

**Town Council Meeting
04 September 2025**

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

Six members of the public were in attendance.

042 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

043 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

044 MINUTES

- a) Resolved that the minutes of the council meeting on 3 July 2025 be approved.
- b) Resolved that the minutes of the finance committee meeting on 3 July 2025 be approved.

045 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- a) This item was deferred.
- b) This item was deferred.

046 INCOME

- a) Resolved that the council's income for June 2025 be noted.
- b) Resolved that the council's income for July 2025 be noted.

047 CO-OPTION

Resolved that Valerie Darby be co-opted onto Hemsworth Town Council.
At this point Cllr Darby signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

048 STANDING ORDERS

This item was deferred.

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This item was deferred.

050 POLICIES

This item was withdrawn

051 DONATIONS

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made to Hemsworth Park Care Home.

052 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- a) Resolved that the payment of accounts for August 2025 be approved.
- b) Resolved that the payment of accounts for September 2025 be approved.

053 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Resolved that the internal auditors report be received and all recommendations be accepted and actioned.

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054 DBS CHECKS

Resolved that the council provide enhanced DBS checks to all councillors on a voluntary basis.

055 WORKING GROUPS

Motion failed.

056 SANDYGATE

Resolved that the quote from JP Electrical for £16,994 plus VAT for replacement lights at Sandygate be accepted.

057 Public Question Time

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Working groups
- Timescale for new lights at Sandygate
- DBS checks

058 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.

059 STAFFING COMMITTEE

Resolved that a staffing committee be formed with Cllrs S Middleton, Rushmer and Darby as members and that the terms of reference be approved with the agreed alterations. The agreed alterations being that the committee has no delegated authority to make decisions on staffing matters and will make recommendations to full council.

060 CAFÉ/BAR

Resolved that the update be received.

061 LEGAL MATTERS

Resolved that the update be noted.

The meeting closed at 20.30