

**DATE:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**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:** NYCC Cllr John Weighell, one member of the public

<b>112.2021</b>	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation: There were none.
<b>113.2021</b>	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence: There were none, all Councillors being present.
<b>114.2021</b>	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 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.
<b>115.2021</b>	<b>Updates from minutes:</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
115.1	<b>Calvert Way play area</b> – to receive an update on progress towards this being made good for handover to the Council: The Council noted that the remedial work had been completed before Christmas, and that feedback from residents had been positive. The suppliers report that delivery of the new roundabout is expected in February, with the handover expected to be completed shortly afterwards.
115.2	<b>Southfields Park furniture</b> – to receive an update on whether the picnic bench and park benches are fit for refurbishment or replacement, and agree a budget for the work as required: A quote for the refurbishment of the park benches had not been received, but feedback from the joiner was that the picnic bench needed replacement. The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the purchase of a picnic bench, and the expenditure of no more than £500 on refurbishing the benches.
<b>116.2021</b>	<b>Reports of recent activity:</b>
116.1	<b>Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors:</b> There was nothing to report.
116.2	<b>Reports from District/ County Councillors:</b> District Cllr Barningham informed the Council that green bin licence applications for 2021 were now open at a cost of £40 per year. The Christmas tree green bin

	<p>collection was due in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> January. A new round of “Make a Difference” grants for 2021-22 projects were open for application, the closing date was 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Planning meetings were still taking place remotely. NYCC Cllr Weighell had attended meetings to discuss the potential new North Yorkshire unitary authority/ies, and the NYCC budget for 2021-22. A decision on the budget should be reached by mid-February. Cllr Weighell noted that obviously t Covid-19 had left a hole in the County Council’s finances and that balancing the budget would probably involve both council tax rises and the use of reserves.</p>
<p><b>117.2021</b></p> <p>19:24pm</p>	<p><b>Financial statement and approvals for payment:</b></p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments:  Staff Salaries; NYCC (dropped kerb at St Gregory’s, North End) £870.38); Streetscape (Southfields play area renovations) £837.00; SEP Events Ltd (Christmas market road closure) £813.60; Streetscape Ltd (Bedale Park aerial runway repair) £600.00; Farm and Land Services (benches and bins installation) £462.00; LexisNexis (purchase of Arnold-Baker on Local Government new edition) £149.99; TWS Group Ltd (annual soap service at Bridge St toilets) £120; Paul Ellis (bandstand cleaning) £45; JT Atkinson (hardware) £1.87; SLCC (Clerk’s annual membership) £208.00; E&amp;P Electrics (wiring lampposts and timers) £4,721.98; and the Zoom Ltd direct debit for £14.39</p> <p>The Council noted that a MoP had kindly made up the £220.38 shortfall for the cost of the dropped kerb work, and the Council noted receipt of that sum, along with £723.50 in market rents and £70.00 through re-sale of unsuitable Christmas lights. The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £144,196.48.</p> <p><i>NYCC Cllr Weighell left the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>118.2021</b></p>	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions</b> – to consider planning applications including: Planning Applications received:  <b>20/02914/OUT</b> – an outline application with all matters reserved for construction of an agricultural worker’s dwelling at Bridge Grange Farm:  <i>After discussion, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>OBJECT</b> to the application on the grounds of design and visual appearance; the proposed site is in open countryside and not near enough to the stock unit to which it is tied The Council noted that it has no objection to the principle of an agricultural worker’s dwelling being built at Bridge Grange Farm, only to the position of the currently proposed unit.</i></p> <p>The Council NOTED the following decisions from Hambleton DC:  <b>20/02509/FUL</b> –extension to dwelling to form a garden room and construction of a detached garage at 24 Masham Road was <b>granted</b>.  <b>20/02570/FUL</b> –Two storey side extension at 35A Ash Tree Close was <b>granted</b>.  <b>20/02686/CAT</b> – work to trees in a conservation area at 23 South End was <b>granted</b>.</p>

	Finally, the Council noted that the refusal of application 20/00056/FUL for a pair of semi-detached houses behind 5 South End has been appealed to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
<b>119.2021</b>	<p><b>Potential sale of grass verge</b> – to consider the possibility of selling the 18m<sup>2</sup> grass verge outside 59 Stapleton Close (between the pavement and the carriageway) to the owners of that property:</p> <p>After discussion, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that, even if it is able to dispose of the land, which is unclear, it does not wish to</p>
<b>120.2021</b>	<p><b>Hambleton District Council grants</b> – to consider preparing applications to Hambleton DC’s “Make a Difference” grants for a) new Christmas lights and associated electrical work (iro £6,000), and b) setting the “Covid caterpillar” stones in place at Bedale Park along with a small interpretation board (iro £3,500):</p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that both of these applications should go forward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to progress</p>
<b>121.2021</b>	<p><b>Bedale Covid Mutual Aid Group</b> – to re-approve the potential use of Bedale Town Council resources towards supporting the Bedale Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group, should it reconstitute during the current lockdown:</p> <p>The Council noted that with lockdown measures again in place, the Bedale Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group was again performing invaluable work supporting sick and vulnerable members of the community, and that it would be helpful to pre-approve occasional staff time and financial support if needed, to facilitate swift assistance to the Mutual Aid Group as needed</p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the Group through occasional use of staff time as necessary, and to allow the Clerk financial competence of up to £250 in total for essential purchases of as and when needed.</p>
<b>122.2021</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> – (background papers provided – see Appendix A)

Finally, the Council acknowledged the passing of Paddy Shepherdson who died peacefully on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and paid tribute to her life and work. She was a much-respected resident and former Mayor of Bedale and will be sadly missed.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

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

**DATE:** .....

## Appendix A

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 15<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

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

1. From: **Hambleton DC Communities** Date **14/12/2020**  
Request for Bedale Hall contact details regarding transfer of lease issues
2. From: **Information Commissioner's Office** Date **16/12/2020**  
Confirmation of data protection registration until 15 December 2021
3. From: **MoP** Date **19/12/2020**  
Complaint regarding Xmas market road closure
4. From: **MoP** Date **20/12/2020**  
Feedback from Xmas market and suggestions for future years
5. From: **MoP** Date **23/12/2020**  
Request for information about council tax and waste collection from new resident
6. From: **Yorkshire Society** Date **23/12/2020**  
Newsletter and information about "heritage guardians and champions" scheme
7. From: **Hambleton DC Safety Advisory Group** Date **24/12/2020**  
Request for feedback from Xmas Market and the SAG's advice received in advance of it.
8. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **04/01/2021**  
Covid update including closure of HDC offices.
9. From: **Office for National Statistics** Date **04/01/2021**  
Information about the national census set for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021.
10. From: **NYCC** Date **05/01/2021**  
Reminder of budget priority consultation exercise