

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
10th JULY 2017**

Present

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

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

101.2017

Apologies

Councillor's Noone and Wilkinson sent their apologies.

102.2017

To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda.
None received.

103.2017

To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 12th June 2017.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **12th June 2017** were **approved** subject to adding Councillor Young in minute item 087.2017, Declaration of Interest regarding Bedale Hall overflow car parking.

104.2017

Police Matters

Sergeant Jerry Perrin attended the meeting and started by addressing the questions raised by the Council at last month's meeting. Firstly, a request for more information on crime outcomes; Sergeant Perrin said that since starting his new role at the end of last year he had had no time to produce details on local crime outcomes. Secondly, staffing at Bedale and attendance at Council meetings. There had been a PCSO vacancy at Bedale which had now been filled and also a Beat Manager had been appointed who would be released from her current post in September. It was hoped that once these staff were in post then a Police representative would be able to attend more meetings.

Thirdly, the reports of speeding on Southend. Sergeant Perrin suggested that these incidents be reported online on the North Yorkshire Police website.

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Councillor Young again made a point that the crime figures in the report did not give enough detail. Sergeant Perrin confirmed that once the new Beat Manager was in post then he would review this again and hope to improve the information provided. Councillor Pointon asked if the figures were like for like on previous years as the violence (including harassment) category had changed. Sergeant Perrin confirmed that they were and gave a more detailed breakdown. Councillor Hallett mentioned that he was disappointed with the 101 call system once it was redirected to North Yorkshire Police as sometimes no one answered. Sergeant Perrin confirmed that 999 calls were given priority which sometimes meant that 101 calls had to wait longer to be answered. Councillor Hallett asked if Bedale Police Station office hours would change with new staff in place. He was advised that they would not.

The crime figures for Bedale Town had increased by 17 from 42 to 59 reported crimes compared to the same period last year. All crimes were up except Vehicle offences which were down from 5 to 1 (-80%).

105.2017

Yorkshire Day - To consider a proposal to **waive market rents** and **suspend the "non-duplicate stalls"** restriction (regulation 3) on Tuesday 1st August 2017 to support a Yorkshire Day event in the town.

A representative from the newly formed "Business Group" in Bedale explained that the purpose of the proposal was to encourage more traders to the town making it more vibrant to attract new people to Bedale. The Clerk explained that he had already approached the Market Superintendent who had discussed this with the regular market traders who were supportive of the proposal.

Councillor Young proposed to accept the waiver and suspension of regulations, Councillor Hallett seconded the proposal.

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

106.2017

Market Planters - to consider increasing the amount paid for watering the planters in 2017 to £240.

Council **resolved** to **approve** the increase in expenditure.

107.2017

Christmas Lights Event – to determine the date on which the Christmas lights should be switched on.

Councillor Carr informed the Council that Bedale Christmas Festival was being held on Saturday 2nd December which also co-incided with "Small Business Saturday" so proposed that this would be a good day to switch on the Christmas lights.

Councillor Coates seconded the proposal.

Council **resolved** to **approve** the light switch on 2nd December. The Clerk was asked to contact Hambleton District Council to request the suspension of the parking fees in the two car parks to support the market.

108.2017

Administration– to approve the Clerk’s annual membership of the society and Association of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £167.00.

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

109.2017

Communications: Social Media – to consider:

- a) If Bedale Town Council should have a **Facebook** page to facilitate communications with electors.

Councillors Young and Carr presented the initial ideas from the Communications group to Council explaining that using Facebook would enable the Council to get information to the public more quickly and would potentially connect with the public more effectively than at present.

- b) Who should be responsible for such a page and for posts on it?
c) The role/remit for the use of the page/account
d) The safeguards and guidelines that might be needed.

It was agreed that the Communications group would look at feedback from Councillors and prepare a draft policy and guidelines to be discussed at a later meeting.

Councillor Mollard proposed and Councillor Pointon seconded that this would be a regular Agenda item to receive updates.

110.2017

Various Works to Bedale Park:

- a) **Benches** - to consider purchasing and installing 3 benches in Bedale Park at a cost of £750 (purchase) and £100 (installation) each. (Total cost £2,550).

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

- b) **Post and chain Fence** – to approve the expenditure of £350 for the installation of a post and chain fence to protect users of the playpark.

