

**Town Council Meeting  
Thursday, 21 March 2024**

Present: Councillors Bacon, Bates, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Rushmer, Stephens, Whitehead, and the Town Clerk.

**Eighteen members of the public were in attendance.**

*This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.*

**242 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ogunade and Oldroyd.

**243 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

A vote was taken to change the order of business to move exclusion of press and public to the end of the meeting.

The motion failed.

**244 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.

**245 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

To approve the payment of accounts for February 2024 and March 2024 in accordance with the procedures approved under minute no. 86 (11/7/95).

**246 TENANCY**

Resolved that the report on the tenancy be noted.

**247 BANK STREET**

Resolved that the report on Bank Street be noted.

**248 CLUB TERRACE**

Resolved that the report on Club Terrace be noted.

**249 STAFFING**

Resolved that the staffing report be noted.

It was resolved to move the following item into exclusion of press and public.

**250 CEMETERY ROAD**

Resolved that the update be noted.

**251 INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members of the public and the press were re-admitted to the meeting following the conclusion of the consideration of business of a confidential nature.

**252 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The minutes of the council meeting held on 15 February 2024 as detailed in the minute book (2023-24) were approved as a true and accurate record.

**253 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Resolved to confirm the payment of accounts for January 2024.

**254 INCOME**

Resolved to confirm the council's income for January 2024.

**255 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received regarding safety for horse riders in the area. It was agreed that the town clerk would write to Wakefield council to support safety for horse riders.

**256 SAND - WATERPARK**

Resolved that the purchase of sand for the beach at Hemsworth Waterpark at a cost of £3,100 + VAT be approved.

**257 NEW DOOR - LAKESIDE**

Resolved that the purchase of a steel door for the waterpark at a cost of £3,280 + VAT be approved.

**258 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Conduct at council meetings.
- Public questions and exclusion of press and public.
- Spending at the Waterpark.
- The process for removing members of the public from meetings.
- The soft play area.
- The asset register.

The meeting was closed at 20.05.