

**DATE:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 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, three members of the public

<b>123.2021</b>	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation: There were none.
<b>124.2021</b>	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence: There were none, all Councillors being present.
<b>125.2021</b>	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021: 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>126.2021</b>	<b>Updates from minutes:</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
126.1	<b>Calvert Way play area</b> – to receive any updates on progress towards the transfer of ownership to the Council: The Council noted that the new roundabout had been installed. The Clerk will therefore contact Persimmon to complete the transfer of monies and ownership.
126.2	<b>Southfields Park furniture</b> – to receive any updates about the repair of existing benches and purchase of picnic bench: The Clerk reported that due to the recent bad weather and flooding of the Southfield's play area, the repair work was unable to be carried out at present. He confirmed that following consultation with councillors the recycled plastic picnic bench had been ordered.
<b>127.2021</b>	<b>Reports of recent activity:</b>
127.1	<b>Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors:</b> Cllr Mollard had attended a Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Joint Executive Board meeting, and confirmed that YLCA's annual conference would take place on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> April by Zoom. She had also taken part in two YLCA training sessions the role of the clerk and on conducting staff appraisals, and would circulate notes to members of the Employment Working Group. Cllrs Hallett and Young had attended the funeral of Paddy Shepherdson.

<p>127.2</p>	<p><b>Reports from District/ County Councillors:</b>  Hambleton DC Cllr Noone informed Council that the district council was proposing to freeze their element of the Council Tax for 2021-22.  District Cllr Barningham reported that green bin licence applications for 2021 were open at a cost of £40 per year. Hambleton DC is supporting small businesses with a series of workshops starting w/c 8<sup>th</sup> February, and that date also sees the start of National Apprentice Week, with incentives available for businesses taking on new apprentices.  NYCC Cllr Weighell confirmed that the County Council is to increase its portion of Council Tax by 1.99% for 2021-22, with a further 1.5% rise for social care. He also noted that there will be no increase in county councillors' allowances for 2021-22.</p>
<p>128.2021</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; Glasdon UK Ltd (picnic bench) £678.02; Artisan Locksmiths (new locks at Bridge St toilets) £190; YLCA (training for Cllrs Catford and Mollard) £73; TWC Supplies (toilet tissue for Bridge St) £37.20; Paul Ellis (bus shelter cleaning) £150; and Farm &amp; Land Services Ltd (grounds maintenance Oct-Jan) £3,380.40.  The Council noted receipt of £179.70 in market rents.  The Council's cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £133,566.01.</p>
<p>129.2021</p>	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions – to consider planning applications including:</b>  Planning Applications received:  <b>20/00123/FUL</b> –alterations to sun room fenestration and replacement of existing garage and garden buildings:  <p style="text-align: right;"><i>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it supports the application.</i></p>   The Council NOTED the following decisions from Hambleton DC:  <b>20/02078/LBC</b> –<i>listed building consent for replacement of external door and frame at 9 Mowbray Grange was <b>granted</b>.</i>  <b>20/02311/LBC</b> –<i>listed building consent for retention of colour to the exterior paintwork on windows at 24 Market Place was <b>granted</b>.</i></p>
<p>130.2021</p>	<p><b>2021 Car Boot Sales – to agree a timetable for when car boot sales may be able to resume, subject to Government guidelines. Also, to agree a methodology for taking payments from beneficiary organisations and refreshment providers for 2021 only:</b>  After discussion, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that the situation would be reviewed monthly and if allowed then the earliest start date would be the first Saturday of the following month. Also that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any beneficiary organisation who could not be offered a CBS on their allocated date for Covid reasons would automatically get a 2022 date;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food and ice cream concession holders would pay monthly pro rata in 2021, rather than the year up front as usual;</li> <li>• And, the beneficiary organisations would be allowed to pay their fee plus the bond when collecting the CBS bag on the Thursday before their date.</li> </ul>
<b>131.2021</b>	<p><b>Remote meetings</b> - following a survey request from YLCA, to form an opinion on whether remote or blended Town Council meetings would be desirable even once in-person meetings are again allowed: The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that its strong preference is for meetings to be in-person only once again, as soon as Government guidelines allow.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to complete the survey accordingly</p>
<b>132.2021</b>	<p><b>Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on</b> – to confirm a date for the 2021 event: The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to hold the event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Clerk to inform Brand Bedale / Bedale Hall / Community Forum</p>
<b>133.2021</b>	<p><b>Grit bins</b> – to consider whether, if it has the power to do so, the Town Council would wish to install additional grit bins within the Parish, e.g., on Brookside Close: The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council does indeed have the power to install extra grit bins, as long as they do not block the footway. Bins could be purchased from and refilled by NYCC or independent contractors, but locations needed to be agreed with NYCC Highways The Council agreed to discuss the matter again in March once costings for the bins and servicing of them were obtained, with a view to installing bins at the top (south-west) end of Queen Anne’s Drive and on Brookside Close.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to progress</p>
<b>134.2021</b>	<p><b>Flooding at Southfields</b> – to consider the recent flooding, and what measures might be taken to prevent or mitigate future occurrences: The Council discussed this issue in detail, and also heard from two parishioners on the matter. Various potential sources of the problem were considered, and the Council agreed that a “round table” discussion of interested parties would be helpful. These parties would include: NYCC flood risk management team; Hambleton DC planning; Yorkshire Water; Persimmon Homes; and Coxon Brothers (civil engineers), whom the Council also thanked for their prompt and thorough attentions in pumping out the standing water over the previous week. A MoP raised the issue of danger to children playing in the water. While sympathetic, the Council noted that fencing off the entire area was impractical and that it was the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure children’s safety on the public open space.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to continue liaising with interested parties as above and convene meeting/s as necessary. This to be an agenda item at March’s meeting.</p>

