

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
11th MARCH 2019

Present

Councillor A Hallett (Mayor)
Councillor M Barningham
Councillor A Coates
Councillor J Howe
Councillor D Ingram
Councillor C McGill
Councillor C Mollard
Councillor J Noone

A N Reed (Town Clerk)
J A Cockburn (Assistant Clerk)

4 Members of the Public (MoP)

220.1819 **Declarations of Interest in agenda items:**
No declarations of interest were received.

221.1819 **Apologies:**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Evitt and Young.

222.1819 **Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th February 2019:**
The Council **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were signed as such by the Chair.

223.1819 **Updates** from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda):

223.1 **Youth Shelter** – to consider a police request to paint the Youth Shelter roof with anti-climb paint:
The Clerk informed Council of the costs and that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor was willing to carry out the work. The Council **resolved** to approve the painting of the Youth Shelter with anti-climb paint and to put up Warning signs.

224.1819 **Reports of recent activity:**

224.1 **Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors:**
Cllrs Coates, Mollard and Hallett attended a Twinning meeting.
Cllr Coates attended a meeting to organise the Scouts and Guides Festival. Cllrs Coates and Hallett attended the RAFA AGM.
Cllr Coates attended Mowbray school where she gave a talk about the work of a town council and councillors. Cllrs Noone, Mollard, Hallett and Barningham

attended a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting. Cllrs Noone, Mollard and Barningham attended two Tour de Yorkshire meetings. Cllr Mollard attended a Y L C A meeting. Cllr Hallett attended a meeting to discuss the Freedom of Bedale with RAF Leeming, and the Mayor of Colburn's charity dinner.

224.2 Report from District/ County Councillors:

District Cllr Noone informed the Council that Community Infrastructure Levy monies had no restrictions on usage - i.e. CIL could be used to gain revenue or used as a joint venture with other bodies.

Cllr Carl Les from North Yorkshire CC reported that the county council had agreed the protocol for Vehicle Activated Signs, with the cost being in the region of £2,500 and information on purchase, installation and maintenance available from NYCC early in the next financial year

224.3 Report from NY Police representative:

PCSO Ian MacDonald handed out and presented the report. (See Appendix A). PCSO McDonald informed the Council that there had been anti-social behaviour issues over the last weekend and as a result there would be extra foot patrols in place to address this. Also, that on Saturday 16th March at Bedale Fire Station the Police are to hold property marking sessions which was open to the public. There was a possibility of attending a Saturday Car Boot Sale to carry out property marking in Bedale Park for the public.

225.1819

Financial statement and approvals for payment:

The Council **resolved** to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk/Assist Clerk/Market Superintendent/Caretaker); Paul Ellis (bus shelter/bandstand) £60; E & P Electrics (Xmas lights) £2591.90; Chris Monkhouse (painting posts & chains on Wycar) £1000; TWC Facilities Ltd (toilet tissue) £37.20; Bedale Hall (heating charges) £162.36; Yorwaste Ltd (car boot sales waste collection) £1512.58; JA Cockburn (cleaning supplies for toilets) £8.48; Bedale Print Shop Ltd (office stationery) £10.48; HMRC (PAYE/NI qtr 4) £777.01.

226.1819

Liftshare – to receive a short presentation about expanding local liftshare schemes to Bedale as part of a North Yorkshire-wide scheme.

Sharon Cooney, a liftshare project officer funded by North Yorkshire CC, gave a brief outline of her role and her aspirations for Bedale. She explained how the scheme worked in Masham, and that this was an online lift matching scheme by which users can simply input the journey date/ time and location and be matched with other users. Her aim was to expand the system county-wide, including in the first instance Bedale and Ripon and surrounding areas to link up with the success of Mashamshire.

In response to councillors' questions about how the town council could assist the scheme, Ms Cooney said that she was looking for support from the Council in principle and may put forward a proposal for financial support to help produce and distribute leaflets explaining the scheme.

The Council **agreed** that they were willing to support the scheme and add a link onto the Council's website.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Liftshare

227.1819

Tour de Yorkshire – to receive an update on preparations and consider any policy or practical decisions necessary at this stage.

