

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2017**

**Present**

Councillor C Mollard (Mayor)  
Councillor M Barningham  
Councillor A Coates  
Councillor R Gatrill  
Councillor A Hallett  
Councillor J Noone  
Councillor C Pointon  
Councillor A Wilkinson  
Councillor M Young

C Hart (Town Clerk)  
J Cockburn (Assistant to the Clerk)

**017.2017 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**018.2017** To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda

Councillor Coates declared an interest on item 030.2017 Planning at Peirse Close.

Councillor Hallett declared an interest in items 021.2017 and 023.2017.

Councillors, Barningham, Noone and Hallett declared an interest in item 023.2017.

**019.2017** To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **9<sup>th</sup> January 2017** were **approved** and signed to be correct.

**020.2017 Police Matters**

PCSO Ian MacDonald gave a Police update for February. Crime reported for Bedale Town have reduced by 5 crimes from 151 to 146 (-3%) reported crimes compared to the same period last year.

Most crime figures were down whilst there had been increase in Violence (up from 39 to 67: +42%). Councillor Pointon asked if there could be an update on when the new reporting system came into force as it was thought to be over 12 months ago. Sergeant Perrin would give an update at the next meeting.

**021.2017**

**Bedale Community Library (BCL)** – to hear from Liz Bostock from Bedale Community Library about their plans for their first year of operation and to consider a request for funding for BCL from the Town Council.

Liz Bostock speaking on behalf of Bedale Community Library explained that they had signed up 120 volunteers to help with the running of the Library, the highest number in North Yorkshire. Also they had registered 77 Friends of Bedale Community Library bringing in much needed funds. They had become a Registered Charity and North Yorkshire County Council had approved their business plan. Ms Bostock said that Aiskew, Crakehall and Leeming Parish Councils had already given a donation and were seeking for a firm commitment from Bedale Town Council for the requested £4000 for 2017-18.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the donation of £4000 to Bedale Community Library to help with running costs in their first year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**022.2017**

**Art/Sculpture Trail** - To consider the proposals from Bedale and Villages Community Forum that:

- a) The Council might accept ownership of and responsibility for the future cleaning and maintenance of the proposed installations of public art.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** to accept ownership of and responsibility for the future cleaning and maintenance of the proposed installations of public art.

- b) The Council might apply for planning permission for the proposed sculptures.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** to apply for planning permission for the proposed sculptures when required. The Bedale and Villages Community Forum would also require a Street Furniture Licence from North Yorkshire Highways for the erection of the sculptures next to the highway.

**023.2017**

**Bedale Park Parking** –

- a) To consider options for the provision of parking spaces for users of Bedale Park.

Councillor Coates explained her proposal to provide six parking spaces at the top end of the park near to the golf club which might help to alleviate the parking issues at Bedale Hall. The Council **agreed** that the Clerk would look into costings and present them at a future meeting for consideration.

- b) To consider a proposal from Bedale Hall CIO to transfer the lease of the area of Bedale Park between Bedale Hall and Amen House to Bedale Hall CIO.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** to transfer the lease to Bedale Hall CIO. The Clerk would contact Hambleton CC legal department to look into the possibilities of the transfer.

**024.2017**

**Community Governance Review** - to consider producing an information leaflet about the possible impact of the proposed changes for distribution to electors.

The Council **resolved** to **agree** to the expenditure of producing an A5 leaflet once the wording had been agreed. The addition of the potential increase or decrease in precept would need to be added to the leaflet. The Clerk would contact Aiskew Parish Council Clerk to obtain agreement to pay for their share of the leaflets.

**025.2017**

**Administration:**

- a) **Membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA)** – to consider renewing membership for 2017-18.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the membership renewal for 2017-18

- b) **Policies Review** – to approve the Council's **Code of Conduct** and **Publication Scheme**.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the review and changes made.

- c) **Bedale Museum** – to approve the release of documents relating to the custodianship of the museum's collection by Hambleton DC.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the release of documents by Hambleton DC.

**026.2017**

**Maintenance and Repairs** – to consider and approve the following works:

- a) White Post (on Wycar Green): at a cost of £35

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure.

- b) Holes in revetments on Bedale Beck: at a cost of £45

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure

- c) Tube Slide (Bedale Park): at a cost of £215

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure

- d) Swing Frame (Southfields): at a cost of £80

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure

**027.2017**

**Updates:**

- a) **Bedale Monthly Food Market**

The Market Managers have decided that they are unable to continue running the Sunday Food Market as trade has declined significantly in recent months. The Council agreed to look at other providers for special events to see if this would work better.

