

DATE: Monday 8th June 2020
TIME: 7pm
LOCATION: "Zoom" virtual meeting
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 (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (Assistant Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public (MoP)

016.2021	<p>Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none. The Chair gave a reminder of the rules of engagement for conducting a virtual meeting.</p>
017.2021	<p>Apologies and reasons for absence: No apologies were received.</p>
018.2021	<p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th May 2020: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair. Cllrs Barningham and Howe informed the Council that the planning appeal for the extra care facility at Queen Anne's Drive required a hearing of the full planning committee and could therefore involve a delay in the current circumstances.</p>
<p>019.2021 019.1</p> <p>019.2</p>	<p>Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Memorial benches – to discuss further the number, design/s and location of the Memorial benches agreed in principle at March's meeting: The Clerk reported that he had received suggestions of possible sites for the benches which were: two at Burrill Road, two at Southfields open space and one at Bedale Park. Councillors suggested that a variety of WW1 / WW2 / RAF benches would be appropriate, especially with the RAF Leeming 80th anniversary this year. The cost with the most reasonably priced supplier would be £600 per bench / £2,500 for five, but it is unclear whether these must be of the same design. <i>ACTION: Clerk to progress with supplier</i> Steps at Brookside Avenue – to note further developments on the repair of the steps between Brookside Avenue and Bedale Beck: The Clerk reported that the steps had not yet been repaired but the handrail had been put back – but not by NYCC or BTC staff. Despite NYCC blocking off the steps and putting up notices, members of the public were using them.</p>
020.2021 020.1	<p>Reports of recent activity: Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors: There was nothing to report</p>

020.2	<p>Reports from District/ County Councillors: Cllr Barningham reported that Hambleton DC had introduced a new grant scheme for businesses not covered in the previous COVID 19 grant scheme. Applications must be received by 15th June 2020. It was unclear whether the Town Council was eligible for these grants. <i>[Clerk's note: Hambleton DC has clarified that as a precepting body the Town Council remains ineligible for this support.]</i></p>
021.2021	<p>Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment: June Financial Statement – to approve this statement and authorise payments of: The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Caretaker / Cleaner / Market Superintendent); Ian Smithson (internal audit) £157.50; TWC Group (annual toilets soap service) £168; TWC Group (annual toilets sterilisation) £312; Bedale Hall CIO (contribution to NHS flag) £22.48; Joint Burial Authority (precept #1 of 2) £3088; The Yorkshire Society (2020 membership pro rata) £29; The Purple Guide (annual subscription) £30; Paul Ellis (cleaning of bus shelter and bandstand) £60. The Council RESOLVED, as previously agreed by email and per the subscription noted above, to join the Yorkshire Society as corporate members The Council's cash book balance on 8th June 2020 after these transactions was NOTED as being £146,986.23. <i>7:20pm Cllr Coates joined the meeting</i></p>
022.2021	<p>Audit matters for year ended 31st March 2020:</p> <p>022.1 Approval of Annual Governance Statement: The Clerk read out eight statements from the Audit, which were APPROVED by the Council. The Council RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>022.2 Approval of annual receipts and payments statement: The Council RESOLVED to approve the annual receipts and payments statement for year ended 31st March 2020.</p> <p>022.3 Approval of the statement of accounts and the Annual Return: The Clerk explained the statement and accounts and the Annual Return and noted that there was a net surplus of £1,052 for the year ending 2019-20. The Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts and Annual Return.</p>
023.2021	<p>Car Boot Sales – to consider whether, and if so when and how, to re-start the Car Boot Sales on Bedale Park, following a change in Government guidelines allowing outdoor markets to re-open: The Clerk reported that the Council had received over 100 comments from members of the public, with the majority saying that it was too early to re-start the boot sales. He also noted that the car boot sale staff and concessionaires were all willing to re-start when the Council wished, and that three of the five beneficiary groups were able to staff their sales <i>7:34pm Cllr Noone joined the meeting.</i> After discussion, a clear consensus was that it was too early to re-start the sales, due to the park toilet refurbishment and social distancing restrictions. The large crowds of people usually attending the sales meant that the Council could not guarantee the safety of Bedale residents and visitors.</p>

