



BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN BEDALE HALL AT 7.00 p.m. ON 3rd MAY 2016

PRESENT:

Chairman of the Town Council, Councillor Mrs C Mollard presided.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from: Councillors Capon and Gatrill.

1) WELCOME, NOTICE OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the 'Notice of Meeting' had been posted appropriately.

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 5 MAY 2015

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed.

3) CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Mayor, Councillor Mollard, gave her report, a copy of which is attached.

4) COMMUNITY AWARD PRESENTATION

The Chairman referred to the fact that the award presentation was unusual in that four awards were being made rather than the customary one. Lewis G Grant accepted the award on behalf of all past members of Bedale Recreation Association, Diane Hosking for her contribution to W.R.V.S "Meals on Wheels" service, John Burton for his contribution to Bedale Allotment Association and Bruce Stainsby also for his contribution to Bedale Allotment Association.

Councillor Noone read the citation for Lewis G Grant, Councillor Coates read the citation for Diane Hosking, Councillor Young read the citation for John Burton and Councillor Barningham read the citation for Bruce Stainsby.

Councillor Mollard presented each with a framed certificate and a bottle. Copies of the citations are attached.

Award recipients all gave their thanks.

5) PRESENTATIONS FROM:

a) A1L2B (A1 Leeming to Barton Highways Improvement): Ashley White & Stuart Cunley

Mr White presented an overview of the scope of the A1 improvements and an update on works completed and timescales of works yet to be completed. Mr White explained that the project was costed at £376.6million, employed around 700 people; 200 staff and 500 works employees and suppliers. Mr White confirmed that the project was 70% complete and on target to open in late spring 2017.

Mr White explained that the community were considered and kept up to date with Monthly Reports, Community Initiatives and a Land Owner Key Issues Register. There was also a temporary Traffic Management Scheme in place to ease the flow of traffic in the surrounding areas.

Mr Cunley outlined the archaeology works carried out at the Fort Bridge site, there were 78 archaeologists on site at one time and are still 48 people working to date.

b) North Yorkshire Police: Sergeant Perrin

Sergeant Perrin outlined the recent changes to the management of North Yorkshire Police force following recent developments in South Yorkshire resulting in Chief Constable Dave Jones being seconded to South Yorkshire Police Force. He also gave assurance that Chief Constable Dave Jones fully intended to return to his post in North Yorkshire.

Sergeant Perrin confirmed that there is currently a recruitment drive for 1400 more Police Officers and 200 PCSO's.

Sergeant Perrin explained that a Rural Task Force to deal with specific rural issues had been formed.

Sergeant Perrin spoke about The Volunteer Group which helped with the mobile watch and at the Police Station in Bedale currently had 4 volunteers but were looking for more.

Sergeant Perrin confirmed that although crime figures had risen over the last two years, the recording of the crime figures had



improved and this may have been a contributing factor. He explained that burglaries on dwellings and non-dwellings had dropped by 8% compared to the same date in 2015 and also drug offences had dropped by 11% over the same period. He said that although theft had increased it was by 9 crimes over the whole year throughout Bedale and district.

c) Wills Brothers Ltd (Bedale Bypass Contractors): John Stephens

Mr Stephens presented an overview on the Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar bypass. He confirmed that his company was working in collaboration with North Yorkshire CC, RPS and Jacobs to complete 4.8km of single carriageway road at a cost of approximately £20million. Mr Stephens explained about the complexities of archaeology of the sites and also access issues. He explained the traffic controls that had been put into place to minimise disruption to locals. He also discussed the archaeology of the sites of Deere Street and Bedale Roman Villa.

Mr Stephens confirmed that the project was on target to complete by August 2016.

More information can be found on website: www.balbproject.com

d) Bedale Tourist Information – Yvonne Rose

Yvonne Rose gave an overview of how the Tourist Information Centre ran and the services it offered. Yvonne explained that funding from Hambleton DC for the TIC had ceased in 2006 and it was now reliant on local fund raising and second hand book sales to support the office running costs. The office was holding a “Celebration of Yorkshire Day” fundraising event in August.

The office is open 5 ½ days per week, March – October and has 3 full time members and 40 volunteers to facilitate this.

The office had approximately 8,000 visitors per year and provided; Events sheets for local Events/ Country Fairs and Shows, Various leaflets about Bedale and surrounding areas as well as a great selection of maps and books.

The Tourist Information Centre ran its own website, Facebook and Twitter account.



For more information visit: www.bedale.org

6) **QUESTIONS**

- a) Cllr Barningham questioned Ashley W about the Road Switching Management System. It was explained that the new technology was to better inform the public.
- b) A question from the Community of Hackforth to Ashley W about the extensive use of 30mph speed limit on the roads leading to the motorway. It was explained that the Traffic Standards Agency imposed these speed limits for safety. Also that the section of road in question should be handed over to North Yorkshire County Council in the next 3 months and therefore the speed limit was likely to change.

The Meeting Closed at 8:50pm.



2015/2016

Chairman's Report

Bedale Town Council Annual Parish Meeting.

Another busy year has been had by the Town Council. We have dealt with a variety of issues from flooding, parking, planning, vandalism, and more recently, ducks!

Many of our new councillors and some existing councillors have undertaken training courses. We have also updated the Town Council Logo and are in the process of building a Bedale Town Council Web site.

