

**Town Council Meeting
03 April 2025**

Present: Councillors Bacon, Conway, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Rushmer, Stephens, Whitehead and the town clerk.

Thirteen members of the public were in attendance.

179 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bates and Ogunade.

180 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

181 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting on 6 March 2025 be approved.

182 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the payment of accounts for February 2025 be confirmed.

183 INCOME

Resolved that the council's income for February 2025 be noted.

184 SANDYGATE PITCH HIRE DISCOUNT

Resolved that a discount of 20% of the total cost of pitch hire be applied to all youth teams based in Hemsworth, Kinsly and Fitzwilliam using the grass pitch at Sandygate football facilities.

185 BUDGET VIREMENTS

Resolved that the budget be noted and that virements of £21,250 to the contingency budget be approved.

186 GIFTS TO PARISHIONERS

Resolved that the ages that parishioners will receive gifts from the council will change to 80, 90, 100 and then every year thereafter.

187 Public Question Time

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Council income
- The code lock at Fitzwilliam Centre
- Sandygate lighting
- Delegated authority to individual councillors
- Bus trips and concerts
- Land sale
- Sale of property on Bank Street

188 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.

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189 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for April be approved.

190 FINANCE

The update was noted.

The meeting closed at 20.10