



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
12^h JUNE 2017**

Present

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

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

086.2017

Apologies

Councillor's Reid and Wilkinson sent their apologies.

087.2017

To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda. Councillor's Barningham, Noone, Young and Coates expressed an interest in Agenda item 8 regarding Bedale Hall overflow car parking.

088.2017

To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 13th March 2017.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **8th May 2017** were **approved** subject to removal of the word "resolved" in minute item 075.2017. This was proposed by Councillor Hallett and seconded by Councillor Coates. The minutes were then signed to be correct.

089.2017

Police Matters

There was no Police representative available to attend the meeting but a Police update was received and distributed. Figures for Bedale Town have increased by 7 from 28 to 35 reported crimes compared to the same period last year. All crimes were up except Vehicle offences which were down from 3 to 1 (-66%). Following a request by the Council for a resume of the crime outcomes, Sergeant Perrin's response was that at this moment in time he had no capacity to include a resume of crime outcomes due to his increased workload. Councillor Hallett asked if the

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Clerk could request that someone else provide this information. Council **agreed** that the Clerk would send a letter to Sergeant Perrin with this request. Councillor Noone added that we should ask if the Police could attend our meetings to give an update whenever resources allowed.

The Clerk reported that there had been recent vandalism in the Gents Park toilets also that on Monday 12th June the Police had informed him that a bench by the Bedale Beck had been set on fire and the Leech House had been vandalised.

Councillor Pinton asked if the Council could cover the cost to repair the damaged bench, which Council **agreed**.

Councillor Barningham said that he had been approached by a number of residents regarding the speed of traffic around South End. The Clerk informed Council that there was one volunteer willing to co-ordinate the Speed Watch plus other people willing to volunteer their help. He hoped that this initiative would start soon.

090.2017

Bedale Junior Football Club - To hear from Mr Tony Clark

Mr Clark gave a resume of the achievements of the Club plus their plans for the future.

He said that they had recently completed the purchase of land next to the club giving them 10 acres of land to continue with the project "Football For All Forever" which aimed to provide football for all abilities and age groups. They would eventually have 9 pitches and extend the car parking area. They aim to purchase a Tractor to help maintain the clubs grounds and erect new secure fencing, working with the High School to provide the best solution for both parties.

Currently they have 270 children playing football in 19 teams including girls and this number was constantly growing. They had set up a new 3-5yr group called the Bumble Bees Club.

The Football Club had 26 qualified Coaches and 2 qualified Head Coaches plus 2 Club Welfare Officers, 1 Male and 1 Female.

They are constantly looking to local businesses for sponsorship for kit and equipment.

Councillor Noone mentioned that his grandson attended the Bumble Bees and loved it, that the coach was excellent. Also that the club had won awards for girls football.

Councillor Barningham asked how the car park was expanding. Mr Clark said that the car park would be designed so as not to take up any pitch space.

Councillor Mollard thanked Mr Clark for speaking at the meeting and sent the Councils message of "well done" to all the volunteers for the splendid work done by them.

091.2017

Bedale Skate Park - to consider the options for improvement .

Master Daniel Hutchinson spoke on behalf of the young people who use the Skate Park. A PowerPoint document was handed out to Councillors and Daniel spoke about the current provision and what he would like.

He pointed out that the current Skate Park is not a good use of space is out of date and cannot be used in wet conditions for safety reasons. A new concrete Skate Park would be able to be used 365 days a year, makes better use of the space with more choice of design and would be safer than the current provision. He also felt that it would attract more users as this could also be used for Skate Boards, Scooters and BMX riders.

Councillor Coates thanked Daniel for speaking to the Council. She asked how many people used the Skate Park currently.

Daniel said that between 30 – 40 people use the facility at the moment but more would use this if it was improved.

Councillor Pointon asked how much a Skate Park like Easingwold would cost and where the money would come from. The Clerk said that he had spoken to the Clerk at Easingwold and was told that theirs had cost £120,000 which was entirely grant funded. Councillor Young pointed out that the Park had restrictive covenants which would need to be checked to make sure that this structure would be allowed.

Councillor Barningham stated that the young people of Bedale (i.e. Daniel and his friends) should be included in the project.

Councillor Pointon said that there was £1300 in Council funds from the former Bedale Recreation Association and this may be a good opportunity to use it.

Councillor Barningham suggested that we speak to Aiskew Parish Council to see if they would use some of their CIL money to help fund the project.

Council **resolved** to **approve** to support the project.