The year started with the official Sod cutting ceremony of the bypass which I carried out with County Councillor John Weighell. One year on and we are not too far away from completion.

As usual all the children's play areas and equipment have been updated and regularly checked for safety issues. This also applies to all the street furniture, bins etc.

In September myself, along with a group of students from BHS and a group of RAF personnel from Leeming welcomed a team of 6 veterans from Walking with the Wounded into Bedale. This was part of a 72 day 1000 mile walk ending at Buckingham Palace on the 1st November.

September also saw the opening of the Bandstand in Bedale Park. The Bandstand has been donated to the town by Mr Guy Stanniland. It was a perfect day, with approx. 300 members of the public and invited guests enjoying music from both Bedale and Leyburn bands.

At Christmas we unveiled the new Christmas tree lights, bought by the Town Council after some very negative comments the previous year. I think you will agree that they were stunning! Our thanks too to Yvonne Rose for organising the planters with the Christmas lights that you will have seen around the high street.

In February we held a Civic and Community Church service, which many local Mayors attended and afterwards in Chantry Hall we presented all the past mayors of Bedale with a 'Past Mayors' badge. The idea for these badges came from Cllr Malcolm Young. Thank you Malcolm for all your work



on this. This is a way for all the past Mayors to be recognised for their work and commitment to the town and to the Council.

As usual the year has been busy in Bedale with attractions such as The Bedale Festival, BAM fest, The Beer Festival and the Christmas Festival and lights switch on, The Tuesday Markets, the Saturday Car boot Sales and the new Sunday Markets, which are proving to be a popular attraction and not forgetting one of the most popular events of the year The Bonfire and Fireworks Display. Our thanks to all the people who helped make these events happen, your time and effort are very much appreciated.

As you will hear later there has been a happy outcome to the allotments on Masham Road and we are hoping for the same with the Library.

It was with great sadness that Mary Megson who only retired from Council last year after over 30 years as a Councillor died. The Town Council was represented at her funeral.

Last month we saw the retirement of Richard Howard, our Clerk of 10 years, we wish him well in his "second" retirement and welcome Charlie as our new Clerk and Judith as the new Assistant Clerk.

In the following years Bedale will face many challenges especially when the by-pass is completed. Hopefully all the shops and businesses will come together with the community to make Bedale a place people want to visit and not to "by-pass!"

Personally I have represented the Town Council at many events throughout the year all of which I have been very proud to do especially laying the wreath on Remembrance Day and hosting the Civic Church Service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Councillors for all their commitment and dedication to the town of Bedale and to the Town Council. Thank you.



CITATION

The Bedale Town Council wishes to acknowledge the valuable contributions made to the community of Bedale by

Bedale Recreation Association

Having been formed on 13th October 1987 the Bedale Recreation Association set about providing for the inhabitants of Bedale and the neighbourhood facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation. The Association became a vehicle for encouraging and galvanising local support for ventures that have benefitted the town and the wider area over many years.

Their first success was the raising of support and funds for the construction of the much loved and much used playpark in Bedale Park which was completed in 1989.

In 1996, following a four year campaign, Bedale Recreation Association was instrumental in securing the development of the new Bedale Leisure Centre by Hambleton District Council. The Association played a key role in gaining funding from local councils and charities and encouraging other groups and individuals to become involved in fundraising for the venture. In this way the Association raised £60,000 to provide Fitness, Disabled Access and other equipment for the long term public use of the Leisure Centre.

In June 2004 the skate park in Bedale Park was opened, the fruit of three years' work of the members of the Bedale Recreation Association. For nearly 30 years the members of Bedale Recreation Association have worked with enthusiasm and dedication for the benefit of the Bedale Community.

Dated: 3rd May 2016



CITATION

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Diane Hosking

Diane Hosking has demonstrated considerable determination to provide a Meals on Wheels service for the people of Bedale and the surrounding villages.

Diane was a volunteer for the 'Meals on Wheels' service for about 20 years, frequently working in the kitchen and helping to organise and load the "black boxes". With the withdrawal of the W.R.V.S. service she took it upon herself to find an organisation that would provide hot meals and fill the gap left by the W.R.V.S. DalesCare agreed to help and Diane organised the volunteers, the drivers' rota and the equipment that was needed.

When DalesCare withdrew its services Diane again set about resurrecting the service from a base in Chantry Hall. She organised fundraising events to raise the start-up funds and organised the volunteers and food and equipment needed to keep the 'Meals on Wheels' service running.

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CITATION

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John Burton

John Burton is a plot holder of long standing and has been Chairman of the former Bedale Allotment Association and the new Bedale Allotment Society.

It is a testament to both John and Bruce Stainsby that the new Society has been established. For the last 4 years the drive to protect and retain the allotments has primarily been led by John. The hours spent in research, in meetings on site and in Leeds, on the telephone with advisors, letter writing, liaison with contractors and the successful awareness campaign will amount to several hundred hours.

Whilst undertaking this roll John still managed to have an allotment to inspire others, provide advice and support to other allotment holders and supply the "allotmenters" with information, explanations and progress updates at their meetings.

The successful retention of the site and its new look is testament to the diligence, patience and tenacity of John and his commitment to the post of Chairman.

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Bruce Stainsby

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