

DATE: Monday 10th August 2020
TIME: 7pm
LOCATION: "Zoom" virtual meeting
PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Hallett (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, Malcolm Young
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (Assistant Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC Cllrs Carl Les and John Weighell, 4 members of the public (MoP)

043.2021	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none.
044.2021	Apologies and reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cockburn and Howe.
045.2021	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 th July 2020: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
046.2021	Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
046.1	British Red Cross – to note the receipt of supporting information as requested, but which was not specific to Bedale as a Parish: The Clerk reported that the BRC had helped 11 Hambleton DC residents, but that no further information at Bedale level was available. The Council RESOLVED not to make a donation.
046.2	Covid Caterpillar – to note that Streetscape Ltd have undertaken pro bono work to the Bedale Park adult gym, and that a commercial installer is now being sought to set and preserve the caterpillar: The Clerk reported both he and Cllr Coates were looking for a suitable contractor for the caterpillar stones. Over 500 stones have been created and varnished ready for installation. been varnished and ready to be installed. These were being stored at both Cllr Coates and the Caterpillar organiser’s homes.
046.3	Memorial bench – to note that a bench has been ordered and is expected to be installed in mid-September: The Clerk reported that the position of the bench had been agreed with the donor.
047.2021	Reports of recent activity:
047.1	Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors: There was nothing to report
047.2	Reports from District/ County Councillors: District Cllrs Barningham and Noone, and County Cllrs Les and Weighell, noted from differing points of view the possible creation of one or two unitary authorities

	<p>for North Yorkshire to replace the current county council and six district councils – possibly also including the City of York. NYCC is holding an online seminar on 19th August at 2pm to which councillors had been invited, and it is anticipated that Hambleton DC will run a similar event.</p>
048.2021	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment: August Financial Statement – to approve this statement and authorise payments The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Caretaker / Cleaner / Market Superintendent); Farm and Land Services (grounds maintenance) £1159.20; Bedale Hall CIO (office heating) £141.28; TWC (paper for Bridge St toilets) £37.20. The Council’s cash book balance on 10th August 2020 after these transactions was NOTED as being £131,375.93.</p>
049.2021	<p>Planning applications and decisions – to consider planning matters including: 20/01311/FUL – for the replacement of a door and windows at Hall’s Fish and Chip Restaurant: <i>The Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to the application</i> 20/01354/FUL – a rear extension to the existing dwelling at 32 Pasture Drive: <i>The Council RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of inappropriate development scale and visual amenity</i> 20/01075/FUL – single storey extension as amended on 22nd July 2020: <i>The Council NOTED the decision arrived at between meetings to remain in objection to the application, as the revised version had not addressed the issue of overlooking</i> Also, to note the following decisions from Hambleton DC: 19/002684/FUL – change of use from retail to a one bedroomed flat at 4 Emgate was granted; 20/00962/FUL – erection of a new grain store at Bridge Grange Farm was granted; 20/00964/LBC – new signage at 10 North End was granted; and, the rejection of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for three new residential units behind 5 South End.</p>
050.2021	<p>Car Boot Sales – to consider requests whether to restart car boot sales in Bedale Park from Saturday 15th August, or whether to call them off for the rest of the year: The Council heard that 55 comments had been made on the Council’s Facebook page against restarting the car boot sales and 10 in favour. Seven further comments had been received via email and the website, all opposed to restarting the sales at this time The Council RESOLVED to cancel the car boot sales for 2020, and that those organisations due to run a sale in 2020 would be awarded a sale in 2021. It was agreed to decide whether this is by allocating the same weekends or by re-drawing dates at December’s meeting. ACTION: <i>The Clerk to add this item to December’s agenda.</i></p>
051.2021	<p>Bedale Park Events – to consider requests for a Funfair and “virtual Great North Run” to take place in Bedale Park, and for Sunday League football matches to take place during winter months:</p>

