

**Extraordinary Town Council Meeting
2 May 2023**

Present: Councillors Dodson, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, McGinnies, Middleton, Moran, Morton, A Westmorland, G Westmorland, the town clerk and Mr Andrew Ellis (for minute no. 431 only).

Forty-six members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

426 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

427 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

428 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Club Terrace site.
- Forensic audit.

429 CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The chairman made a statement on various matters.

Cllr Hird thanked retiring Cllrs Middleton, Moran, A Westmorland and G Westmorland for their service.

430 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 (unanimous).

431 SPECIAL MOTION – LAND AT CLUB TERRACE, FITZWILLIAM

Mr Andrew Ellis (RICS surveyor) attended for this item to advise the council on the disposal of the land.

Resolved that Mr Ellis be thanked for attending and that the matter be deferred for the new council to consider in due course.

432 SPECIAL MOTION – CAR PARK CHARGES, HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

Resolved that:

- Car park charges will continue to 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.
- 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 park for free if they have obtained and display a car park pass.
- Those with a disabled blue badge are exempt from paying the car park charge.
- The car park charge is to be paid either at the beach shop or in the café and the ticket displayed in the vehicle.

433 STAFFING MATTERS

a) Appeal

Cllr Middleton proposed that the appeal report of the external, independent investigating officer be accepted and implemented. This was seconded by Cllr Moran.

For:

Cllrs Dodson, Hardacre, Hird, McGinnies, Middleton, Moran, Morton, A Westmorland and G Westmorland.

Against:

Cllrs J Eccles, Hirst and Kenyon.

Abstentions:

None.

Resolved that the appeal report of the external, independent investigating officer be accepted and implemented.

b) Grievances

Resolved that:

- 'Choices and Voices' be appointed as the external, independent investigator to investigate the grievances and to provide a resultant report with recommendations for a panel to consider.
- The panel consists of Cllrs Dodson, Hird and Morton.

434 APPEALS

a) An appeal in accordance with the abuse, intimidation or rudeness policy

Resolved that the appeal be dismissed and that the sanction imposed by the panel be reaffirmed.

b) An appeal in accordance with the complaints policy

Resolved that the appeal is upheld.

The meeting closed at 20:20.