

DATE: Monday 10th October 2022
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Mike Barningham, Andrew Hallett, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, Paul Stopford (after item 22.85)
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public [MoP]

22.82	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: None received.
22.83	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kayleigh Catford and John Howe.
22.84	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12 th September 2022: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
22.85	Ordinary vacancy The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Paul Stopford to the vacant seat, and Cllr Stopford duly took his place at the table for the remainder of the meeting.
22.86 22.861	Updates from minutes – not covered elsewhere on the agenda Covid stones/ friendship bench: Cllr Coates reported that a company in Leyburn has agreed to create the friendship bench and incorporate the Covid stones. The design will be an oval seat with raised backrest, the middle will be planted. Confirmation has been received from Hambleton DC that planning was not required, and the council noted that a budget of up to £5,000 has already been approved for this project.
22.862	ACTION – Clerk to circulate sketches of draft bench design CCTV: The Clerk reported that it has not yet been possible to find a company to quote for the ground works necessary to extend the electrical supply to the proposed position of the new camera. A proposal including timetable and budget will be presented to the Council when available.
22.87 22.871	Reports of recent activity: Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors: Cllr Mollard and the Clerk had attended the YLCA annual conference, where the Allotments Society had cited Bedale allotments as a fine example of their type. Cllrs Ingram and Noone had attended a Bonfire Working Group meeting, and Cllr Noone asked for volunteers to “shake buckets” at the 5 th November event and to count donated

<p>22.872</p>	<p>money on Monday 7th November, at 6.30pm in the Bedale Room at Bedale Hall. Tony Cooper of Bedale Youth Football Club has been invited to light the bonfire. Cllr Noone and the Clerk attended a meeting on site with Coxon Bros to discuss drainage issues at and from Southfields open space. Cllr Macklewain-Hallett attended YLCA training on employment law and found this highly informative.</p> <p>Reports from District/ County Councillors: Hambleton District Cllr Mike Barningham reported that Bedale Leisure Centre de-carbonisation work is due to be completed by the end of October, with solar panels, heat source pump and LED lighting fitted to support carbon reduction. The leisure centre was introducing a new initiative called “Prime Time,” with boccia and new age curling available. Cllr Barningham added that a HDC supplementary planning document was being released on Tuesday 18th October, to give people applying for domestic extensions more guidance.</p> <p>NYCC Cllr David Webster reported that most activity at county level continued to be around the transition to the new unitary authority. The council tax harmonisation initiative aims to rationalise levies across the authority, transitioning from the current situation where residents of different districts of course pay different rates of council tax.</p>
<p>22.88</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment:</p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries; Streetscape Ltd (goalposts at Southfields) £3,559.20; Morgan’s (grass cut/ maintenance) £1,607.18; WJP Software Ltd (annual IT support) £518.40; Rentokil (annual sanitiser rental) £496.21; PKF Littlejohn (annual audit) £480.00; Paul Ellis (bus shelter cleaning / watering of planters) £455.00; Rentokil (sanitary equipment) £162.72; Coxon Brothers (emergency work at Bedale Beck) £132.00; E&P Electrics (work at Bridge St toilets) £42.00; YLCA (seminar for Cllr Macklewain-Hallett) £33.40; D Thornton-Grace (repair of Bridge St toilet window) £142.00.</p> <p>Receipts were noted in September of: £657.00 (Market stall rentals); £175.00 (Xmas market stall fees); £32,132.00 (Hambleton DC, precept #2 of 2) and £11.48 (Barclays plc, interest). The Council’s cash book balance on 10th October 2022 after these transactions was NOTED as being £105,991.75.</p>
<p>22.89</p>	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications: Regarding 22/02088/FUL for replacement of 12 windows by double glazing at 9 Cascade Court, the Council RESOLVED that it supports the application. The Council NOTED the granting by Hambleton DC of: 22/01711/FUL, for alteration of existing internal garage to dining room at 6 Javelin Way; 22/01744/FUL, for replacement of asbestos roof and repairs to masonry at HDC garage at rear of Market Place; and 22/01812/FUL, for change of use of two parking bays to form outdoor seating area at Institution Café, 42 Market Place.</p> <p>The Council further NOTED the lodging of a second appeal under section 78 of the Planning Act 1990 against the refusal of 21/02759/FUL, for two one bedroom holiday apartment in a single self-contained block with associated parking at rear of 35 Market Place, Bedale.</p>