	<p>Sunday League Football – The Council heard from representatives from the Old Black Swan and White Bear Sunday league football teams, who emphasised that their matches are family orientated and brought good business into the town after the match. The teams were happy to clear up before and after the match, mark out the pitch in non-permanent lines, and generally treat the park with respect and leave it in good order. The Football Association and their league both have comprehensive Covid guidelines in place. Finally, the teams assured the Council that they could arrange with reasonable notice to both be away from home in the event the Park is needed for another Sunday event, and that play would not take place from 10.55-11.05am on Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to allow the teams to use the park on Sundays, subject to the above, to seeing a Bedale-specific risk assessment, and to the teams providing their own goalposts, the Council’s set at Southfields being well used by residents.</p> <p>Virtual “Great North Run” – A parishioner explained that he was due to run the Great North Run on 13th September to raise money to fight prostate cancer in memory of his father-in-law who died in 2019 of prostate cancer. With the GNR being cancelled, he was keen to use Bedale Park to do a “virtual run” on the same day. During discussions he assured councillors that publicity would be limited and that the public would not be encouraged to attend the event.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to allow this event to go ahead, subject to seeing a satisfactory risk assessment.</p> <p>Funfair – The Council heard that the funfair which has regularly attended in the past were seeking to run a Covid-compliant version of the event behind Heras fencing, with limited numbers. The Clerk reported that he had seen a comprehensive and impressive risk assessment.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED with regret not to allow this event, noting that the funfair could not be expected to manage potential crowds outside their fencing.</p>
<p>052.2021</p>	<p>Bonfire and Fireworks – to receive feedback from the Bonfire Working Group and decide about whether to hold the bonfire and fireworks on 7th November: Cllr Noone as Chair of the Working Group reported that the group was strongly of the opinion that this year’s event should not go ahead, for obvious public health reasons. The Council accordingly RESOLVED to cancel the 2020 event.</p>
<p>053.2021</p>	<p>Christmas lights switch-on – to consider whether to have the switching on of the Christmas lights on 28th November 2020 as a public event as in recent years, or simply to turn them on during the Christmas market: In a similar way to the previous item, the Christmas Lights Working Group proposed that the safest option for the 2020 event would be to switch on the Christmas lights at an agreed time during the Christmas market, rather than making it a formal event as usual. The Council RESOLVED to follow this suggestion.</p>
<p>054.2021</p>	<p>Emergency Planning – to consider membership of the Emergency Planning Working Group and arrange a meeting of it: The Council noted that the current emergency plan is out of date in many ways, and agreed on the need to reconstitute an Emergency Plan Working Group,</p>

	<p>possibly including representatives from the Bedale Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group, who have recent experience of the type of contacts and procedures necessary under and emergency plan.</p> <p>ACTIONS: Clerk to investigate emergency plan templates; the membership and initial meeting dates of the working group to be on September's agenda</p>
<p>055.2021 Item 5 Item 7</p>	<p>Correspondence – (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the stickers collected in July were deemed a slip hazard and that replacements were being awaited.</p> <p>Re the reported poor condition of play equipment in Calvert Way still owned and operated by the estate developer, the Clerk confirmed that he had requested they make good the existing equipment and suggest a timetable and mechanism for handing the play area over to the Town Council. The Council noted that the developers were required to add another piece of equipment before handover, and should be asked for financial contribution towards maintenance.</p>
<p>C1.2021</p>	<p>Staffing matters (confidential item) – the press and public left the meeting to allow discussion of an Employment Working Group recommendation, which is minuted separately for restricted circulation.</p>

As there was no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:16pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 14th July – 6th August 2020

1. From: **MoP x many** Date **various**
Enquiries about car boot sale re-opening
2. From: **MoP** Date **14/07/2020**
Commendation for re-opening play areas and adult gym, and comment about the latter needing sprucing up
3. From: **MoP** Date **16/07/2020**
Enquiry about the public right of way status of a ginnel off South End
4. From: **Murphy Funfair** Date **21/07/2020**
Request for Bedale Park booking with comprehensive Covid-19 risk assessment (see
5. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **21/07/2020**
Offer of social distancing pavement stickers
6. From: **Citizens Advice** Date **21/07/2020**
Advice of reopening Northallerton office Mon/Wed 10am-2pm, emergencies only
7. From: **MoP x2** Date **26-28/07/2020**
Comments about the poor condition of some equipment at Calvert Way play area. *[Clerk's note: this play area is unadopted and remains the responsibility of the estate developer.]*
8. From: **MoP** Date **02/08/2020**
Query about responsibility for the footpath to the side of Bedale Leisure Centre
9. From: **Bedale Police** Date **02/08/2020**
Query about ownership of the ice house by Bedale Park, where the door had been forced. *{Clerk's note; reported to the owners of the ice house who have secured the door}*
10. From: **MoP** Date **03/08/2020**
Query about pavement licences

