

**DATE:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Howe (Chairing), Mike Barningham, Kayleigh Catford, Andrew Hallett, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, Paul Stopford (from 7.15pm)  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public [MoP]

22.107	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation: There were none.
22.108	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Amanda Coates and John Noone.
22.109	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022: 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.
22.110 22.1101  22.1102  22.1103	<p><b>Updates from minutes</b> – not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p><b>Southfields</b> – The Clerk confirmed that two surveys had been conducted and reports received. Drainage contractors are proving difficult to pin down to attend and quote for the French drain installation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to pursue</i></p> <p><b>Boundary Commission</b> – The Council heard that several parishioners had objected to the proposed boundary changes on similar grounds to the Council’s objection.</p> <p><b>Christmas Market and lights switch-on</b> – Cllr Mollard reported that the day had gone very well and had been warmly received by Market Place businesses, stallholders, and the public. The unexpectedly large funfair, while well-used, created a disconnect between the stage and the market and Christmas tree, and plans were in hand to reposition this for 2023. Leftover donated mince pies had been given to Meals on Wheels, St Gregory’s for the carol service, and the free Christmas Day lunch.</p> <p>The Council had received a number of comments regretting the absence of festoon lights this year, and agreed in principle to work towards raising the estimated £12,000 to replace them. It was however noted that if the Market Place lampposts are replaced with a “heritage” design it would not be possible to hang festoons from them.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion of dates for next year, including positive and negative aspects of reuniting the date of the Christmas Market and lights event with the Community Forum-led Christmas Festival, and the possibility of moving the event to the first Sunday in December to minimise disruption to Market Place businesses. The council <b>AGREED</b> to canvass opinion from businesses, and to arrange a meeting in the early New Year with Bedale and Villages Community Forum and other stakeholders ahead of this event.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to progress</i></p>

<p>22.111 22.1111  22.1112</p>	<p><b>Reports of recent activity:</b>  <b>Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors:</b>          Cllr Barningham had attended a Bedale Hall CIO meeting and reported that their AGM was postponed until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. He also noted that Hall office accommodation was at capacity, and that repairs to the lead roof would start in January, following a structural survey and remedial work to the foyer ceiling  <b>Reports from District/ County Councillors:</b> Hambleton District Cllr Mike Barningham reported that discussions about a potential 3G pitch at Bedale High School were progressing well, with the £800+k cost potentially coming mainly from the Football Foundation and Hambleton DC. Warm space and activity funding grants are available to be spent between January and March 2023. Parking in HDC car parks will be free from 19<sup>th</sup> December until 2<sup>nd</sup> January inclusive.          NYCC Cllr David Webster read out a press statement from NYCC setting out the financial situation expected to be inherited by the new unitary council in April 2023.</p>
<p>22.112</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 (PAYE qtr2); G Walker £2,961.28 +VAT (bonfire novelties); GP Drains Ltd £1,480 +VAT (Southfields drainage survey); MB Audio Visual £1,350 +VAT (stage for Xmas Market); SEP Event Management £796 +VAT (road closure for Xmas Market); Generation UK Ltd £400 +VAT (barriers for Bonfire event); ADH Site Surveys £376 +VAT (Southfield drainage survey); W Braithwaite &amp; Sons £290.33 +VAT (winter planting); and Artisan Locksmiths £150 +VAT (work at Bridge St toilets).          The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £80,297.81.</p>
<p>22.113</p>	<p><b>Planning matters</b>          The Council considered the following planning applications:          Regarding 22/02787/CAT, for work to fell one tree within a conservation area at 33 South End: The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it objects to the application on the planning grounds that it would cause an adverse effect on the visual amenity of a conservation area. The tree is a significant landmark within the conservation area, is healthy, and alternative options to felling are put forward within the report circulated.          The Council also NOTED the granting by Hambleton DC of: 22/02075/FUL for two additional parking spaces in front of Tom and Nellies; 22/01621/FUL for A684 priority junction at Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar; and 21/03058/FUL for 75 dwellings at Southlands.</p>
<p>22.114</p>	<p><b>Licensing</b>          The Council considered whether to make any comment concerning an application to Hambleton DC to vary the premises license at 40 Market Place (former Tesco Express), to allow sale of alcohol 24 hours a day rather than the current hours of 6am – 11pm and allow the sale of late-night refreshment (i.e., Hot food and drink ready for consumption) from 11pm – 5am daily. The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that while it has reservations about the potential effect on the town of a 24-hour alcohol licence, it has no objection on licensing grounds to the application as submitted.</p>
<p>22.115</p>	<p><b>Joint Burial Committee constitution:</b>          The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following change to the JBC constitution: <i>“Members may, at their discretion, co-opt further ex officio members onto the Committee; such members will always be non-voting.”</i></p>

