

LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
13 September 2016

Present: Councillors Draper, Nicholson, Swift, Upson and Westmorland

Apologies: Councillors Wootton.

0 Members of the public were in attendance.

111 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Upson proposed Councillor Swift as Chair of Leisure and Recreation this was seconded by Councillor Westmorland no other proposals were received.

Resolved: That Councillor Swift be Chair of Leisure and Recreation, and Councillor Swift took the Chair.

112 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Upson proposed Councillor Westmorland as Vice Chair of Leisure and Recreation this was seconded by Councillor Swift no other proposals were received.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Westmorland be Vice Chair of Leisure and Recreation.

113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest or interests in any item or items on this agenda.

The Chairman read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

114 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings held on the 19th & 26th July 2016, as detailed in Minute Book No. 2 (2016/2017) pages 067 – 073 & 074 - 077 and as adopted by the Town Council on 12th July 2016, be received and approved.

115 WATER PARK - INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Water Park for July & August 2016 as compared to the previous year - pages 096 – 099 of these minutes.

It was agreed: that the information be noted and to accommodate staff working times Playworld will be open 10am to 3pm from 01 October to 31 October.

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116 COMMUNITY CENTRE – INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received for the Community Centre for July & August 2016 as compared to the previous year – pages 100 -101 of these minutes.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

117 LAKESIDE CAFÉ & SOFT PLAY AREA – INCOME REPORT

Members discussed with the information relating to the income received from the Lakeside Café and Soft Play area for July & August 2016 as compared to the previous year – pages 102 – 103 of these minutes.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

118 FOOTBALL FACILITY – INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Football Facility for July & August 2016 as compared to the previous year – pages 104 – 105 of these minutes.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

119 HEMSWORTH MARKET – INCOME REPORT

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Market for July & August 2016 as compared to the previous year – pages 106 – 107 of these minutes.

It was agreed: that the information be noted and that until further interest the Saturday Market remains closed and that further investigation is made into a Thursday Market.

120 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that there was space within Playworld for the provision of new equipment.

It was agreed: That a Working Party be arranged to discuss the utilisation of the space and purchase of new equipment, members of the Working Party are Councillors Swift, Westmorland and Upson.

121 SERVICE PROVISION - COMMUNITY CENTRE & HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members of the current situation in relation to the Service Provision program of works.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

123 LAKESIDE CAFÉ AND SOFT PLAY AREA

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Stocktake

It was agreed: that the stocktake information on page 108 of these minutes be noted.

b. Overview and update

It was agreed: that the update provided by the Deputy Town Clerk be noted.

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124 GARDEN SCHEME, FOOTBALL FACILITIES (Sandygate & Cemetery Road) AND HEMSWORTH MARKET

- a. The Deputy Town Clerk provided an overview & update on each of the service and the report circulated in relation to Sandygate Football Facility.

It was agreed: that the information be noted and that the recommendation to increase the set aside fund for Sandygate be increase to £10,000 per year be approved.

- b. The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update on the current project at Cemetery Road and the receipt of the complaint in relation to the fencing.

It was agreed: that the information be noted and that quotes are obtain for the pruning of the trees.

125 ALLOTMENTS

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on the following:

- a. Planned maintenance programme.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

- b. Environment Agency matter (Grove Lane)

It was agreed: that the information be noted and that members support the retaining of the bridge as an access to Springfield allotment site and that the Environment Agency contacts the developer to ensure they are adhering to any planning regulations.

- c. Request for permission to have ducks and geese on allotments

It was agreed: that permission to have ducks be granted and that the permission to have geese be granted for a period of twelve months and then reviewed

- d. Request to have pigs on allotments

Members were informed that the request to keep pigs had been withdrawn and the tenant was now requesting permission to keep a horse on the allotment plot.

It was agreed: permission be declined on the grounds that the Council retains their policy of letting paddock in order of the waiting list for paddocks.

- e. Garage - Newstead

It was agreed: that the garage on Newstead is let to the applicant.

126 BRASS BAND CONCERT

Members discussed the report provided.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

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127 MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Council informed members of the problems experienced relating to the condition of Vale Head Park and the impact this was having on Hemsworth Water Park.

It was agreed: that a letter is sent to Wakefield Council's higher management highlighting the problems and requested that litter picking is carried out seven days a week during the high season.

128 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & 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.

129 OPENING OF TENDERS – BONFIRE

The tenders received in relation to the bonfire were opened and signed by the Chair of Leisure and Recreation and the Chair of the Council and considered and an application for an open bucket collection was considered.

It was agreed: that the tender to provide all the services required by one applicant be accepted and the application for a bucket collection be declined.

130 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Chair of the Council provided information into the break in at Hemsworth Water Park.

It was agreed: that the information be noted.

Meeting closed at 19:45

Rachel Middleton
Deputy Town Clerk
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