The Council **agreed** that a working party would be required to move the project forward. Councillors Coates, Barningham, Young, Pointon and Reid agreed to set up a group.

Councillor Mollard proposed to use the £1300 towards this project. Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure.

092.2017

Parking on Southend – to consider requesting that the disk parking zone be extended on the West side of South End.

Councillor Mollard invited Mr Watkins to speak. He gave a resume around the history of parking issues and said that it was bad both day and night with staff from businesses in South End parking all day. Mr Watkins said that the residents of South End would like Council support to give parity with Emgate in having the disc zone extended and residents to have parking access. Highways had proposed that the new parking bays would be parallel to the road so would reduce parking spaces by 5 or 6.

Councillor Pointon asked if this would be sufficient spaces for the residents. Mr Watkins said that there would be 8 spaces on the West side which would be sufficient.

All the residents who were in attendance supported the proposal of Mr Watkins.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the proposal. The Clerk would contact North Yorkshire Highways to express Council support; Highways would then go to consultation.

093.2017

Bedale Hall Overflow Car Parking–

- a) To consider options for the type of lease to be granted to Bedale Hall CIO for the area of Bedale Park between the footpath and Incy Wincy's Nursery.

The Clerk gave Council the three options available: 1) Re-assignment of the lease giving future maintenance costs and control to Bedale Hall, 2) a greater than 7 year sub-lease where Council would remain the Lease holder, 3) a rolling 3 year business lease.

Councillor Coates proposed option 1. The Council **resolved** to **approve** to grant option 1, the re-assignment of the lease to Bedale Hall.

- b) To consider options for the payment of the legal fees associated with the proposed lease agreement and to approve the cost of such work.

Councillor Coates proposed that Council should pay the Solicitors fees associated with the lease transfer.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure associated with the transfer of lease to Bedale Hall.

Councillor Barningham requested that the Bedale Hall Manager be given a key to the barrier onto Bedale Park next to Incy Wincy's Day Nursery. Councillor Mollard requested that if a key was to be given the Hall might keep the Council (Clerks) informed as to when they intended to open the barrier to allow Hall users to park on Bedale Park. On behalf of Bedale Hall, Councillors Barningham and Coates agreed that the Hall would keep the Council informed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the present situation with the Clerks opening the barriers to Bedale Park to allow Hall users to park appeared to be working well. Councillor Barningham and Coates went on to request however that the Hall needed the key for other occasional parking on the area of the Park outside Incy Wincy's.

The Clerk advised the meeting that a key should only be given with a signed agreement. He also advised the meeting that, according to the legal advice he had received on behalf of the Council, that giving a key to the land so that it could be used "as and when" as a car park would be to act outside the powers of

the Council. (The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 conveys the power to provide parking on recreation land so long as the area does not exceed 800 sq.ft - the area in question is over 5,000 sq.ft) He stated that Council could decide itself on this point but that it would need to be minuted that as Proper Officer he had advised the Council of its responsibility to act "reasonably" and within the law. Councillor Pointon proposed that a key be given to Bedale Hall. Councillor Coates seconded the proposal and Councillors Noone, Barningham and Young voted in favour of the proposal. Councillors Hallett and Mollard voted against the proposal. Councillor Hallett requested that the manner of voting be recorded in the minutes.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** to give Bedale Hall a key for the barrier to have access to the overflow car parking area in the Park.

094.2017

Bedale Park

- a) To consider defining areas of the park as "pedestrians only". It was discussed that when there was a Car Boot sale that some cars were driving down the footpath beside the Playpark. It was proposed that a bollard be erected at either side of the path and chains be attached from the bollards to the fence stopping cars from accessing the footpath.
The Council **resolved** to **approve** the erection of bollards and chain fencing to make the footpath safe for pedestrians.
- b) To consider the terms under which ice-cream sellers might be permitted onto the Park.
The Council **resolved NOT to approve** to let ice-cream sellers onto the park as a rule but to make a decision event by event.
- c) To consider if action needs to be taken to improve the chains and posts around Bedale Hall car park.
Councillor Barningham said that he had had a request from a member of the public that the chain across the path at the rear of the Hall be made more visible. It was **agreed** that a metal plate might be attached to the chain. The Clerk was asked to look into what was available and also the costs. The Clerk was also to obtain quotes for painting the posts around the car park.
- d) To consider the provision and location of additional benches or picnic tables in the Park.
The Council **resolved** to **approve** the purchase of three extra benches for Bedale Park.

