

**Town Council Meeting
05 October 2023**

Present: Councilors Conway, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, Middleton Ogunade, Oldroyd, Stephens, Whitehead the acting town clerk and the deputy town clerk.

Twenty-one members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

As both the chairman and vice chairman were absent, a vote was held to appoint a chairman for this meeting. Cllr Middleton and Cllr Stephens were nominated and seconded. Both received an equal number of votes (5), Cllr Middleton agreed to withdraw and allow Cllr Stephens to chair the meeting.

149 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McGinnies and Cllr Bates.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

150 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Middleton, Conway, Whitehead, Stephens, Ogunade and Dodson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 153. There were no other declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

151 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held on 21 September 2023 be approved.

152 GRANTS

Resolved that a grant of £2,500 to Kinsley Boys Football Club CIC be approved.

153 STANDING PANELS

Resolved that Cllrs Middleton, Kendall and Stephens be added to the standing panels for grievances/disciplinaries and complaints.

154 CHARGES

Resolved that a review of current charges be carried out.

155 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2022-23

It was reported that the external auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2023 had been received. Resolved that the report be noted.

156 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- CCTV
- Access to the Community Centre
- A break in at the Water Park
- Changing rooms at Vale Head Park

The meeting closed at 19:50.

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