

**DATE:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**TIME:** 7.00pm

**LOCATION:** "Zoom" virtual meeting

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Andrew Hallett (Chair), Mike Barningham, Kayleigh Catford, Amanda Coates, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, Malcolm Young

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PC Heather Lees

102.2021	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation: Cllr Barningham declared an interest in agendum 108, item 20/02509/FUL
103.2021	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence: There were none, all Councillors being present. Apologies were noted from NYCC Cllr Carl Les.
104.2021	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020: The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
105.2021 105.1  105.2  105.3	<b>Updates from minutes:</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>105.1 Christmas Street Market</b> – to note that the Christmas Market will now take place on 19 <sup>th</sup> December, with details including road closure and parking suspension transferred to that date from 28 <sup>th</sup> November: The Council noted this event with pleasure.  <b>105.2 Calvert Way play area</b> – to note the expected timescale for remedial work to existing equipment, installation of new roundabout, and handover: The Clerk reported that the remedial work was hoped to be completed by Christmas, with the roundabout being installed in the New Year. The formal handover would be signed after these works were signed off and the commuted sum received. Cllr Barningham confirmed that the remedial work had started.  <b>105.3 Bedale Park toilets</b> – to note the progress of these long-delayed works: The Clerk reported that the work was complete other than re-connecting to the water tank and testing. This required access via the adjacent nursery, which was currently being negotiated.

<p><b>106.2021</b></p>	<p><b>Reports of recent activity:</b></p>
<p>106.1</p>	<p><b>Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors:</b>  Cllr Young had attended a meeting with members of the Joint Burial Authority, which had agreed to consider the standing orders necessary to constitute as a sub-committee of one of the councils in a way such that all three member authorities would need to agree on constitutional changes. The Clerk and Cllr Ian Marr of Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC are drawing up such standing orders for consideration by JBA members in January, with a view to proper arrangements being in place by the end of the financial year.</p>
<p>106.2</p>	<p><b>Reports from District/ County Councillors:</b>  District Cllr Noone informed Council that the green bin licence applications for 2021 were now open at a cost of £40 per year. A new round of “Make a Difference” grants for 2021-22 projects were open for application, with the Bedale area being allocated £50,000, double the amount of 2019-10. Applications to be received by the end of January 2021. The Council AGREED to make an application for further Christmas lighting stock to fill the remaining Market Place lampposts and potentially those on Bridge Street also.  <p style="text-align: right;"><i><b>ACTION:</b> This and any other potential MAD applications to be approved at January’s meeting</i></p> </p>
<p>106.3</p>	<p><b>Report from North Yorkshire Police</b> (see Appendix B):  PC Heather Lees introduced the report, which is attached. She added that the annual Christmas drink/drug driving campaign “Operation Attention” had already started, and in response to a question confirmed that there would be a police presence at the Christmas Street Market on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
<p><b>107.2021</b></p>	<p><b>Financial statement and approvals for payment:</b>  The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments:  Staff Salaries; HMRC £632.51 (PAYE q2); Joint Burial Authority £3,088.00 (precept); Mark Preston Plumbing £7,821.43 (balance of Park toilet renovation); Northdale Ltd £302.28 (winter planting); Braithwaite’s Nurseries £242.10 (winter planting); Play Area Inspection Co £234.00 (annual inspections); Paul Ellis £180.00 (cleaning bus shelter); Bedale Hall £155.35 (Park toilets service charges); A. Wilkinson £120.00 (Bridge St toilet repair); Streetscape Ltd £102.00 (repair to outdoor gym); Braithwaite’s Nurseries £100.00 (Xmas trees); NYCC £90.00 (grit bin replenishment); Yorkshire Society £50.00 (2021 membership); Royal British Legion £50.00 (remembrance wreath); House and Home £41.35 (batteries / Xmas lights).  The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £150,989.11.  The Clerk reported that the NYCC Members’ discretionary grant towards the dropped kerb at North End had been received, and that the work had been</p>

	<p>completed. The MoP who had requested the kerb be dropped has kindly agreed to make up any shortfall for the cost of the work.</p>
<b>108.2021</b>	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions</b> – to consider planning matters including:  <b>Planning Applications received:</b>  <b>20/02134/FUL</b> – for 85 housing units and associated access, infrastructure, and landscaping at part OS field 3541, Southlands Farm:  <i>After discussion, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>OBJECT</b> to the application on the planning grounds of: proposing far more units than allowed in the Local Plan; the layout and density of the proposed estate, also including inadequate clearance from the boundaries of existing properties, inappropriate height of some proposed units, and the absence of a children’s play area; highways and parking issues including inadequate car parking facilities and garage sizes, only one badly positioned entrance road being allowed for, and the lack of a footpath along Exelby Road to the entrance; and a highly inadequate consultation process with the Town Council and neighbouring homeowners / residents.</i>  <b>20/02078/LBC</b> – listed building consent for replacement of rotten external door and frame at 9 Mowbray Court, South End:  <i>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application</i>  <b>20/02311/LBC</b> – listed building consent for retention of paintwork colour and erection of a canopy at Ballantyne’s Chocolates, 24 Market Place:  <i>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application regarding paintwork, while noting its general disapproval of retrospective applications, but to ask that all references to a canopy be removed as no plans for one had been provided</i>  <b>20/02509/FUL</b> – for an extension and new detached garage at 24 Masham Road:  <i>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application</i>  <b>20/02555/FUL</b> – for French doors and top light to replace existing full-height wooden window at The Millings, North End:  <i>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application</i>  <b>20/02570/FUL</b> – for a two-storey side extension at 35a Ash Tree Close:  <i>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application</i></p> <p>The Council NOTED the following decisions from Hambleton DC:  <b>20/02070/FUL</b> – new garage and extension at 96 South End was <b>granted</b>  <b>20/02051/FUL</b> – extension and related works at 30 Brookside Close was <b>granted</b></p>
<b>109.2021</b>	<p><b>Code of Conduct</b> – to consider updating the Code of Conduct for Town Councillors, based on the draft circulated:  The Council noted that the current Code of Conduct had been first approved in 2017, and that the National Association of Local Councils model code had been considerably revised since then. The current model code explained Councillors’ responsibilities and reportable interests in much greater detail, and the Council accordingly <b>RESOLVED</b> to update the Code of Conduct to follow this model.</p>