095.2017

Market Place Telephone Box – to consider adopting the box outside the Post Office in order to place a community defibrillator in it.

Councillor Hallett suggested that the phone box should be included in the window cleaning contract.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the adoption of the phone box

and to add this to the window cleaning budget.

096.2017

Updates:

a) **Vacancy –**

Council had received no applications as yet.

b) **Art Trail –**

Yvonne Rose speaking as Chair of Bedale and Villages Community Forum presented background documents giving details of funding, costs and design. She said that there would be banners on the street lighting not used for Christmas lighting which would start at the roundabout up until the Church, and then the installations will be in the planters in the Market Place up until the crossroads. They were planning to have the Art work and installation costs within the £25,000 grant budget. The Council approved the new plan and re-confirmed its decision (022.2017) to adopt the Artworks once they had been installed.

097.2017

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 – attended the Art Trail meeting, Bedale and Villages Community Forum x2 meetings, Bedale Civic and Community service at St Gregory's, 2337SQN ATC Presentation evening, Richmond Mayor Making Ceremony, Bedale Art Group Exhibition at Bedale Hall, the Richmond Meet at Richmond, Bedale Band Concert and the Bedale Clean-up.

Councillor Pointon – attended the Burial Board AGM, Burial Board meeting, and also met Geoff Stelling, who was walking through Bedale to raise funds for Prostate Cancer.

Councillor Coates – attended the Bedale Civic and Community service, Bedale Hall Management meeting, Hambleton Parish Liaison meeting and the Art Exhibition.

Councillor Noone – attended the Bedale Civic and Community service, ATC presentation, Hambleton Parish Liaison meeting, Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting and the Art Trail meeting.

Councillor Young – attended the Burial Board meeting, Burial Board AGM, Bedale Civic and Community service, Bedale Hall Management meeting, Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting and Bedale Art Exhibition.

Councillor Barningham – attended the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, Hambleton Parish Liaison meeting, Bedale Clean-up and Bedale Hall Management meeting.

Councillor Hallett – attended the Burial Board meeting and Burial Board AGM.

098.2017

- 24/ **Correspondence** (background papers provided)
- 25 **Proposed Agenda Item** - Following receipt of these two letters the Clerk asked that when we receive requests for Agenda items from the public that they state which group they are representing.
- AD **Feedback from Band Concert 11/06/2017** – There had been some confusion around arranging access to the Hall so that the Band could get to the bandstand chairs. Council agreed that there needed to be guidance published for bands using the Bandstand to ensure that the when the Bandstand had been booked the Hall Manager was informed so that access could be arranged. The Clerk was asked to draft the guidelines.
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099.2017

Planning Applications(background papers provided)

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council
Reference: **17/00679/FUL**
Proposal: Proposed Bungalow
Location: Motor Choice rear of 29 Emgate, Bedale
Applicant: Mr Anderson

Approved with a note of concern over the impact on neighbours and also to check if the existing trees have a preservation order in place.

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council
Reference: **17/00618/FUL**
Proposal: Single storey rear extension to dwelling house
Location: 4 Sycamore Drive, Bedale DL8 1EY
Applicant: Mrs Rosemary Wilson

Approved.

Planning Authority: North Yorkshire County Council
Reference: **NY/2017/0100/FUL**
Proposal: Roof raise to facilitate new staff room and office containing Velux windows and Juliet balcony.
Location: Land at Mowbray School, Masham Road Bedale DL8 2SD
Applicant: Mowbray School

Approved.

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council
Reference: **17/00628/FUL**
Proposal: Application for the formation of additional parking to existing car park and alterations to the boundary treatments
Location: The millings, 5 North End Bedale North Yorkshire

Applicant: Mrs Squires

Approved.

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council

Reference: **17/01146/FUL**

Proposal: Advertisement consent for sponsorship signs.

Location: Roundabout at A684 BALB Bedale, North Yorkshire

Applicant: Community Partners Ltd

Not Approved. Council would like clarification as to which roundabout it was.

100.2017

Finance

a) Receipts and Payments

Council **resolved** to **accept** the bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2017 the cashbook balance standing at £80959.63 and to accept receipts of £9882.72 and payments of £9637.46 for the period 9th May to 12th June 2017. To also accept Barclaycard statement showing £-198.74 which would be paid off automatically.

b) Budget Update

The Clerk read out an update for the 2017 – 2018 budget, everything was as expected.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 21:57 pm.