

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
6 April 2023**

Present: Councillors Dodson, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, McGinnies, Middleton, Morton (non-committee member) and the town clerk.

Twenty members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

416 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Eccles, J Eccles, Kenyon, Moran, Pringle, A Westmorland, G Westmorland and Wilson.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

417 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Middleton declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 – “Sandygate football facility”.

Cllr Hird requested recorded votes on all agenda items.

418 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2023 be approved.

419 ALLOTMENTS

a) Review of beehives

Resolved that having reviewed the use of the beehives concerned, the permission be extended for another 12 months (unanimous).

420 BONFIRE NIGHT – ‘SILENT FIREWORKS’

Resolved that regular fireworks be used for the bonfire night event (unanimous).

421 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

Resolved that:

- The charges remain the same (unanimous).
- The request to use the facility for a fun day by a local care provider be approved (unanimous).

422 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Arboricultural safety assessment

Resolved that the recommendations from the arboricultural safety assessment be accepted and implemented (unanimous).

b) Storage unit – planning application

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to appoint a contractor to decorate the storage unit, pursuant to the stipulation in the planning permission (unanimous).

c) ‘Wild meadow’

Resolved that the request from 'Open Country' to create a wild meadow in the park be approved (unanimous).

d) Fishing – including night fishing

Resolved that:

- Night fishing be reinstated (unanimous).
- Fishing be free for under 16s during school holidays (unanimous).

e) Removal of gaming machine

Resolved that the gaming machine be removed and returned as soon as possible (unanimous).

423 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Income from the (now former) Hemsworth Music Festival.
- Car park charges for disabled people.
- Playworld.
- Card charges.
- Fishing.
- Disabled parking.
- Coronation event.
- Noticeboards.
- Flowers in the park.
- Social media abuse.

424 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.

425 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) General manager's report

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

b) Ice cream / ice cream tender

Resolved that the tender from Yorkshire Traditional be accepted (unanimous).

The meeting closed at 20:05.