

DATE: Monday 12th October 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 Cllr John Weighell

069.2021	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: Cllrs Noone and Barningham declared an interest in Agenda item 076 (planning application 20/02051/FUL). Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 079; Bedale Youth Venue. Cllrs Barningham, Coates, Hallett and Noone declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 080; Bedale Hall and Park.
070.2021	Apologies and reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Howe. Apologies were also noted from NYCC Cllr Carl Les.
071.2021	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 th September 2020: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
072.2021 072.1 072.2 072.3	Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Wildflowers on verges – to receive an update on wildflower planting possibilities on land managed by the Council, and any response from NYCC Highways regarding the land managed by them: The Council noted that NYCC Highways had had requested a proposal outlining what flowers were planned for planting and where they would be located. The Council accordingly RESOLVED to propose the verge between North End and Bedale Park as a suitable location for wildflower planting. <i>Action: Clerk to progress with NYCC Highways</i> Emergency Planning Working Group – to note the acceptance of membership from members of Bedale Covid-19 Support Group and that the initial meeting is set for Tuesday 20 th October: The Council noted that this meeting will be in person, at 3pm the Committee Room at Bedale Hall. Football in Bedale Park – to note progress towards the conditions being met for Sunday League football being played in Bedale Park, as agreed at August’s meeting: The Council heard that the teams had received grant money to purchase the goal posts but that no timescale had been suggested for their purchase or usage.

<p>073.2021 073.1 073.2</p>	<p>Reports of recent activity: Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors: There was nothing to report. Reports from District/ County Councillors: District Cllr Barningham informed the Council that the district councils of North Yorkshire had been asked for their proposals for the new unitary authority/ies to be submitted by 9th November. NYCC Cllr Weighell confirmed that there would be a decision by spring 2021 and the new unitary council/s would be set up by April 2023. All NYCC meetings are still taking place remotely using Zoom.</p>
<p>074.2021</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment: The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Caretaker / Cleaner / Market Superintendent); Smith of Derby £1143.60 (church clock maintenance); PKF Littlejohn £480 (external audit); Rentokil Initial UK £157.68 (annual contract for toilet hygiene bins); Play Area Inspector £42.22 (lock/chain for play areas); TWC Facilities £37.20 (toilet tissue); Clerk £36 (training); JT Atkinson Ltd £25.59 (sundries for toilets); YLCA £22.50 (training); CJ Tennant Engineering £273.55 (repair to Bridge St toilet doors) . The Council's cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £169,680.60. The Council further RESOLVED to approve a payment of £648 to Wallgate Ltd for the annual service contract of the Bridge Street toilets handwash units.</p>
<p>075.2021</p>	<p>Six-month Finance Report – to consider the Council's half-year statement of income and expenditure against budget as circulated: The Council noted this report as a basis, along with other financial information, for setting the 2020-21 budget.</p>
<p>076.2021 19:39pm 19:46pm</p>	<p>Planning applications and decisions – to consider planning matters including: 20/01960/FUL – for construction of a pair of semi-detached houses behind 3-5 South End: <i>The Council RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of inadequate parking provision and potential overlooking from Beckside</i> Cllr Noone left the meeting 20/02051/FUL – for alterations and single storey extensions to side and rear of the dwelling at 30 Brookside Close: <i>The Council RESOLVED to support the application</i> Cllr Noone re-joined the meeting 20/02070/FUL – for alterations and extension to dwelling to form garage, kitchen, and master bedroom at 96 South End: <i>The Council RESOLVED to object to the application as it was felt that the timber cladding was not in keeping with the other properties in the area</i> The Council also NOTED the following decisions from Hambleton DC: 20/01311/FUL – at Halls Fish and Chips was granted. 20/01746/FUL – roof alterations and other work at 15 Emgate was granted.</p>