The Clerk reported that at the last Steering Group meeting North Yorkshire Highways gave details of the road closures and a draft timetable was issued; the women's race to finish between 12.30-12.55pm and the men's race to finish between 5.45-6.05pm. The Steering group has the use of the finishing straight, podium and public address between 1.30-3pm and a variety of inclusive events are planned. Parking would be suspended on Market Place / North End from 6pm on the previous night and the roads would be closed on the day until after the race finish. The Council would receive confirmation of the road closures by the end of March. The young children's souvenir had been agreed as a water bottle, this would be issued to all pupils at Bedale Primary School and primary-age pupils at Mowbray School. There would be a "Ride the Route" 20-mile cycle ride to finish on the Market Place at 3pm and also a decorated "bike parade" through the town. The day will end with a concert in the Park at night as a thank you to residents. The Clerk presented an event budget to the council for TdY activities and the Council **resolved** to approve the budget presented.

228.1819 **Section 106** – to note the approval by Hambleton DC or re-allocating Section 106 monies for children's play from Burrill Road to Bedale Park, and to consider options for new equipment/facilities.

The Council **resolved** to set up a working group consisting of Cllrs Coates, Mollard and Barningham. This group will look at play equipment options in Bedale Park, including through consultation of local young people and the general public.

229.1819 **Scouts and Guides Festival** – to receive information about the Bedale Scouts and Guides Festival on Sunday 9th June 2019.

Cllr Coates explained that the group are currently finalising plans; there will be a parade through the town and this year's theme was "superheroes". RAF Leeming had been booked along with the air cadets and vintage cars.

230.1819 **The Wynd/Wycar Green traffic** – to consider a proposal to lobby NYCC Highways with a view to making into no through roads.

Following comments from members of the public that large lorries were using the road as a "cut through" to get to Masham, councillors considered suggestions including making the roads no through roads, imposing a 7.5 ton weight restriction except for access, and making the roads one-way from Masham Road towards Market Place.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NYCC Highways to request assistance on any or all three of these suggestions.

231.1819 **Friarage Hospital** – to consider a response to proposed changes to critical care services at the Friarage, and to a request from "Friends of the Friarage Hospital" to help publicise a petition on the issue.

The Council **resolved** to publicise the petition via website and social media.

232.1819 **Twinning** – to consider a request to formalise the Declaration of Friendship between Bedale and Azay-sur-Cher by way of a Charter.

The Chair of the Twinning Association, Pam Hallett, gave a short presentation on the history of the Twinning Association, how the partnership with Azay-sur-Cher was formed, and the current relationship. Ms Hallett asked for Council

support to formally validate the Twinning via a Charter, a copy of which was handed out to Councillors.

The Council **resolved** to approve the signing of the Charter.

233.1819

Bedale Town Council Elections – to note the forthcoming elections on 2nd May 2019 for all seats on Bedale Town Council and to note the ways in which Nomination papers can be obtained and should be returned.

The Clerk confirmed that nomination papers were available from the Town Council office now. He added that the forms had to be hand delivered (by self or nominated person) to Stone Cross, Northallerton between 20th March and 4pm on 3rd April 2019.

234.1819

Planning Applications and Decisions:

Applications:

18/02746/FUL and 18/02747/LBC

Alteration and change of use of former first floor office space to provide three residential apartments at 23 Market Place, and listed building consent for this

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

19/00148/FUL

Change of use of part of car park for the siting of bin stores for apartments at 4a Bridge Street

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

19/00288/ADV and 19/00291/LBC

Installation of new lighting and signage to the front of the public house and advertisement consent at the Three Coopers, Emgate, and listed building consent for this

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

19/00339/FUL

Demolition and filling in of existing pond, including tree and vegetation removal, construction of new footpaths, installation of new surfacing and seating, perennial shrub and tree planting, at Tom Hall Court

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

19/00360/FUL

Proposed new single storey rear extension at 9 Kendrew Close

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

NY/2018/0254/FUL

Construction of two Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) rectangular kiosks (combined total of 44.8 external square metres) on land at Bedale Waste Water Treatment Works, South End

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

19/00429/FUL

Single storey extension to extension kitchen and new door to side elevation at 51 Iddison Drive

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

19/00464/FUL

Construction of a first-floor extension above existing garage at front of property, also cladding of the new extension and existing garage front, at 60 Firby Road

*Council **resolved** to support the application*

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Correspondence: (See full list in Appendix B)

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Brand Bedale – The Clerk read out an invitation to all Councillors from Brand Bedale to a social event at Bedale Golf Club on 1st April 2019.