<p><b>110.2021</b></p>	<p><b>Southfields Park furniture and play area</b> – to consider approving the expenditure of up to £15,000 (non-binding quote of £11,500) on the purchase and installation of a like-for-like multiplay unit at Southfields Park. Also, to consider whether the picnic bench and older wooden bench near the eastern entrance to the Park should be renovated, replaced or neither:</p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to replace the play equipment, and to gather opinions and quote for the refurbishment / replacement of the picnic bench and park bench.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> <i>Play Area Working group to select a suitable new multiplay equipment for purchase;</i></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> <i>Assistant Clerk to gather information regarding benches to bring back to January's meeting</i></p>
<p><b>111.2021</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> – (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chair)

**DATE:** .....

Appendix A

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 10<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

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

1. From: **MoP x many** Date **various**  
Enquiries about Christmas Market date, stalls, lights etc
2. From: **MoP** Date **10/11/2020**  
Informing us that some minutes are not able to be opened via the website [*problem fixed*]
3. From: **MoP** Date **11/11/2020**  
Offer to help tidy up a vacant premises
4. From: **MoP** Date **11/11/2020**  
Comment about the perceived need for clearance of the Beck at the Harbour
5. From: **MoP** Date **12/11/2020**  
Information about the activities of the Jehovah's Witnesses within the community
6. From: **MoP** Date **12/11/2020**  
Comment about the placement of the new benches at Burrill Road
7. From: **MoP** Date **12/11/2020**  
Request for information about ice house renovations [*referred to ice house owner*]
8. From: **MoP** Date **14/11/2020**  
Request for information regarding the installation of a traffic mirror to a property on Brookside Avenue. [*Clerk's note: NYCC Highways does not allow traffic mirrors in any urban areas*]
9. From: **MoP x3** Date **various**  
Enquiries about the status of 2021 car boot sale dates
10. From: **MoP** Date **17/11/2020**  
Grateful thanks to the Town Council and Cllr Weighell for the decision to fund the dropped kerb, and a donation to cover the shortfall in cost
11. From: **MoP** Date **19/11/2020**  
Complaint about having received a parking fine in Bedale
12. From: **Bedale Youth Venue** Date **23/11/2020**  
Thanking the Town Council for the £1,000 grant agreed at November's meeting
13. From: **Real Fundraising Ltd** Date **24/11/2020**  
Notification of intention to fundraise in Bedale in 2021
14. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **25/11/2020**  
Reviewing measures in place to promote the safe re-opening of market towns
15. From: **MoP** Date **25/11/2020**  
Comment about overweight traffic on Wycar / The Wynd

16. From: **Bedale Brass Band** Date **26/11/2020**  
Request to be allowed to play carols on the Market Place in Dexcember [*Clerk's note: following consultation with councillors this request was approved*]
17. From: **National Cyber Security Centre x2** Date **27-30/11/2020**  
Website vulnerability reports [*fixed by WJPS Ltd*]
18. From: **Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire** Date **01/12/2020**  
Update on community support
19. From: **NY Police** Date **04/12/2020**  
Query re trader at a 2019 car boot sale
20. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **07/12/2020**  
Refuse and Recycling update – Xmas dates / 2021 garden waste licence renewal

## Appendix B

## Hambleton Command: Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish	Bedale and Aiskew
Report Completed By:	5816 SmithOwen
Data Reporting Period:	November2020

### Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-social behaviour	18	
Auto crime	1	
Burglary:	<i>Commercial: 0</i>	<i>Residential: 0</i>
Criminal Damage	2	
Theft (including from shops)	1	
Violence Against the Person	7	
Other crimes including Drugs	6	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>36</b>	

### Christmas Drink Driving campaign

Operation Attention is North Yorkshire Police's response to the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and TISPOL drink/drug driving campaign. This year the operation is timed to coincide with the re-opening of the hospitality sector in some areas and the likely increase in drink driving this will cause. This operation will involve all areas of policing in targeting offences relating to drink driving.

Supported by 95 Alive partners, NYP will deliver a media campaign and will also provide a high-visibility police presence through a programme of road checks and awareness campaigns. The public will be asked to support the campaign by providing relevant information through Crimestoppers or by contacting the police directly via 101.

## **COVID-19 alert**

### **Common question**

What does self-isolation mean?

**Self-isolation means you must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.**

You cannot go out to work or school or visit public areas. You should not go shopping. If you require help buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, you should ask friends or relatives or

[order a delivery.](#)

It is very important that you follow this advice even if you feel well, as symptoms can take up to 14 days to appear from your last contact with the person who has tested positive for coronavirus ( COVID-19 ).

Self-isolating in this way will help protect your family, friends, the wider community and the NHS.

*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.*