Appendix B



Hambleton Command: Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish	Bedale Including Aiskew
Report Completed By:	6782 Lees
Data Reporting Period:	July 2020

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-social behaviour:	13	
Auto crime:	0	
Burglary:	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 2</i>
Criminal Damage:	6	
Theft (including from shops):	7	
Violence Against the Person:	8	
Other crimes including Drugs:	3	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	39	

Rural police operation to make North Yorkshire a no-go area for poachers (taken from NYP website)

Police are warning poachers to stay out of North Yorkshire, as the force ramps up a new anti-poaching operation.

Poachers normally travel in groups of up to four people, with dogs, using 4x4 vehicles. They typically hunt brown hare or deer. In addition to being a wildlife crime, their illegal activity can cause extensive damage to crops, fields and fences – and leave victims in fear of violence and retaliation.



Aerial photograph of damage caused to crops in Richmondshire in April 2019 by a vehicle driven by suspected poachers

About 80% of poaching incidents in North Yorkshire take place between September and February, typically on open farmland after crops have been harvested. The districts of Hambleton, Selby and Ryedale are worst hit. Many offenders travel into North Yorkshire from elsewhere in the region to commit their offences.

In a new operation – Operation Figaro – North Yorkshire Police will be robustly targeting poachers to put a stop to their illegal activity.

This year, a list of people suspected of being involved in poaching in the past will get a letter from North Yorkshire Police, advising them not to commit further offences in the county. Some of these may be hand-delivered, to make sure the message hits home.

Anyone caught poaching will be summonsed to court, while those stopped in suspicious circumstances will be issued with a community protection warning or a community protection notice – breaches of which will be prosecuted.

Officers will also act on information from local communities. Mobile Rural Watch schemes, and groups of rural residents sharing information via WhatsApp groups, cover more than 90% of North Yorkshire's rural communities, and can act as the 'eyes and ears' of the police, reporting suspicious activity that could be linked to poaching.

Tackling poaching offences is a national policing priority under the National Police Chiefs' Council Rural Affairs and Wildlife Crime strategies.

Operation Figaro runs alongside Operation Galileo, a national campaign bringing together forces particularly affected by poaching. Forces work together to ensure the issue is dealt with in a co-ordinated way, by sharing information about poachers, and working across force boundaries – for example, on the Selby and Humberside border.



Joint patrols with Humberside Police in May 2019

Inspector Matt Hagen, of North Yorkshire Police's Rural Taskforce, said: "We know that poaching offences go up from August onwards, so we're issuing a timely reminder: poachers will not be tolerated in North Yorkshire, and will be dealt with swiftly and robustly.

"Our officers, some of whom have farming backgrounds, know the terrible impact poaching can have on rural communities. Poachers often have no regard for farmers and landowners, causing thousands of pounds of damage to crops. Victims are often intimidated or even threatened with violence if they challenge offenders, leaving them feeling vulnerable to further crimes, particularly in isolated areas.

"On top of that, evidence suggests that poaching offenders are also involved in other aspects of criminality – including the organised theft of quad bikes and farm machinery.

"Officers are working hand-in-hand with local communities. Reports of poaching will be taken extremely seriously, so poachers will find it very difficult to enter and leave North Yorkshire unchallenged."

Residents are encouraged to note down and report any suspicious activity, such as unusual vehicle movements, particularly in remote or isolated areas. Even if the information does not need an immediate response, every piece of intelligence helps the police build up a picture and could prove vital in bring criminals to justice.

Call North Yorkshire Police on 101 if it's not urgent – or 999 in an emergency or a crime is in progress. This includes if you witness poaching taking place – this is a crime and should be reported as such.

*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.*