The Chair closed the meeting to the public at 9.10pm after which was a short private session to discuss staffing matters.

Appendix A



POLICE UPDATE FOR BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019

Crime figures

The figures below are for Bedale Town and Aiskew parish and show crimes reported since 1st January 2019 to 28th February 2019 (2-month period). Figures in brackets show the number of these reports within the last month – February 2019.

Crimes-	(within last month)
<u>Arson and Criminal Damage</u> : 8 reports	6 reports
<u>Burglaries</u> : 2 reports	0 reports
<u>Drug Offences</u> : 2 reports	2 reports
<u>Fraud</u> : 1 report	1 report
<u>Theft</u> : 10 reports	3 reports
<u>Vehicle offences</u> : 2 reports	1 report
<u>Violence against a person</u> (including harassment): 14 reports	3 reports
<u>Public order offences</u> : 4 reports	3 reports
<u>Miscellaneous crimes</u> : 2 reports	0 reports

In February 2019, Police attended the following general incidents within Bedale Town and Aiskew Parish:

Road traffic accidents and reports (primarily reports and incidents on A1)

- 4 - accident
- 10 - offences and other road related reports (speeding, manner of driving etc)
- 9 - highway disruption

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), alarms and suspicious circumstance reports

- 13 - ASB. Includes litter, parking, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, rowdy behaviour and street drinking, malicious communications, texts, emails, face book and neighbour disputes
- 18 – Alarms, abandoned calls and concern for safety reports

- 8 - Suspicious circumstance reports

Crime Reports

Crime for this reporting period (February 2019) for Bedale Town and Aiskew Parish:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Curtain side damaged on lorry parked.	Nothing taken, no lines of enquiry
2 x Damage (1x window of property, 1 x door of property)	No lines of enquiry, case closed
Make off without payment of fuel	Incorrect VRM passed, unable to progress.
Damage caused to school fence	Enquires ongoing
Damage to football ground	Enquiries ongoing
2x Public order offences	Suspect reported for summons
Theft from skip	Enquires conducted, case closed
Shop theft	Investigation ongoing
Drugs / stop check of vehicle	2 x cannabis warnings issued
Breach of criminal behaviour order	Arrested and remanded
Damage to public toilets	Enquires ongoing

How you can help to tackle Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

(From NYP website)

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking are exploitative crimes and are growing issues which affects men, woman and children.

Victims are viewed as a commodity to be traded or exploited over and over again. This may be for use in criminal purposes, forced labour, domestic servitude or for sexual exploitation.

The National Crime Agency reported that in 2017, 5,145 potential victims of modern slavery were identified, a 35% increase on the previous year.

However, due to the hidden and secretive nature of the crime, it is thought that there may potentially be tens of thousands of victims in the UK.

Cases of modern slavery have been found all across the country, at car washes, construction sites, in agricultural industries and in food processing.

Victims are payed little and forced to put up with poor living and working conditions.

Some are forced into sex work or into the production of cannabis, with their freedom of movement removed from them, as their passports and papers are taken away, effectively trapping them into the situation.

We need to highlight the fact that this crime is happening here in North Yorkshire and we are appealing to members of the public that if they see something suspicious, they must report it.

Detective Inspector John Paul Freer, of North Yorkshire Police’s Safeguarding and Vulnerability Unit, said: “Modern slavery and human trafficking are not confined to major cities.

“This issue affects all parts of the UK – it’s in our towns and cities, in our rural communities and we should not assume that North Yorkshire is not touched by this growing offence.

“We know from national figures that modern slavery and human trafficking are on the increase, but the nature of these crimes means that victims are hidden and controlled. This makes it very hard to spot or recognise, particularly regarding victims of sexual exploitation, forced labour or domestic servitude. “It may be that as you legitimately go about your business, you inadvertently come into contact with individuals who are being exploited.