	<p>The Council RESOLVED that the sales would remain closed until, at least 15th August, and that the situation would be reviewed at August's Council meeting. The Council further RESOLVED that all beneficiary groups in 2019 whose sales had been cancelled due to covid-19 restrictions would be allocated an automatic place in the 2020 draw.</p>
024.2021	<p>SSAFA donation – to consider making a Section 137 donation of at least £200 to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, as the Council has been unable to support the Charity via VE Day 75 celebrations as planned: Cllr Hallett explained that the charity had made an assurance that any monies donated would be allocated to its North Yorkshire branch, and that therefore Bedale residents would benefit. The Council RESOLVED to make a donation of £200 to SSAFA.</p>
025.2021	<p>Marie Curie donation – to consider making a Section 137 donation to the Marie Curie Cancer Care emergency appeal, to help terminally ill cancer patients to die at home or in a hospice, which is usually their wish and relieves pressure on the hospitals: The Council RESOLVED to make a donation of £200 to Marie Curie Cancer Care Emergency Appeal fund. The Council further RESOLVED that all covid-19 related donations to national charities would be for not more than £200 per donation or £1,200 p.a. in total, while donations to Bedale-based organisations would continue to be looked at on an individual basis.</p>
026.2021	<p>Trees at Southfields – to consider measures to restrict two large trees behind 1-7 Stapleton Close, which are obstructing the light and growing close to houses: The Clerk reported that the larger tree had a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) but the smaller tree did not. He had asked the grounds maintenance contractor to look at the work required and report back to Council. Cllr Howe pointed out that if a tree was deemed “dead, dying or dangerous” then a five-day notification rather than a TPO application would suffice.. The Council RESOLVED to approve a maximum spend of £1000 to carry out any necessary work on the trees. <i>ACTION: Clerk to liaise with grounds maintenance contractor</i></p>
027.2021	<p>Social distancing in the Market Place – to consider draft parking restrictions circulated by NYCC Highways, and other issues to bear in mind as and when businesses re-open in Bedale on 15th June: Following a debate Councillors felt that the proposals put forward by NYCC Highways to restrict parking on the Market Place were neither practical or necessary in Bedale. <i>ACTION: Clerk to inform NYCC Highways and Hambleton DC Vibrant Market Towns team</i></p>
028.2021	<p>Planning applications and decisions – to consider planning matters including:</p>

	<p>20/00962/FUL – for an extension to the existing straw storage building at Bridge Grange Farm: <i>Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to the application</i></p> <p>20/00964/LBC and 20/01006/ADV for advertising signage at 10 North End, Bedale: <i>The Council RESOLVED to object to the application as out of keeping with the character of the listed Georgian townhouse.</i></p> <p>HAM/2019/08/PROP – for the diversion of a footpath at Lord’s Moor Farm: <i>Council RESOLVED to support the application</i></p> <p>20/01075/FUL – for a single storey extension at 1 Calvert Way, Bedale: <i>The Council RESOLVED to object to the application as the raised extension and French windows were deemed to be an intrusion on the neighbour’s visual amenity.</i></p> <p>Finally, the Council NOTED the approval of application 20/00607/FUL for various works at Springfield Farm.</p>
<p>029.2021 Item 9 Item 10</p>	<p>Correspondence – (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p> <p>Queries from MoP regarding a van parked on the verge at Southfields: The Clerk had been in contact with the owner of the van and reported that it should be removed soon.</p> <p>Letter from MoP regarding an overgrown snicket between South End Avenue and Harbour Rise: The Clerk reported that he had visited the site and said that it was not unduly overgrown and there was sufficient space to pass safely.</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:53pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 12th May – 4th June 2020

1. From: **Hambleton DC Chief Executive** Date **13/05/2020**
Replying to the BTC letter sent after discussion of agenda item 016.2021.12, sympathetic but without offering the Council any financial support.
2. From: **Pateley Bridge Town Council** Date **18/05/2020**
Details of new website www.pateleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk and contact details
3. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **18/05/2020**
Request for opinions / advice on re-opening of market towns across Hambleton
4. From: **MoP** Date **18/05/2020**
Comment about trees at Southfields blocking light and growing close to houses
5. From: **Joint Burial Authority** Date **21/05/2020**
Minutes of meeting and request for electoral roll numbers
6. From: **RAF Leeming** Date **22/05/2020**
Request for a short video from the Mayor to form part of a virtual 80th birthday celebration for the station
7. From: **The Yorkshire Society** Date **26/05/2020**
Information regarding Yorkshire Day 2021 in York, and invitation to take out corporate membership of the society
8. From: **MoP x several** Date **26/05/2020**
Request for information about the re-opening of the car boot sales, following the government policy change to allow outdoor markets to reopen
9. From: **MoP** Date **12/05/2020**
2x queries about a van parked on a grass verge at Southfields
10. From: **MoP** Date **26/05/2020**
Comment about an overgrown snicket between South End Avenue and Harbour Rise
11. From: **Richmond Town Council** Date **27/05/2020**
Notification that following a virtual mayor-making, Cllr Lorraine Hodgson is Mayor of Richmond for 2020-21, and Cllr Linda Curran Deputy Mayor
12. From: **Bedale Hall** Date **28/05/2020**
Information about precautions being taken to avoid legionella within the building during lockdown
13. From: **NYCC** Date **30/05/2020**
Information about “buy local”, a new webpage for businesses, products, and services in North Yorkshire