# COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

TIME: 7pm

**LOCATION:** Bedale Hall, Drawing Room

PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Hallett (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Philip Cockburn,

John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John

Noone, Malcolm Young

STAFF: Nick Reed (Town Clerk), Judith Cockburn (Assistant Clerk, minutes)

IN ATTENDANCE: Janet Gleeson (D&S)

157.1920	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation:  Cllr Barningham declared an interest in item 164.1920.
158.1920	Apologies and reasons for absence: There were none, all councillors bring present
159.1920	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th February 2020:  The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
<b>160.1920</b> 160.1	Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)  Cycling Legacy – to note progress following the discussion at February's meeting (agendum 150.1920), and approve changes to the distribution of the surplus, agreed by consensus between meetings, to be £1,000 to Mowbray School and £756.79 towards cycling infrastructure in the town:  The Clerk reported that Bedale High School had decided to decline the Council's offer of legacy funding. Therefore, an amended offer of £1,000 to Mowbray School had been suggested, with the remainder to be spent within the town.  The Council RESOLVED to approve the £1,000 donation to Mowbray School and to spend the remaining surplus on cycling infrastructure  Action: Councillors to suggest possible projects via the Clerk  Bedale Park Toilets – to note the proposed dates for renovation and consider the hire of portaloo/s during this period:
160.3	The Clerk reported that there had been a delay in obtaining the new toilets and that therefore the renovation date had been delayed until 20 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May. It was noted that both toilets are being renovated at the same time and that therefore two accessible portaloos were to be hired during the renovation.  Annual Parish Meeting – to note responses from invitees to receive the Community Award and to speak at the meeting:  The Council noted that Brian Hall was delighted to receive the Community Award.  Kayleigh Catford (Welcome to Yorkshire) will attend as a speaker, but no reply has yet been received from Citizens Advice.  Action: Clerk to pursue
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Great British Spring Clean – to note the Bedale Litter Busters clean-up on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, supported by the Town Council, as part of the initiative:

The Bedale Litter Busters clean-up as part of this national campaign meets on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10am at the bus shelter on the Market Place, all volunteers welcome. The Council noted that Brand Bedale is organising weeding in the town to coincide with the clean-up.

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**Street Lighting on Albert Row** – to note developments since February's meeting and approve the payment of £1,000 towards renovation of the lamps on the grounds that they would then be owned and operated by Hambleton District Council:

The Council noted that these works had been carried out ahead of schedule. The Council RESOLVED to approve the payment of £1,000 to Hambleton DC.

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#### 161.1920 Reports of recent activity:

## 161.1 Reports from external body meetings attended by town councillors:

Clir Mollard thanked the Bedale & Villages Community Forum for its grant of £2,000 towards Christmas lights in Bedale. This allows the wiring of the remainder of the Market Place lampposts to be completed, thus allowing more set pieces for the Christmas lights in future.

### 161.2 Reports from District/ County Councillors:

Cllr Noone reported that the Hambleton DC Make a Difference grant panel were due to meet this week to consider the applications of £1,600 for the Christmas Lights and £1,300 for the Illuminated Address. He also noted that the next meeting of the Rector and Four and Twenty would be at 7pm on  $23^{rd}$  March in Bedale Hall.

Cllr Barningham informed Council that the new Hambleton Crematorium had gone to public consultation, with details available on the Hambleton DC website. Also, the Hambleton Local Plan was due for submission on 31st March 2020.

## 162.1920 Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment:

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Caretaker / Cleaner/ Market Superintendent); HMRC (PAYE Q4) £706.14; E&P Electrics (Xmas lights) £3,237.85; Mowbray School (donation per item 160.1) £1,000; Bedale Hall (Office heating) £126.10; Business Stream (water to Bridge St toilets) £100.78; TWC Group (toilet tissue) £37.20; House & Home (supplies) £28.19; WJPS (annual website/email support) £996 (n.b.to be paid in April to fit in the 2020-21 financial year); Farm & Land Services (tree maintenance, installation of new litter bin) £508.80; Yorwaste Ltd (annual waste removal for car boot sale) £1,570.56.

The Council NOTED the following receipts in January: Market rents £205.90; car boot sale payments £720; Bedale & Villages Community Forum donation £500 (Xmas Market); Gallone Ices £320 (part payment for car boot sale concession). The Council's cash book balance on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 after these transactions was NOTED as being £126,275.03.

The Clerk also noted that £45,062.43 had been received from Hambleton DC as section 106 monies for the new equipment on Bedale Park play area, and the Council **RESOLVED** to pay the invoice from Streetscape Ltd for play area installation in March,



for larity of accounting so this considerable expenditure and income showed in the financial year.

Action: Clerk to liaise with signatories on receipt of invoice

inated Address – to receive any necessary information from the working group eting of 3rd March 2020:

The Clerk reported that on 3rd March, RAF Leeming had informed the working group the RAF Military band were not available on 4th July, or indeed any other date before December 2020, and that therefore the group recommended that there was little\_option but to postpone the event to 2021. Council AGREED with this ecommendation.

