

**Town Council Meeting
06 July 2023**

Present: Councillors Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Stephens, Whitehead and the deputy town clerk.

Twenty-three members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Morton.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

075 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

076 RECORDED VOTES

No requests for recorded votes were made.

077 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND 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.

078 STAFFING MATTERS

a) Resolved that the request from an employee be approved.

b) 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 the grievance panel to consider.

079 LEGAL REPRESENTATION - COUNCILLORS

Resolved that the council will not pay for legal representation for councillors.

080 INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that members of the public and the press to be re-admitted to the meeting following the conclusion of the consideration of business of a confidential nature.

081 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND/OR ASSISTANCE

a) Springfield Allotment Community Klub

Resolved that 'Springfield Allotment Community Klub' be awarded a grant of £300 to assist with their overheads, e.g. insurance.

b) Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC

Resolved that a request from Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC for a grant of £2,520 to procure mobile floodlights to assist with the provision of rugby-related activities during the evenings be deferred until further information could be

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obtained from the club.

c) Friends of Fitzwilliam Station

Resolved that a donation of £600 be made to the 'Friends of Fitzwilliam Station' to assist with the procurement of new display boards after having been stolen/damaged.

d) Friends of Kinsley and Fitzwilliam Memorial Gardens

Resolved that a donation and/or assistance to local veterans to establish a 'Friends of Kinsley and Fitzwilliam Memorial Gardens' group be denied.

082 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – LAKES AND FISHING

- a) Resolved that a working group to investigate any issues regarding the condition of the lake and fishing be established, with members to be determined.
- b) Resolved that feedback from staff regarding fishing and possible introduction of new rules be referred to the working group.
- c) Resolved that possible expert advice regarding the condition of the lake, including algae be referred to the working group.

083 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

The deputy town clerk provided an update on the 3g pitch bookings at the facility.

084 SPORTS WORKING GROUP

Resolved to establish a working group to develop sports and sports facilities in the parish, with members to be determined.

085 GARDEN SCHEME - REVIEW

Resolved that this item be deferred until advice can be sought.

086 ALLOTMENTS - BURNING

Resolved that this item be deferred until advice can be sought.

087 HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolved that Yorkshire & Humber Employment Association be appointed as human resources specialist.

088 COUNCILLORS' GROUP SURGERY

Resolved that councilors' group surgeries for residents be held at council properties.

089 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Resolved that the equal opportunities policy be approved.

090 CASUAL VACANCY

The chair reported that due to councilor resignations, there were currently three casual vacancies.

091 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR KITCHEN - DISHWASHER

Resolved that the purchase of a dishwasher for the kitchen at the Lakeside café bar be retrospectively approved.

092 SPECIAL MOTION – FORENSIC AUDIT 2019

Resolved that this item be deferred until advice can be sought.

093 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- The forensic audit
- The cooker at the Community Centre
- Referring the council to YLCA
- Recorded votes

The meeting closed at 21:00.