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

- c) **Row of Posts** – to consider the installation of a row of posts in Bedale Park to mark the boundary between the main park and the area to be leased by Bedale Hall at a cost of £880.

Councillor Barningham proposed that the Council would lead the project and Bedale Hall would give a donation of half the cost. The Clerk would pass on the details to Councillor Barningham to take to Bedale Hall’s next meeting.

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

- d) **Bandstand Flower Border** – to consider installing wooden edging to improve the appearance of the flower border at a cost of £100.

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

111.2017

Updates:

a) **Vacancy –**

Council had received no applications and the closing date had passed on 30th June. Council agreed that Councillor Carr would post the vacancy on Facebook and see whether that generated any response. The closing date was extended to 31st August.

b) **Footpath: Masham Road to Calvert Way –**

The Clerk said that the contractor had promised to complete this work by the end of July.

c) **Transfer of Lease of Bedale Hall and part of Bedale Park –**

The Clerk had spoken to the Council's solicitors who confirmed they were progressing with the transfer. Councillor Barningham said that Bedale Hall were looking to complete by the end of September.

112.2017

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 a reception at RAF Leeming, Afternoon Tea at the Millings, the launch of Afternoon Tea on the Wensleydale Railway, the Minster FM radio launch at Romanby Golf Club, 3 Employment meetings, Hambleton area YLCA meeting, RAF Leeming Station Commanders Supper and 2 meetings for Shine TV.

Councillor Pointon – attended the Minster FM launch at Thirsk, Y6 Primary School Concert and a meeting with Shine TV.

Councillor Coates – attended the new Brand Bedale Business Group meeting, a meeting with Shine TV and attended the Armed Forces Day at Northallerton.

Councillor Carr – attended Brand Bedale Business Group meeting, Communications Group meeting and the meeting with Shine TV.

Councillor Young – attended the Bedale Hall Management meeting, a Communications Group meeting, Employment Group meetings and a meeting with Shine TV.

Councillor Barningham – attended a Bedale Hall Management meeting and the Armed Forces Day at Northallerton.

Councillor Hallett – attended a meeting with Shine TV.

113.2017

Correspondence (background papers provided)

20:20pm – Councillor Carr left the meeting.

20:23pm – Councillor Carr returned to the meeting.

- 12 **Concern over the state of direction signs** – The Clerk informed the Council that he had contacted Area2Highways who confirmed that they were scheduled to replace a number of signs.
- 15 **Use of grass outside the Nursery for parking** – Councillor Barningham agreed to contact Incy Wincy’s to clarify the arrangement.
- 19 **Request to purchase an area of Public Open Space** – a resident of Southfields requested to purchase a section of open space adjacent to his garden to use as extra parking. The Council agreed that it would not be in public interest to sell land used as public open space.
- A1 **Bandstand Bookings** – Councillor Mollard has resolved any misunderstanding with Bedale Hall.
- A3 **Social Media/Marketing Workshop** – The workshop had been organised for 9-10th August at Bedale Hall. The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure for two places at the workshop.

114.2017

Planning Applications(background papers provided)

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council
Reference: **17/01232/MRC**
Proposal: Variation of condition No2 (approved drawings – change in design of garage to include dormer windows and attic trusses) in relation to planning consent 15/00435/FUL – Rear extension and detached garage as amended by plans and email received by HDC on 16/04/2015
Location: Red House,3 Firby Road, Bedale
Applicant: Mr Craig Elsworth
Approved with a comment that planning permission should be sought before works commence.

Planning Authority: Hambleton District Council
Reference: **17/01403/FUL**
Proposal: Two storey extension
Location: Masonic Hall, 20 South End, Bedale
Applicant: Mr J Burn
Council objected to the loss of light and privacy on the two adjoining properties so did NOT give Approval.

115.2017

Finance

- a) Receipts and Payments
Council **resolved** to **accept** the bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2017 the cashbook balance standing at £72,563.77 and to accept receipts of £1028.50 and payments of £5896.70 for the period 13th June to 10th July 2017.
- b) Public Sector Deposit Fund – to approve new signatories – The Council **resolved** to **approve** to have Councillor's Young, Pinton and Coates as the signatories to the Deposit Fund.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 20:59 pm.