<p><b>22.116</b></p>	<p><b>Bridge Street Toilets</b></p> <p>In light of further vandalism, the Council undertook a preliminary discussion to consider whether the cost of keeping these toilets open is justified by the use they get and given that there are also accessible public toilets in Bedale Park. Cllr Howe reported further to agenda item 22.80 that six businesses thus far had expressed a willingness to provide toilet facilities for visitors, and Cllr Barningham.</p> <p>The Council noted that more information was needed, including feedback from businesses and residents, and <b>RESOLVED</b> to bring the future of the Bridge Street facilities back on the agenda in the early new year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to progress.</p>
<p><b>22.117</b></p>	<p><b>Road naming at Southlands</b></p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to object to the proposed names for the roads at the new Southlands estate, on the grounds that they were not of local relevance, and suggested alternative naming schemes of villages within the former Bedale Rural District Council, rectors of Bedale pre 1900, or birds which can be seen locally.</p>
<p><b>22.118</b></p>	<p><b>Unregistered land at Queen Anne’s Drive:</b></p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to add maintenance of the grass verge at SE263878 to its grasscutting and grounds maintenance schedules.</p>
<p><b>22.119</b></p>	<p><b>Church clock</b></p> <p>Noting that November 2023 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of the clock at St Gregory’s Church clock and that the Parochial Church Council is keen to arrange events to celebrate this and to fundraise for a new clockface, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllrs Coates, Howe and Mollard to a working group alongside the PCC to progress this.</p>
<p><b>22.120</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

**SIGNED:** (Chair)

**DATE:**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 11<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

1. From: **Bedale Golf Club** Date: **08/11/2022**  
Informing the Council that the Club is in fact unable to take on maintenance of the relief road roundabout and the verges by the deer sculpture
2. From: **MoP** Date: **09/11/2022**  
Thanking the Council for its support of the South End disc zone extension
3. From: **MoP** Date: **10/11/2022**  
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4. From: **YLCA** Date: **14/11/2022**  
Timetable for proposed adoption of a parish charter by the new unitary authority
5. From: **Bedale Litter Busters** Date: **21/11/2022**  
Report back from a successful “pick and plant” session, but also commenting on an increase in dog fouling on Bedale Park
6. From: **MoP** Date: **21/11/2022**  
Comments regarding proposed parliamentary constituency boundary changes
7. From: **Bedale and Villages Community Forum** Date: **23/11/2022**  
Invitation to community meeting for local organisations which use volunteers
8. From: **Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport and Access Partnership**  
Date: **10/10/2022**  
Invitation to December meeting on “connecting communities”
9. From: **MoP** Date: **26/11/2022**  
Request for information regarding business support in Bedale from a potential shop owner
10. From: **MoP** Date: **28/11/2022**  
Request for accessibility information regarding the Christmas Market and Bridge St toilets
11. From: **MoP** Date: **28/11/2022**  
Request about how to volunteer to help at the community Christmas lunch
12. From: **NY Police Fire and Crime Commissioner** Date: **30/11/2022**  
Information about support for women and girls in North Yorkshire and York
13. From: **Smaller Authorities Audit Authority** Date: **01/12/2022**  
Information that PKF Littlejohn LLP have been reappointed as external auditors for North Yorkshire town and parish councils for a further five years to 2026-27.
14. From: **MoP (Market Place shopkeeper)** Date: **03/12/2022**  
Congratulations on a successful Christmas Market; “there have been lots of people in the town... and it is buzzing with lights and music. Great!”
15. From: **Christmas Market stallholders x4** Date: **04-06/12/2022**

Reporting a successful Christmas Market Day, and wishing to reserve stalls for the 2023 event

16. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**  
Congratulating the Council, Committee and volunteers on the bonfire and fireworks evening
17. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**  
Enquiries re Christmas Market and lights switch-on
18. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**  
Enquiries re timings