

NOTICE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

20th May 2026

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Adjourned Annual Meeting of Hemsworth Town Council to be held in the main hall, Community Centre, Bullenshaw Road Hemsworth upon the rise of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Wilson
Town Clerk

NB: This meeting will be broadcast simultaneously via 'Zoom,' the details of which are at the foot of this agenda.

Recordings of Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public may now film, photograph and make audio recordings of the proceedings of the Public Participation session, as this is not part of the formal agenda of the meeting. Recording Activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence for this meeting.

2. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman will welcome Councillors and residents to the meeting and give a fire safety announcement.

3. Declaration of Interests

Members are asked to receive declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 Part III and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. Members are reminded that should you declare a pecuniary interest at the meeting it is your responsibility to inform the Monitoring Officer.

4. Public Question Time

Members of the public are advised that they are welcome to ask questions about items on the agenda or matters about the parish itself. It is not always possible to give a verbal

response at the meeting and questions may receive a written reply. No resolution can be made under this item.

Questions should relate to matter of Parish Council policy or practice and not relate to the individual affairs of wither the questioner or any other named person.

5. Minutes

Members are asked to confirm the following minutes:

- Finance Committee meeting – 2nd April 2026
Copy attached Appendix A
- Full Council meeting – 2nd April 2026
Copy attached Appendix B
- Extraordinary Full Council Meeting – Thursday 7th May 2026
Copy attached Appendix C

6. Planning

- i) Members are asked to consider the following planning applications:
 - 26/00798/FUL 27 Springvale Rise Hemsworth
Rear Sun Lounge
 - 26/00794/ADV 8B Grove Lane Hemsworth
Non-illuminated signage Scheme
 - 26/00745/FUL 53 Station Road Hemsworth
Replacement Garage to rear
 - 26/00701/SPN Tesco Market Street
Installation of 420.24kWp Solar Photovoltaics Array
 - 26/00469/FUL 46 Moorfield Crescent
Conversion of existing outbuilding with new pitched roof over to side and single storey extension
- ii) Members are asked to note the following planning applications:
 - 07/05/26 West End Terriers FC Cemetery Road
Replacement Sports Pavilion and New Vehicle Access
 - 2600479/GPD 21 Ringwood Way Hemsworth
Single Storey extension to rear with a maximum projection of 4.5m maximum height of 3.9m and a maximum eaves height of 2.9m
 - 26/00110/FUL MDC Sports Stadium Wakefield
Replacement of existing stand and dugout an erection of floodlights and ball stopping netting

7. Finance

- i) The Locum Clerk will update the Council on the current situation with the accounts.
- ii) Updating the Council Accounts

Members are asked to note that the amount of work to update the accounts is a considerable amount of work for a Local RFO. It is therefore suggested that a cheaper option is for Rialtus to input the accounts for the Council and then the Locum RFO can complete the end of year, VAT etc for the Council. Members are asked to note that for the Locum RFO to input the accounts that it estimated that it would cost £around £2500 plus on costs and that Rialtus is £616 per day + VAT.

Members are therefore asked to confirm the way forward.

8. Allotments

- i) Goats on the Allotments

Members are asked to consider the attached report but are reminded the Allotment Tenancy Agreement for our sites does not allow for goats on the Allotment Sites. The only animals allowed are chickens, rabbits, and ducks.

Members are reminded that legal advice from The National Allotment Association has stated:

The Allotments Act 1950 only provides that hens and rabbits must be permitted on allotments, there is nothing in the Allotments Acts regarding other animals. The only other relevant part of the Acts would be that part of the definition of allotments requires the land be "wholly or mainly" used for the growing of fruit and vegetables. If a significant part of the plot was used for something like a pigsty or for grazing, then it would be against this definition.

Beyond that point, there are also concerns related to the owners requiring specific licences for animals such as pigs that would also make them inappropriate and to manage on the allotment site.

Overall, we tend to strongly advise against allowing any other livestock beyond hens and rabbits (with an exception for bees on some sites).

- ii) Fires on the Allotments

Members are asked to consider and adopt the attached Policy with regard to the lighting on fires on allotments. This is help with the fires being lit all year round and in some cases being lit in a morning and left to smoulder all day.

Copy attached Appendix D

9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RECEOMMENDED that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that , - the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, due to the nature of the business be transacted which is considered to be prejudicial to the public interest.

COUNCIL IN PRIVATE SESSION

10. DEAD OF RELEASE OF COVENANTS

Members are asked to consider the attached report.

Copy attached Appendix E