

DATE: Monday 13th March 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Michael Barningham, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public [MoP]

22.145	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none.
22.146	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: There were none, all Councillors being present.
22.147	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 th February 2023 The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
22.148	Casual vacancies: The Council NOTED that Hambleton DC had not received enough submissions to trigger an election and therefore the co-option of two Councillors is required. <i>ACTION: All to consider possible candidates for co-option</i>
22.149 22.1491	Updates from minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda: Barclays Bank – Cllr Howe reported from an online meeting attended by him and the Clerk that, while the closure of Bedale’s branch was non-negotiable, Barclays is intending to maintain a presence in the town with three days a week of office time and a 24-hour ATM.
22.150 22.1501 22.1502	Reports of recent activity Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors Apart from 22.149 above, there were no relevant developments to report from external meetings attended by Councillors. Reports from District/ County Councillors Hambleton District Cllr Mike Barningham reported that agreed HDC community infrastructure levy funding would remain ringfenced under the new authority after 1 st April. Future CIL monies would be split as presently, 15% to the Town Council and 85% to the principal authority. The Clerk added that the HDC Making a Difference grant of £25,000 towards a fresh skate area at Bedale Park would remain ringfenced for a further year pending match funding.
22.151	Bedale Scouts and Guides Community Festival The Council RESOLVED to make a Section 137 grant of £360 to cover the cost of road closure during the parade element of this event, which is set for Sunday 11 th June.

<p>22.152</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; HMRC (PAYE qtr4) £1,392.54; Alverton Press (car boot sale receipt books) £282; Bedale Hall CIO (room hire for Mayoral tea) £75; E&P Electrics (Bridge St toilet lights) £61.96; Rentokil Initial (water saver for Bridge Street toilets, monthly rent) £61.06; NALC (climate change webinar) £52.04; Cllr Coates (velvet for Mayoral chains) £50; YLCA (advertisement for Asst Clerk) £15; and JA Cockburn (mileage) £9.90.</p> <p>The Council's cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £65,545.53. The Clerk added that the issue of overcharging for electricity on the Market Place had been resolved and that a refund of £1,629.40 was imminent.</p>
<p>22.153</p>	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>Regarding 23/00309/LBC, listed building consent for four wooden windows replaced like for like at 4 Mowbray Grange; the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application, adding a commendation to the applicant for their commitment to maintaining the integrity of the period features of this listed building.</p> <p>Regarding 23/00411/FUL for a proposed garage conversion and extension to front elevation under existing canopy roof at 51 Iddison Drive; the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application.</p> <p>Regarding NYCC 2022/2077/FUL for an extension to the existing games practice building at Mowbray School; the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the granting by Hambleton DC of: 22/02768/LBC at 40 Market Place; 23/00063/MRC at 9 Firby Road; and 23/00163/CAT at 43 Greendale Court.</p> <p>The Council NOTED that it has been informed of 23/00351/CAMP for a Caravan Rally of 20 caravans from 19th to 26th June at Low Ashbank Grange Caravan Park, Bedale.</p>
<p>22.154</p>	<p>Tree surgery</p> <p>Noting the tree survey undertaken by Arborlutions Ltd on 7th February, the Council RESOLVED to authorise works to the seven trees assessed as "urgent" at a cost of £1,480, and further decay investigation on two more trees at a cost of £500.</p>
<p>22.155</p>	<p>Asset register</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the current Asset Register as circulated.</p>
<p>22.156</p>	<p>Bridge Street toilets</p> <p>The Council NOTED that Hambleton DC had no residual interest in the building, either taking it back as a toilet or for any other purpose, and discussed the future of the facility, noting the public survey and that: a sum in excess of £3,000 on plumbing would be required to enable the men's and women's units to reopen; these had been closed for ten weeks with only one Facebook thread commenting on it and no direct contact from parishioners to the Council; and while improved CCTV is being installed in the Bridge Street car park, it is almost impossible to use external CCTV to bring prosecution for internal vandalism. Bearing all this in mind, the Council RESOLVED: to keep the men's and women's toilets closed until further notice; to keep the accessible RADAR-key accessed toilet open; to improve signage and awareness of the Bedale Park toilets; and to revisit this matter at May's meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to improve signage to Park at Bridge Street; Cllr Howe to liaise with TIC</p>

22.157	Skipton Building Society The Council RESOLVED: to open a new account at this facility, with Cllrs Coates, Hallett, Howe and Mollard as signatories; that two signatures from the four were required for withdrawals; and, that the balance from the existing account *****4576 is to be transferred to the new account.
22.158	Verges at South End/ Masham Road Noting that the verges between 46-64 South End, and the verge opposite Mowbray School, are being churned up by inappropriate parking, the Council RESOLVED to install wooden posts to prevent parking, at a cost of £1,140.
22.159	Correspondence (background papers provided – see Appendix A)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:01 pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

DATE:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 6th February – 9th March 2023

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

1. From: **Joint Burial Committee** Date: **06/02/2023**
Minutes and financial report
2. From: **Coach Holiday Promotions** Date: **14/02/2023**
Query about placing a coach in town for promotional purposes
3. From: **Bedale and Villages Community Forum** Date: **14/02/2023**
Agenda for special general meeting
4. From: **MoP x3** Date: **17/02/2023**
Notifications of fallen branches / trees as a result of Storm Otto
5. From: **MoP** Date: **21/02/2023**
Enquiry re local history from someone whose mother was evacuated to Hornby.
6. From: **MoP** Date: **22/02/2023**
Information about vandalism on Bedale Beck
7. From: **YLCA** Date: **22/02/2023**
Notice of engagement meeting with Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission
8. From: **Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport and Access Partnership**
Date: **23/02/2023**
Notice of meeting
9. From: **St Gregory's Churchwardens** Date: **27/02/2023**
Report from annual inspection of church clock
10. From: **Hambleton DC** Date: **02/03/2023**
Notice that insufficient requests have been made for an election to fill either casual vacancy and that therefore the Council is required to co-opt new members.
11. From: **Quickline Ltd** Date: **07/03/2023**
Intending to open a pop-up shop in the former chemist, and inviting ideas for community partners [*referred to Mowbray School*]
12. From: **NYCC Highways** Date: **08/03/2023**
Notice that Harbour View will be closed from 13-17 March for engineering works.
13. From: **MoP x several** Date: **various**
Enquiries re 2023 car boot sales