- b) **Annual Parish Meeting** – to propose speakers and Community Award recipients.

The Council proposed The Millings Care Home for a Community Award and would like to invite the Manager to speak. It was also agreed to invite the Managers of Mason's Gin and The Institution Café to speak as the Council would like to hear from local businesses.

- c) **Bedale Civic and Community Service** – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

To be held at St Gregory's at 10am.

As a number of Councillors had previous engagements Councillor

Mollard agreed to try and change the date.

- d) **Bedale Town Council Dinner – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**  
Councillor Mollard had booked Bedale Hall as the venue, more details were to follow.

**028.2017**

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

**Councillor Mollard** – chaired a Twinning meeting, attended a Friends of the Friarage meeting, two joint Council meetings, Gateway Art Work meeting and attended Pateley Bridge Ball.

**Councillor Pointon** – attended the Burial Board meeting and a conference in Harrogate for Armed Forces children.

**Councillor Coates** – attended Bedale Hall Management meeting and the Gateway Art Work meeting.

**Councillor Noone** – attended the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, the Gateway Art Work meeting, the Art Trail meeting, two joint Council meetings, Bedale Hall Management meeting and the Scouts and Guides Festival meeting. (It has been decided not to have a festival this year due to lack of volunteers).

**Councillor Young** – attended the Joint Burial Board meeting, joint Council meeting, the Twinning meeting and Bedale Hall Management meeting.

**Councillor Wilkinson** – attended the joint Council meeting.

**Councillor Barningham** – attended the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, a joint Council meeting, Bedale Hall Management meeting and the Gateway Art Work meeting.

**Councillor Hallett** – attended the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, Burial Board meeting, a joint Council meeting and the Gateway Art Work meeting.

**Councillor Gatrill** – attended the Burial Board meeting and the Twinning meeting.

**029.2017**

**Correspondence** (background papers provided)

- 2 **Personal Trainers Use of Public Park** – The Council agreed to allow use of the park by personal trainers and people for commercial activity without charge as long as they have their own Public Liability Insurance. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether the Council needed to check the insurance status of such activities.

- 4 **The Great British Spring Clean 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March** – Ms Rose speaking on behalf of Bedale and Villages Community Forum informed the Council that there was to be a “Brightening Up of Bedale” day on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Additional Correspondence** (background papers provided)

- 1 **Brown “Tourist” signs** – Councillor Les informed the Council that North Yorkshire Highways department had agreed to supply a “Wensleydale” brown sign on the by-pass.

**030.2017**

**Planning Applications**(background papers provided)

**Planning Authority:** Hambleton District Council  
**Reference:** **16/02610/FUL**  
**Proposal:** New boundary fence  
**Location:** 1 Peirse Close, Bedale DL8 2UG  
**Applicant:** Mrs Sarah Wilkinson  
**Council commented that a 6 foot fence was too high and not in keeping with the area but a 3 foot fence would be acceptable.**

**Planning Authority:** Hambleton District Council  
**Reference:** **16/02604/FUL**  
**Proposal:** Replacement of 5 windows to dwelling house  
**Location:** 5 Cascade Court, North End, Bedale  
**Applicant:** Mr Trevor Pearson  
**Approved**

**Planning Authority:** Hambleton District Council  
**Reference:** **16/02582/FUL**  
**Proposal:** General purpose farm building  
**Location:** Floodbridge Farm, Bedale DL8 2EU  
**Applicant:** Mr Harry Sampson  
**Approved**

**Planning Authority:** Hambleton District Council  
**Reference:** **17/00110/FUL**  
**Proposal:** New single storey extension to rear of property  
**Location:** The Old Stables, 5B North End, Bedale  
**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Round  
**Approved**

**031.2017 Finance**

- a) Receipts and Payments  
 Council **resolved** to **accept** the bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2017 the cashbook balance standing at £68735.57 and to accept receipts of £4106.75 and payments of £8803.74 for the period 9<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- b) Update on annual budget position.  
 The Clerk presented a summary of the current budget position.

**032.2017** To resolve to exclude the press and public due to the confidential or prejudicial nature of the following agenda item.

**033.2017 Tree Works: Bedale Park** – to consider quotes received for the works to three trees in Bedale Park.  
 The Council **resolved** to **approve** the quote received from Tree Care Company for the two Beech trees and to use Farm and Land Services for the trimming of the Wych Elm tree.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 21.32 pm