.
- Events panel.
- Heating.

306 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.

307 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Presentation from Walls Ice Cream

Resolved that this item be deferred.

b) General manager's report

Resolved that the general manager's report be noted and approved.

c) Security - boathouse

Resolved that the higher specification be employed.

308 STAFFING MATTER

Resolved that Cllrs Dodson and McGinnies be appointed as replacement panel members.

The meeting closed at 20:00.

Visit Hemsworth Water Park and Playworld for a great family day out