<b>135.2021</b> Item 4	<b>Correspondence</b> – (background papers provided – see Appendix A) The Clerk added that the police were aware of potential Covid violations and littering on Exelby Road as reported.
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The Chair closed the meeting at 8:21pm.

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

**DATE:** .....

Appendix A

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 6<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

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

1. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **09/01/2021**  
Information that the Ingleby Arncliffe neighbourhood plan submission is available to view and comment online until 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
2. From: **Greensphere Ltd** Date **12/01/2021**  
Enquiry about grass cutting and caretaking opportunities.
3. From: **MoP** Date **14/01/2021**  
Enquiry about business parking in Bridge St car park [*Referred to Hambleton DC*]
4. From: **MoP** Date **19/01/2021**  
Complaint about drinking, littering and possible COVID-19 violations on Exelby Road [*referred to Bedale police officer*]
5. From: **NYCC Highways** Date **19/01/2021**  
Information about layby improvements at Sinks Lane, involving four weeks of road closure.
6. From: **MoP** Date **19/01/2021**  
Information that meeting minutes were not available on BTC website. [*Problem fixed*]
7. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **19/01/2021**  
Information about “Hambleton Heroes” scheme
8. From: **Hambleton DC Communities** Date **20/01/2021**  
Information that the 2020 MAD grant awarded is under consideration for being moved to 2022-23
9. From: **Hambleton DC Environmental Health** Date **20/01/2021**  
Information about COVID-19 restrictions as they apply to markets.
10. From: **MoP** Date **21/01/2021**  
Comment about flooding at Southfields
11. From: **MoP** Date **25/01/2021**  
Information about potholes at Beckside created by flooding [*Problem fixed*]
12. From: **MoP** Date **25/01/2021**  
Information that defibrillator requires attention [*Referred to Bedale Hall*]
13. From: **SEP Events** Date **27/01/2021**  
Feedback from their experience providing the road closure for the Christmas Market.
14. From: **YLCA** Date **29/01/2021**  
New login details for councillors to YLCA website

15. From: **MoP x several**

Date **1-4/2/2021**

Comments about standing water at Southfields.