

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
2 March 2023**

Present: Councillors Dodson, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, Moran, Morton (non-committee member), A Westmorland and the town clerk.

Twenty-five members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

355 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

356 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

357 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2023 be approved.

358 ALLOTMENTS

a) Request from 'Springfield Allotment Community Klub'

Resolved that allotment fees be waived for 2023-24 and for all future years for 'Springfield Allotment Community Klub' due to it being a community endeavour.

b) Dumping of refuse

The town clerk reported on the dumping of rubbish at allotment sites, particularly at Grove Lane and that it will likely take several skips to remove it.

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

c) Security deposit

Resolved that security deposits will not be taken for new allotment holders.

359 MONTHLY MARKET

Resolved that a monthly market be held on a Saturday from May to September.

360 BONFIRE NIGHT – 'SILENT FIREWORKS'

The town clerk reported on information supplied by the council's firework contractor.

Resolved that another quote be obtained.

361 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

The town clerk reported on the facility's income for the first three quarters.

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

362 GRASS PITCH FEES 2023-24

Resolved that grass pitch fees be waived for local teams on a pro rata basis according to the percentage of members resident in the parish.

363 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Request to hold a funfair in the park from 19-28 August 2023

Resolved that the request to hold a funfair in the park from 19-28 August 2023 be approved for a charge of £440 (payable in advance) and that the location be the same as previous years (adjacent to the overflow car park) and that there be a maximum of one catering unit allowed.

b) Memorial

Resolved that a plaque be procured and placed near the patio area in memory of those who lost their lives in the park.

c) Possible renaming of the park

Resolved that the park's name remain as Hemsworth Water Park.

d) Tree replacement programme

Resolved that pending receipt of the tree survey report, bushes be planted where trees have been felled.

e) Car park charges

Resolved that:

- Car park charges be reintroduced starting from 3 April 2023.
- Charges will only apply for the school holiday periods at Easter, May half-term and summer, i.e. Monday 3 April to Sunday 16 April 2023, Monday 29 May to Sunday 4 June 2023 and Wednesday 26 July to Sunday 3 September 2023.
- The charge will apply from 8am onwards and will be £3 per day (cash only).
- Residents of the parish (Hemsworth, Kinsley and Fitzwilliam) can obtain a car park pass from Hemsworth Community Centre (ID required) which will allow free parking.
- Parishioners can only park for free if they have obtained and display a car park pass.

f) Income

The town clerk reported on the park's income.

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

g) Pest control

Resolved that pest (rat) control continue at the football facilities but other methods be investigated for the park.

364 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Sandygate football facility.
- Terms of reference.
- Bodycam.

- Monthly market.
- Funfair.
- Fence/patio at Lakeside.

365 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.

366 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

The town clerk reported on a recent incident at the facility whereby the police had to be called during a 'pay to play' session on the 3g pitch.

Resolved that:

- All children attending the 'pay to play' must have a parent/guardian with them.
- The maximum number of children on the 3g pitch at any one time is 25 (with some flexibility at staff discretion).
- The opening hours will be 2pm – 4pm.

367 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Insurance report – quotes for remedial work

The town clerk reported on stipulations from the council's insurer, with particular reference to the second beach.

Resolved that the quote for the work on the second beach be accepted and referred to the council with a recommendation to accept and approve the quote.

b) General manager's report

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

c) Playworld – quotes for remedial work

The town clerk reported on the ROSPA inspection report for Playworld and the concomitant recommendations for remedial work.

Resolved that the quote for the remedial work in Playworld be accepted and referred to the council with a recommendation to accept and approve the quote.

d) Security – including the patio fence/gate

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next council meeting.

e) Ice cream / ice cream tender

Resolved that the ice cream concession be put out to tender with the same terms/conditions, with the tenders being opened at the Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting on 6 April 2023.

The meeting closed at 20:00.