## Bedale Town Council

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

TIME: 7.00pm

**LOCATION:** The Drawing Room, Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale DL8 1AA

## To the members of the Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Bedale Town Council for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Signed: Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Nick Reed, Clerk to the Council

- 23.64 Declarations of interest in agenda Items and requests for dispensations
- **23.65** Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence
- **23.66 Minutes** of the Town Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023, and of the Annual Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- 23.67 Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
  - 23.671 CCTV to note that NYC have confirmed that the members discretionary grant can be used for the revised project, per item 22.59, as it is still CCTV and still covering Bedale Park
  - **23.672** Remembrance Day to receive an update on preparations, particularly regarding traffic management
- 23.68 Reports of recent activity
  - 23.681 Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors
  - 23.682 Report from North Yorkshire Council representative
- **Financial matters** to receive a financial statement and approve payments including: staff salaries; Morgan's (£1,995 grass cutting and grounds maintenance, and £880 repainting Bedale Park bollards and chains); PKF Littlejohn (£420+VAT, external audit fee); Bedale Window Cleaning (£225, bus shelter and bandstand cleaning); and SLCC (£146, Asst Clerk membership).
  - Also, to formally approve the expenditure necessarily agreed between meetings of £755+VAT to Rentokil Initial Ltd for rodent-proof stainless steel mesh around the Bedale Park bin store.
- Planning matters to formally approve the decision necessarily agreed between meetings to object to ZB23/01665/FUL for a new dwelling in the grounds behind 4 Sussex Street, on the grounds that the proposed new residential unit would have a detrimental impact on adjacent properties by being situated too close to its adjoining property, that the new property itself would be lacking in facilities, and that the single parking space provided would be inadequate for the new property alongside the existing 4 Sussex Street.

No other planning applications have been received at the time of writing

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Also to note planning decisions made by principal authorities since August's meeting

- **Twinning** to consider taking on the work of the Bedale Twinning Association as a Town Council activity, and, if so resolved, to agree the size and membership of a twinning working group. n.b. The balance of Twinning Association monies would be transferred to the Council and ringfenced, and there is no financial implication to the Council for the foreseeable future.
- **Whole Council training** to consider booking a session for the full Council, plus Clerk and Assistant Clerk, provided by the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and covering the role, responsibilities, rights and possibilities of a Town Council, at a cost of £384
- 23.73 Employment Committee to replace the Employment Working Group with an Employment Committee, and to agree the Committee's terms of reference, following a recommendation from Yorkshire Local Councils Association, and noting National Association of Local Councils guidelines that, employment should be managed by a formal committee of the Council
- 22.74 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations noting that the de minimis threshold for public contracts was raised in 2022 from £25,000 to £30,000, to approve revised Bedale Town Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to reflect this change, and to replace four references to "Hambleton District Council" with "North Yorkshire Council"
- **23.75 Correspondence** (background papers provided)

Members of the public may speak on any matter at the discretion of the Chair of the meeting