<p>077.2021</p>	<p>Tuesday Market Charter – to consider whether it remains appropriate to run Bedale Market on Tuesdays in the current health situation: The Council noted that there had been no change in Government guidelines allowing outdoor markets, and RESOLVED to continue running of the Tuesday market until or unless Government guidance changes. It was noted that a renewed campaign for social distancing and hygiene measures to be properly observed would be helpful. Action: Clerk to produce a poster to this effect and distribute to stallholders</p>
<p>078.2021</p>	<p>Christmas Street Market – to consider whether it is appropriate to run the Christmas Street Market planned for Saturday 28th November in the current health situation: The Council heard that the road closure application for this event had been approved, and that no stalls would be allowed to sell alcohol on an “on sale” basis. All stallholders are to display social distancing signs and provide hand sanitiser, and volunteer marshals will be present on the day alongside the traffic management company and police. The Council RESOLVED to continue to plan the Christmas Street Market until or unless Government guidance changes.</p>
<p>079.2021</p>	<p>Bedale Youth Venue – to consider a request from the Bedale Youth Venue for Section 137 grant of £1,000 towards 2020-21 core costs: The Council noted that although the venue was currently closed that there were still costs for the building and staff to be managed, and RESOLVED to approve the grant of £1,000.</p>
<p>080.2021</p>	<p>Bedale Hall and Park – to note that the Council’s solicitors and Hambleton DC now recommend the assignment of the lease of Bedale Hall and part of Bedale Park from Bedale Parish Council and Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council, to Bedale Hall CIO be managed by the creation of a new lease between Hambleton DC and Bedale Hall CIO, and to consider the approval of this course of action: The Council RESOLVED to approve the creation of a new lease for Bedale Hall subject to the approval of Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC, and, if necessary, a new lease for the relevant part of Bedale Park.</p>
<p>081.2021</p>	<p>Audit – to note the receipt of the External Audit Report and Certificate, stating that the 2019-20 Annual Governance and Accountability Review was in accordance with Proper Practices and there were no matters of concern to note: This was noted by the Council.</p>
<p>082.2021</p>	<p>Budget meeting – to set a date for the meeting to agree a proposed 2021-22 budget, to be agreed at November’s Council meeting: The Council AGREED that this meeting would be held virtually at 7pm on Monday 2nd November.</p>

<p>083.2021</p>	<p>Casual vacancy – to note the resignation of Cllr Philip Cockburn, that an election (to take place no earlier than May 2021 due to Covid regulations) will be triggered should Hambleton DC receive requests from ten Parishioners by 20th October, and that otherwise the vacancy may be filled by co-option at November’s Council meeting: The Chair thanked Cllr Cockburn for his contribution and wished him well in the future. The Clerk noted that he had received an email from a parishioner interested in co-option, and subject to election not being triggered would forward the details of this and any other expression of interest to Councillors.</p>
<p>084.2021 Item 4 Item 9 Item 10</p>	<p>Correspondence – (background papers provided – see Appendix A) The Clerk reported that a representative from Persimmon homes would be making a short presentation regarding the development at Southfields in the November meeting. The Clerk confirmed that he had forwarded the minute from September’s meeting to NYCC Highways re the disc parking at South End. The Clerk confirmed that Bedale Hall had agreed to receive and display an oil painting from a former Bedale resident.</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 15th September – 9th October 2020

(which is not addressed in the substance of the agenda)

1. From: **MoP x many** Date **various**
Enquiries about Christmas Market stalls
2. From: **MoP** Date **15/09/2020**
Reporting a flood at Bridge St toilets [*Clerk's note: there was no flood*]
3. From: **MoP** Date **22/09/2020**
Request for information about council tax
4. From: **Persimmon Homes** Date **24/09/2020**
Information about public consultation concerning a proposed 85-unit housing development to the north of Southlands Farm. [*Clerk's note: a representative from Persimmon will be making a short presentation to the Council on this matter at November's meeting.*]
5. From: **MoP** Date **25/09/2020**
Request for information about Tuesday Market stallholder, to make an order with them
6. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **28/09/2020**
Notice of 2021-22 budget consultation, which runs until 30th October
7. From: **Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire** Date **30/09/2020**
Update on community support undertaken in July and August by CA
8. From: **MoP** Date **30/09/2020**
Enquiry about taking a regular stall on the Tuesday Market
9. From: **NYCC Highways** Date **02/10/2020**
Formal request for comment about South End disc parking proposals [*Clerk's note: I responded with the relevant part of minute 067.2021 from September's meeting*]
10. From: **MoP** Date **02/10/2020**
A former Bedale resident offering an oil painting of St Gregory's to a good home in the town
11. From: **MoP** Date **02/10/2020**
Comment about the state of roof netting in the Market Place
12. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **10/08/2020**
Certificate of registration for new property addresses at 9a and 9b Firby Road