

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Present

Councillor C Mollard (Mayor)
Councillor C Pointon (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor M Barningham
Councillor A Coates
Councillor A Hallett
Councillor J Noone
Councillor A Wilkinson
Councillor M Young
C Hart (Town Clerk)
JA Cockburn (Assistant to the Clerk)

- 139.2016** **To receive and note apologies for absence**
Councillors P Capon and R Gatrill sent their apologies.
- 140.2016** To receive '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda
Councillor Barningham declared an interest in the planning item relating to Bedale Funeral Services.
- 141.2016.** To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 8th August 2016.
The minutes were **approved** and signed to be correct.
- 142.2016** **Police Matters** - to welcome and hear a report on current policing issues from Assistant Chief Constable Lisa Winward
- a) The Police report was handed out by Councillor Coates. Sergeant Perrin had been called away to another duty but arrived in the middle of this item.
The crime figures for Bedale Town showed a drop of 9% (91 to 83) compared with the same period in 2015. There was an increase in reported violent crime of 28% (from 23 to 32). The report also highlighted the proposed new headquarters at Alverton Court, Crosby Road Northallerton.

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The Assistant Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police, Lisa Winward introduced herself to Council and gave a brief resume of her career in the Police service. She spoke about issues in the North Yorkshire area being: an ageing population, vulnerability in rural areas, cyber-crime and fraud related crime. She also pointed out that North Yorkshire is one of the safest places to live in England and that NY Police are giving more resources to tackling safeguarding the vulnerable especially the elderly and people with mental health issues. She spoke about the pilot closure of Northallerton custody suite and reassured Council that data and evidence would be collected daily and monitored to give a good picture of what happened during the 6 month trial period before a decision was made on any outcome. ACC Winward also spoke about the fact that at present Northallerton custody suite was not up to standard, that it would need significant money to bring it up to current standards and that it was currently only utilised at 20% capacity on average throughout the year. Councillors raised concerns over what they saw to be a money saving exercise which would dilute the effectiveness of the Police. Sgt Perrin addressed a question about the reduced number of officers and PCSO's seen about in Bedale. He explained that a number of officers had recently been on leave. He also explained that with the current recruitment drive Police numbers would increase.

143.2016

Field of Remembrance - To hear from Mr M Lowe and Mr G Morris from the Royal British legion (RBL).

Mr Lowe introduced himself and gave apologies on behalf of Mr Morris. He explained that the field of remembrance was to remember all conflicts. The Royal British Legion had confirmed that their public liability insurance would cover the installation. A stone had been donated from Leyburn Quarry. The planning application had been approved and they were hoping to start work in October. The official opening ceremony would be on Friday 11th November.

The Royal British Legion would maintain the Field of Remembrance and the adjacent memorial rose bed. There was to be a plaque on the stone with the wording "In memory of all those who have suffered as a result of conflict".

144.2016

Market Place Public Toilets -

- a) To consider replacing 6 toilet roll holders at a cost of around £200. The Council resolved to **approve** the expenditure of £200.
- b) To consider replacing various toilet fittings and fixings at a cost of around £300. The Council resolved to **approve** the expenditure of £300.

- c) To consider opening and cleaning of the main drain inspection chamber at a cost of around £125 to prevent future blockages. The Council resolved to **approve** the expenditure of £125.

- 145.2016 Internal Controls** – To consider setting up a working group to periodically review Council procedures and compliance with financial regulations.
The Council resolved to **approve** the setting up of an **Internal Controls Working Group**. Councillors Young and Pointon volunteered to carry out the reviews twice a year. The Clerk agreed to draft the Terms of Reference for the group.
- 146.2016 Yorkshire Local Councils Association Annual Conference** – to consider the attendance of Councillors at this event and other upcoming YLCA events.
It was **resolved** that Councillors Mollard and Coates should attend the Employers Course to be held at the Holiday Inn, York on Wednesday 28th September at a cost of £45 per delegate..
- 147.2016 Bedale Town Council Website** – to approve a “going live” date for the launch of the site and to consider how to publicise the event.
The Council resolved to **approve** the launch date as 23rd September 2016.
The Council resolved to **approve** a press statement in the Darlington and Stockton Times along with information on Bedale.org website, Facebook and Twitter. The Communications Group and the Clerk were asked to write the statement.
- 148.2016 Dalescare** – to consider the Council’s position in response to the news of the temporary closure of this service.
The Council asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Trustees of Dalescare expressing the Councils support of the valuable service that they offer the elderly of Bedale and to offer help in the re-evaluation of how the service is offered in future.
- 149.2016 Clerk’s Further Training** – to approve the attendance of the Assistant to the Clerk at a cost of £115.
The Council resolved to **approve** the training at a cost of £115.
- 150.2016 Bedale Christmas Festival 2016** – to consider making a contribution towards the staging of this event.
The Council resolved to **approve** a contribution of £500 towards the event, the same amount as last year.
- 151.2016 Recording of Meetings** – to review the routine video recording of Council meetings.
After discussion the Council **resolved** to **continue the current practice of filming and saving the recordings of all Council meetings**.
- 152.2016 Updates** –

a) Market Superintendent's Uniform

The uniform had been purchased and the Superintendent was reported to look smart in his official uniform.

b) Audit

The external auditors' report had been received and all was in order.

153.2016

Reports of previous month's meetings etc. – to hear from Town/District/ County Councillor's on any meetings attended or other information of interest to the Town Council.

Councillor Mollard – had attended the opening of the Bedale by-pass and the Battle of Britain commemoration service at RAF Leeming

Councillor Pointon – had attended the opening of the new classrooms at Bedale Primary School, the Bedale Bonfire meeting and the Burial Board meeting.

Councillor Noone – had attended various Hambleton District Council meetings; he informed the Council that a green waste charge was to be brought into effect from April 2017 of £35 for those wishing to use the service. He also had attended the Battle of Britain commemorate service, the By-pass Opening Ceremony and the Bedale Bonfire meeting.

Councillor Young – had attended the Opening of Bedale By-pass and the Burial Board meeting.

Councillor Wilkinson – had attended the opening of the classrooms at Bedale Primary School.

Councillor Barningham – had attended the opening of Bedale by-pass and a photo opportunity on the footpath between Firby Road and Blenkhill Drive.

154.2016

Correspondence – (background papers provided)

Item 9 – It was reported that there were currently only 4 members of staff at Bedale Fire station. There was concern that this may have an impact on the bonfire arrangements.

Item 13 – The Council resolved to **approve** access to the land adjacent to Darwin's for the Cricket Club fundraising event.

Additional Correspondence –

Item 2 – The Council asked the Clerk to speak with Eccles Heddon Solicitors to facilitate the transfer of the sub-lease of the part of Bedale Hall previously sub-leased to the Children's centre, to Incy Wincy's Nursery.

Item 3 – The Council asked the Clerk to send a letter to Wensleydale Railway inviting them to present their plans for Bedale Station at a Council meeting.

155.2016

Planning – (background papers provided)

Councillor Barningham left the room at 10pm.

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council

Reference: **16/01644/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed extension of existing garage.

Location: Bedale Funeral Services, 28 Market Place, Beale

APPROVED

Councillor Barningham returned to the meeting.

156.2016

Finance – Receipts and Payments.

Council **resolved** to accept the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2016. The cashbook balance standing at £72,823.42 and to accept receipts of £2,150.23 and payments of £3,958.82 for the period 8th August to 12th September 2016.

There was an outstanding Barclaycard balance of £26.19.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.04pm