Action: Clerk to attempt to agree a date in 2021 with RAF Leeming

**164.1920** Bedale Youth Venue – to consider a request for section 137 funding of £1,000 in 2019-20 and £1,000 in 2020-21, to enable the Venue to continue to provide a suitable service for the young people of Bedale (deferred from February):

> The Council RESOLVED to make a Section 137 donation of £1,000 for 2019-20, and to consider a further donation in 2020-21 early in the financial year

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Joint Burial Authority – to nominate a staff member and a Councillor to a Working Group considering the most suitable way to implement essential changes to the JBA structure. Also, to note required changes to JBA governance and audit practice, including retrospective changes:

The Clerk confirmed that these changes were a legal requirement and that changes to the audit process reflecting Bedale Town Council's share of the assets, liabilities, income and expenditure of the JBA were required, including retrospective changes. The Council's internal auditor will advise as to how this will be properly done. The Council noted that the working group would oversee the logistics of JBA activity, employment, assets and contracts being transferred to one of the constituent councils, almost certainly this one.

The Council **APPOINTED** Cllr Young to join the Clerk on the working group.

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**Memorial Benches** – to consider the purchase of one or more remembrance benches to be installed in and around Bedale on or around the VE Day 75 celebrations, the cost being £600 each for 1-4 benches, £500 each for 5 or more:

The Council was generally in favour of this proposal, but more information on design options and the placement of benches was required.

Action: This matter to be on April's agenda; Councillors to share any thoughts on the number, position and design of benches via the Clerk

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Planning applications and decisions:

20/00164/FUL – Change all concrete roof tiles for new clay pantiles on main building at White Bear Hotel, 1 South End, Bedale.

The Council **RESOLVED** to support the application, noting that it would bring the establishment into harmony with neighbouring buildings

20/00174/FUL - Single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, internal alterations to garage and house at 26 Peirse Close, Bedale:



The Council **RESOLVED** to support the application Council noted that application 20/00083/TPO for work to an oak tree at 105 South had been granted. council also noted recent media reports, confirmed by email, that the applicants 5 he proposed extra care facility at Queen Anne's Drive were intending to appeal against its rejection, both to the Secretary of State and by submitting a revised plan to bleton DC. 168.1920 **Correspondence** – (background papers provided – see Appendix A) Item 1 The Council was informed that due to uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 virus a **Ecision** had been taken to delay the charity football event due for 5<sup>th</sup> April. The Council discussed the possibility of providing supervised placement opportunities Item 8 under the Community Payback Scheme, and agreed to investigate this further Action: Clerk to pursue The Council AGREED to loan the marquee out for the charity football event when it Item 9 happens, on the understanding that this is collected, assembled, taken down and returned in appropriate condition by the organisers. Item 12 The Mayor is to visit Mr Les Kelly of Benkhill Lodge on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Item 16 Cllrs Hallett and Mollard, plus guests, are to attend the Item 17 Councillors were encouraged to attend the next Hambleton DC Vibrant Market Towns meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 6pm in Bedale Hall. The Council noted advice from YLCA regarding Covid-19, that town and parish councils Item 18 should base their actions on advice from HM Government and the regional NHS. The Clerk confirmed that the car boot sales are safe to go ahead as things stand, being neither large enough nor contained enough to come under any restrictions currently envisaged, but that the Council would of course continue to monitor the situation.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:12pm.

SIGNED:	(Chair)
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RRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 11<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

1. From: Bedale Sports Association

Date 11/02/2020

Information about a celebrity charity football match taking place on 5th April

2. Figh: Mor (anonymous)

Date 18/02/2020

Allegation of breach of planning and/or listed building regulations

3. From: Bedale and Villages Community Forum Update of Bedale and Villages Community Plan

Date 18/02/2020

4. From: NYCC Passenger Transport

Date 18/02/2020

Review of subsidised local bus services

5. From: NYCC Children and Young People's Services Date 19/02/2020

Consultation on a new policy for housing developer contributions towards education

6. From: **MoP**Enquiry about contact details for Bedale Belles WI (passed on to the Belles)

7. From: Hambleton Community Action

Date **20/02/2020** 

Information about their next meeting, which has been moved to 19th March

8. From: Maximus UK

Date 25/02/2020

Asking whether we are interested in providing (supervised) placement opportunities for young offenders on Community Payback schemes

9. From: **BASA** Date **25/02/2020** 

Request for loan of marquee for charity football event

10. From: **Bedale Hall** Date **26/02/2020** 

Updated fire safety procedures and risk assessment

11. From: Hambleton DC Licensing

Date 26/02/2020

Information that a street collection licence has been granted to Marie Curie Cancer Care for 11<sup>Th</sup> March

12. From: Benkhill Lodge

Date **26/02/2020** 

Informing us that a resident is turning 100 on 25<sup>th</sup> March, and asking for the Mayor or a council representative to visit informally on that day

13. From: NYCC Highways

Date 27/02/2020

Notice of a rolling road closure between Benkhill Drive and Bedale Park from 11.00-11.40am on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for the Scouts and Guides Parade

14. From: **YLCA** Date **02/03/2020** 

Training and development diary for April-September

15. From: South Kirkby and Moorthorpe PC

Date **02/03/2020** 

Request for a reference re Circus Montini

16. From: YLCA Date 04/03/2020



multation for up to two BTC representatives to attend the Ripon Cathedral service for the 75th andiversary of VE Day on 8th March

27. From: Hambleton DC Vibrant Market Towns Date 05/03/2020 Invitation to all councillors to a Bedale as a Vibrant Market Town meeting on 24th March, at 6pm in Bedale Hall

18. From: YLCA

Advice regarding parish / town councils and the coronavirus, that councils should take their lead from the Government, Principal Authorities and the regional NHS Trust