“These include those who work in the food and restaurant industry, hotels and accommodation letting, farming and other rural businesses, and car washes and nail bars.

“If you think an individual or a group of people are being exploited, please do the right thing and contact North Yorkshire Police on 101.

“If there is an immediate threat, always dial 999.

“You can also contact the Modern Slavery helpline on 08000121700. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is also the option to pass information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

“The most important thing is to take action and tell someone. This will ensure that these demeaning, degrading and exploitative crimes are dealt with by the police and our partner agencies and the victims are supported.”



How to recognise the signs of modern slavery

Whilst slavery can be hard to identify, there are some indicative signs you can be aware of:

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE – Victims may show signs of physical or psychological abuse, look malnourished or unkempt, or appear withdrawn

ISOLATION – Victims may rarely be allowed to travel on their own, seem under the control and influence of others, rarely interact or appear unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work

POOR LIVING CONDITIONS – Victims may be living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation, and/or living and working at the same address

FEW OR NO PERSONAL EFFECTS – Victims may have no identification documents, have few personal possessions and always wear the same clothes day in day out. What clothes they do wear may not be suitable for their work

RESTRICTED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT – Victims have little opportunity to move freely and may have had their travel documents retained, e.g. passports

UNUSUAL TRAVEL TIMES – They may be dropped off/collected for work on a regular basis either very early or late at night

RELUCTANT TO SEEK HELP – Victims may avoid eye contact, appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers and fear law enforcers for many reasons, such as not knowing who to trust or where to get help, fear of deportation, fear of violence to them or their family.

If you see something suspicious please report it. Together we can break the cycle of exploitation.

Report information to:

- **North Yorkshire Police – 101.**
- **Immediate threat – always dial 999**
- **Modern Slavery helpline (24/7) – 08000121700**
- **Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111**

We urge residents to be on lookout and report suspicious activity or vehicles at the time any suspect activity occurs using the national 101 non-emergency number. Always dial 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.

Appendix B

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 12th February – 8th March

1. From: **Darlington and Stockton Times** Date **12/2/19**
Request for information about TdY residents letter distribution
2. From: **Hambleton DC Street Naming** Date **12/2/19**
Information of a new postal address (Lowlands Grange DL8 1RE) at OD Field 7638 (near Bedale Wood Farm)
3. From: **Mowbray School** Date **13/2/19**
Request for a councillor to talk to pupils on the topic of community (Cllr Coates did this on 21st February)
4. From: **MoP** Date **13/2/19**
Reporting storm damage to a silver birch tree at Southfields
5. From: **Bedale Museum** Date **16/2/19**
Request for the Museum to be included in Tour de Yorkshire publicity, website etc
6. From: **MoP x 3** Date **16/2/19**
Positive comments on the Tour de Yorkshire letter being delivered: "Really helpful and a first-class piece of print". Also, two requests to become volunteers on the day
7. From: **MoP** Date **19/2/19**
Concerns about the TdY affecting access to The Millings and adjacent buildings
8. From: **NYCC communications** Date **21/2/19**
Information about the Tour de Yorkshire trophy tour of Bedale on 7th March
9. From: **Mowbray School** Date **21/2/19**
Information about the Makaton Friendly Town scheme for BTC website
10. From: **Darlington TC** Date **21/2/19**
Request for information about print production
11. From: **MoP** Date **23/2/19**
Enquiry about litter picking volunteer possibilities [referred to Bedale Litter Pickers]
12. From: **NHS Hambleton Richmondshire & Whitby CCG** Date **28/2/19**
Information about temporary changes to critical care services at the Friarage Hospital
13. From: **MoP** Date **2/3/19**
Request for minutes of past Annual Council Meetings
14. From: **MoP pp Save the Friarage Hospital Group** Date **2/3/19**
Information about this Facebook group and accompanying petition
15. From: **Brand Bedale** Date **5/3/19**
Invitation to Councillors to a social event and sustainability presentation, at Bedale Golf Club on 1st April