

**Town Council Meeting
21 December 2023**

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

Seven members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

203 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Conway and Oldroyd.

204 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

205 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.

206 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

207 TENANCY

Resolved that the update be noted.

208 GDPR

Resolved that the update be noted.

209 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.

210 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting held on 05 December 2023 be approved with agreed amendments.

211 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that this item be deferred.

212 INCOME

Resolved that this item be deferred.

213 CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

Resolved that the clerk is to ensure that the council has signed the civility & respect pledge.

214 STAFF HANDBOOK

Resolved that the staff handbook be updated in line with current legislation and best practice.

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215 FINANCIAL CHECKS

Resolved that Cllrs Fernie, V Middleton, Rushmer and Whitehead are to perform quarterly checks on the council's BACS forms.

216 KINSLEY CHRISTMAS TREE POWER SUPPLY

Resolved that a power supply to the Christmas tree in Kinsley

217 DONATIONS

Resolved that a donation be made to primary schools and nurseries in Hemsworth, Kinsley & Fitzwilliam.

218 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

The meeting closed at 20:30.