<p>22.90</p>	<p>North End parking The Council considered lobbying for double yellow lines to be instituted around the inside of the grassed “island” between St Gregory’s Church and North End, to prevent dangerous, unsightly, and damaging parking on the grassed area, and RESOLVED to ask NYCC Highways if they would consider double yellow lines on the west (North End) and north sides of the island. It was noted that double yellow lines would apply to parking on the grassed area as well as on the road.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION – Clerk to progress</i></p>
<p>22.91</p>	<p>Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment: The Council RESOLVED to adopt the updated policy as circulated to Councillors.</p>
<p>22.92</p>	<p>Card readers: The Council RESOLVED to purchase three card readers at a cost of £80 plus VAT per reader.</p>
<p>22.93</p>	<p>Budget setting The Council RESOLVED that the meeting for Councillors to agree a draft 2023-24 budget for approval at November’s Town Council meeting would take place on Monday 31st October at 7pm, in the Drawing Room at Bedale Hall.</p>
<p>22.94 Item 17</p>	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided – see Appendix A) The item should have read: Information that funding has been applied for to support a Christmas Day lunch for lonely/ vulnerable townspeople at Bedale Methodist Church Hall.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:12pm

SIGNED: _____ **(Chair)**

DATE:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 5th September – 5th October 2022

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

1. From: **NALC, YLCA, HM Government** Date: **various**
Information and advice about managing the parish's response to the sad death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
2. From: **Camping and Caravanning Club** Date: **12/09/2022**
Letter of thanks for the welcome afforded to their caravan rally by Bedale
3. From: **NALC Civility and Respect Team** Date: **13/09/2022**
Thanking the Council for signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge
4. From: **NYCC Highways** Date: **13/09/2022**
Confirming the road closure for the Christmas Market
5. From: **MoP** Date: **13/09/2022**
Reporting damage to a Bedale Park seat, and adding "great town so you must be a really good council"
6. From: **Maple Lodge care home, Catterick** Date: **16/09/2022**
Asking for help regarding finding archival material about Bedale to make "memory boxes" for the home's formerly Bedale-based residents
7. From: **Yorkshire Society** Date: **17/09/2022**
Newsletter and announcements
8. From: **MoP** Date: **18/09/2022**
Reporting a dead tree between Bedale Primary and High Schools [*this has been reported to NYCC whose grounds team are dealing with it*]
9. From: **NY Police** Date: **20/09/2022**
Reporting that a vehicle reported as blocking a pathway off Emgate belongs to a local resident and is legally parked
10. From: **MoP** Date: **20/09/2022**
Complaint about siting of Bedale Park football goals when not in use [*reported to football club*]
11. From: **Bedale & Villages Community Forum** Date: **23/09/2022**
Minutes of September meeting
12. From: **MoP** Date: **23/09/2022**
Complaint about grass cutting at Spruce Gill Avenue, Aiskew
13. From: **PKF Littlejohn LLP** Date: **23/09/2022**
Confirming the completion of the 2021-22 external audit process
14. From: **BBC Radio York** Date: **28/09/2022**

Request for information about whether Xmas lights would be affected by rising electricity prices

15. From: **MoP** Date: **01/10/2022**
Complaint about behaviour of a dog and its owner at car boot sale
16. From: **Hambleton DC** Date: **03/10/2022**
Circulating toolkit on developing cycle tourism
17. From: **MoP** Date: **06/10/2022**
Confirming that funding is in place for a Christmas Day lunch for lonely / vulnerable townspeople at Bedale Hall
18. From: **MoP x3** Date: **various**
Offers of wood for the bonfire *[politely declined]*
19. From: **MoP x several** Date: **various**
Reports/complaints of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. *[Clerk's note: In all cases correspondents were requested to report the events as having happened to NY Police.]*
20. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**
Queries about car boot sales