

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016

Present

Councillor C Mollard (Mayor)
Councillor M Young
Councillor A Coates
Councillor J Noone
Councillor C Pointon
Councillor P Capon
Councillor A Wilkinson
Councillor A Hallett
Councillor R Gatrill
C Hart (Town Clerk)

077.2016 To receive and note apologies for absence

Councillor Barningham sent his apologies

078.2016 To receive 'Declarations of Interest' in items on the agenda
There were no declarations of interest

079.2016 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2016.
The minutes were approved and signed to be correct.

080.2016 Police Matters

a) Report from Police representative

The Police representative reported that reported crime for Bedale Town had increased from 43 to 57 compared to the same period last year. There had been a reduction in burglaries and in Arson and Damage but all other areas had shown an increase the greatest of these being in vehicle offences.
The Clerk was asked to contact the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police's office to invite one of the senior officers to attend a future council meeting.

081.2016 Bedale Town Council Website – To receive a presentation from Mr James Proctor of WJPS on the new website.
Mr Proctor showed the meeting what the new website was to look like and outlined the key features of the functionality that it was to offer including the ability to share documents and keep a calendar of events. A number of councillors expressed their admiration of what had been produced. It was hoped that the site may go live in the Summer.
The Communications group were asked to consider how to promote the launch of the site.

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082.2016

Audit

- a) To receive a report from the internal auditor.
The auditor's report was received by council.
- b) To approve and certify "Section 1- Annual Governance Statement 2015/16" of the Annual Return.
The council resolved to **approve** the responses to the statement.
- c) To approve and certify "Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2015/16" of the Annual Return
The council resolved to **approve** the statements.

083.2016

Administration

- a) **Membership of Society of Local Council Clerks** – to approve the Assistant to the Clerk's membership of SLCC at a cost of £111.00
The expenditure was **approved**.
- c) **Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration** – to consider purchasing the new (10th) edition of the book
The expenditure was **approved**.

084.2016

Monthly Food Market - To receive a report on the first 6 monthly food markets from The Market Managers Ltd
The new Monthly Food Market was reported to be a success with a good number of traders attending each market and an increasing number of shoppers. The Council had been supporting the market by providing the space and the electricity supply at no cost to The Market Managers.
It was **agreed** that Councillors Mollard and Coates should meet with The Market Managers to **negotiate the conditions** on which the market should proceed.
The council resolved to **approve** that the **market should continue** as it was seen to be of benefit to the town.

085.2016

Market Stall Conditions Review – to receive a report on and consider options for the allocation of space and calculation of rent for Bedale Tuesday market.
The Council resolved to **approve** the proposed charging scheme for attendance at Bedale Tuesday market. It was agreed that market stall holders were to be charged on a '**per metre frontage**' basis. The charges for the larger stalls were to remain at the current level. There were some changes in charges for the smaller stalls.
The Market Superintendent was to implement the changes.

086.2016

Ducks – to consider the options for managing the population of ducks that are resident in the Tom Hall Court area of Bedale.
The Council agreed that the ducks were a significant problem causing some disruption to traffic on Southend and leaving a mess on the footpaths around Tom Hall Court. It was accepted however that previous attempts by the Council to move the ducks out of the town to a safer location had been unsuccessful. This was partly due to well-meaning members of the public feeding the ducks

and luring them away from the cages set to capture them. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact **Broadacres Housing Association**, on whose land the duck-pond was located, to discuss possible solutions.

- 087.2016** **Christmas Lights** – To consider and agree the date for the 2016 Christmas Lights switching on event.
The Council **resolved** that the **switch-on** of the **Christmas lights** event should take place on **Saturday 19th November 2016**. This was to coincide with the Christmas Festival and the Monthly Food Market. This would be approximately two weeks earlier than previous years. The additional cost of electricity was estimated to be around £60.
- 088.2016** **Market Place Lamp Standard Flower Baskets** – to receive an update on the plans to reinstate the flower baskets.
Ms Yvonne Rose brought an update on the proposal. She reported that there was support from a good proportion of the shopkeepers in town a number of whom said that they were willing to water the baskets. Ms Rose was to; put together a costing and a grant application for the proposal, check with North Yorkshire CC who own the lamp standards and bring the proposal back to a future meeting.
- 089.2016** **Bridge Street Car Park Public Toilets**
- a) **Asbestos Survey** – to consider and approve the expenditure of £280.00 on an Asbestos Management Survey, covering the areas needing to be improved.
The expenditure was **approved**.
 - b) **Electrical Works** – to consider the quote for repairing and updating the electrical installations to the building.
The Council **resolved** that the toilets needed to be **brought up to standard** and therefore **approved** the expenditure of £1,366.78.
- 090.2016** **Litter Bins** – To consider the purchase of two replacement litter bins at a cost of £319.80 each.
The Council **approved** the expenditure.
- 091.2016** **Grounds Maintenance** – To consider the future maintenance of the flower bed around the bandstand in Bedale Park
The Council **resolved** to add the maintenance of the flower bed to the grounds maintenance contract.
- 092.2016** **Updates**
- a) **Spring Fair**
The spring fair had been postponed again. A date had not yet been set.

093.2016

Reports of previous month's meetings etc. - to hear from

Town/District/County Councillors on any meetings attended
Councillor C Mollard - Annual Parish Meeting and the Illuminated
Address Parade in Northallerton.

Councillor C Pointon - Annual Parish Meeting

Councillor A Coates - Annual Parish Meeting and Bedale Hall
Meeting

Councillor J Noone - Annual Parish Meeting, Bedale Hall Meeting
and a meeting at Hambleton DC about the new car park for
Bedale

Councillor M Young - Annual Parish Meeting

Councillor A Wilkinson - Annual Parish Meeting

Councillor A Hallett - Annual Parish Meeting and a Library Meeting

Councillor R Gatrill - Annual Parish Meeting

094.2016

Correspondence

Item 16: The Clerk reported that the area of tarmac which the
resident was concerned about appeared to be the responsibility
of Bedale Hall. The matter had therefore been referred to the Hall
Committee.

095.2016

Planning

Hambleton District Council

Ref: **16/00707/FUL**

Proposal: **Change of Use to tattoo parlour**

Location: First Floor Offices, 6 Market Place, Bedale

Approved

**Council requested confirmation of details of proposed opening
hours**

Fef: **16/00753/FUL**

Proposal: **Change of use of the ground floor from Class A2 to
Classes A1/A3 use**

Location: 23 Market Place, Bedale

Approved

096.2016

Finance

a) Receipts & payments

Council resolved to accept the bank reconciliation as a 30th April
2016. The cashbook balance standing at £93,270.10 and to
accept receipts of £33,110.50 and payments of £3,595.39 for the
period 12th April to 9th May 2016

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed
at 9:35pm