

LEISURE COMMITTEE
20 October 2015

Present: Councillors Jones (Chairman), Beck, Draper, Nicholson, Swift, Upson, Westmorland & Wootton.

Apologies: Councillors Campbell, Briggs & McIntyre.

No members of the public were in attendance.

189 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s 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.

190 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 08th September 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 3 (2015/2016) pages 121 – 131 and as adopted by the Town Council on 06th October 2015, be received and approved.

191 WATER PARK - INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Water Park for September 2015 as compared to the previous year – Pages 189 – 190 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

192 COMMUNITY CENTRE – INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Community Centre for September 2015 as compared to the previous year – Page 191 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

193 LAKESIDE CAFÉ & SOFT PLAY AREA – INCOME REPORT

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Lakeside Café & Soft Play area for September 2015 as compared to the previous year – Page 192 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

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194 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Hemsworth Water Park – Vandalism update

The Town Clerk informed members that two incidents had occurred since her last report in July. One occurred in September 2015 – (5 life rings burnt plus damage to the boat shed and trees) and a recent incident in October – (damage to the Fascia boarding on the Beach shop/Boat House by youths playing football). The Clerk informed members that repairs to the Fascia Board had recently been undertaken from a previous incident of youths playing football in the car park area and damaging the fascia. All details had been provided to the Police and contact had been made with the Town Council's insurers.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

b. Hemsworth Water Park – Safety Signs

The Clerk gave details on the replacement safety signs required at the Water Park.

It was agreed that authority be given to purchase 5 new Safety signs and that the Working Party consider at a future meeting the replacement of the information signs.

c. Hemsworth Water Park – Fishing Wakefield Angling Club

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received from the Angling Club.

It was agreed that the correspondence received be noted.

d. Hemsworth Water Park - Miniature Railway – To Discuss Future Use.

Members discussed the problems being experienced with the operation of the Miniature Train and the costs involved in maintaining and staffing this service, breakdowns and cost of repairs, all of which were proving uneconomical to run the service.

RESOLVED: That due to the service being uneconomical to operate the Clerk arranges for the train track to be dismantled and disposed of along with the trains/carriages and that Members look to consider providing a different attraction in this area.

195 SERVICE PROVISION - COMMUNITY CENTRE & HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Development, Events & Office Administration Officer report

Members discussed the report which had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the following recommendations be approved;

1. Members agreed to have `Coffee mornings` to raise funds for local groups and charities
2. Members agreed the request for free use of the Centre on the requested dates for the Yorkshire Ambulance Service

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196 LAKESIDE CAFÉ AND SOFT PLAY AREA

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Food Stock – August 2015 and September 2015

Members discussed the stock reports that were circuited with the agenda – pages 193 - 194 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

b. Overview and update

The Town Clerk updated members on the current operation of the Lakeside Café service.

It was agreed that the Working group would look to reassess the recommendations put forward previously and that the Finance committee would review the present staffing structure.

197 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 are excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

198 GREENSPACE ISSUES

The Town Clerk provided an update in relation to legal matters.

It was agreed that the information be noted and that the Clerk be authorized to take any necessary action to remedy this matter in consultation with the Chairman of the Town Council and report back to Members.

Meeting closed @ 7.30 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
20 October 2015
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