

**Town Council Meeting
16 November 2023**

Present: Councilors Bacon, Bates, Conway, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Rushmer, Stephens, Whitehead, the acting town clerk and the deputy town clerk.

Fifteen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

190 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

191 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

192 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.

193 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for November 2023 be approved.

194 STAFFING

Resolved that the procedure for the recruitment of a town clerk be approved.

195 INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

196 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held on 2 November 2023 and the extraordinary council meeting held on 7 November 2023 be approved.

197 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the payment of accounts for September 2023 be noted.

198 INCOME

Resolved that the income report be noted.

199 SPECIAL MOTION – CALENDER OF MEETINGS

Cllr Conway requested a recorded vote.

Cllr S Middleton proposed that the leisure and recreation committee be reinstated, replacing one town council meeting every two months and that the terms of reference be approved. This was seconded by Cllr V Middleton.

For – Cllrs McGinnies, Hardacre, Kendall, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Rushmer.

Against – Cllrs Bacon, Dodson, Conway, Whitehead.

Abstentions – Cllrs Bates, Fernie, Stephens.

Resolved that the leisure and recreation meetings be reinstated, the terms of reference be approved and the committee will consist of the following councillors – Cllrs Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd and Rushmer.

200 SPECIAL MOTION – ABUSE POLICY

Cllr Whitehead raised a point of order, the special motion was not received in time so the council did not consider this item.

201 NEW COUNCILLOR

Resolved that the results of the east ward by election be noted.

202 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- The recording of meetings.
- Pay to play at Sandygate football facility.
- Club Terrace.

The meeting closed at 20:25.