

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

### **Present**

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

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

**116.2017**

### **Apologies**

Councillors Pointon and Carr sent their apologies.  
A letter of resignation was received from Councillor Wilkinson.  
Councillors expressed their thanks for the work that she had done while on the Council and wished her well in her role as County Councillor.

**117.2017**

To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda  
Councillor Barningham declared an interest in items 9, Bedale Christmas Festival and item 13, Planning.

**118.2017**

To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.  
The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **10<sup>th</sup> July 2017** were **approved** and signed to be correct.

**119.2017**

### **Police Matters**

- a) Report from Police representative:  
Sergeant Perrin was unavailable to attend the meeting but sent an update.  
Between 1<sup>st</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017 crime reported in Bedale Town had increased by 18 from 67 to 79 (29%) reported crimes compared to the same period last year. Vehicle offences and Violence were down but all other reported crimes were up.  
Councillor Young expressed concern that both Arson & Damage and Burglaries were up significantly.  
Councillor Young also informed Council that he had been contacted by members of the public who had complained about the numbers of heavy goods vehicles using Wycar; this needed action before a serious accident took place. The Clerk

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was to contact Highways with the Council's concerns. Councillor Barningham said that parking on Firby Road and on the corner near the Leisure Centre was a cause for concern as it was dangerous for other road users.

**120.2017**

**Training: Marketing and Social Media Workshop** – to approve the expenditure of £250 for the attendance of two representatives of the Council at the workshop to be held in Bedale Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August.

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

Councillor Young informed the Council that a BTC Facebook page was ready to “publish”, the Communications Group needed to know what information Councillors would like to be included on the page. Councillor Barningham said that he would prefer to hear a report with proposals from the Communications Group before any live pages were “published”. Council agreed to wait to hear the report.

**121.2017**

**Car Boot Sales' Conditions for 2018** – to consider:

a) Changing the closing date for applications to 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Council **resolved** to **approve** moving the closing date.

b) Having set allocations of sales for organisations based in and outside of Bedale.

The Council **resolved** to **leave** the allocation **as it is** at the moment with applications from Bedale organisations being drawn before those from outside of Bedale.

c) Changing the organisational structure of the event so that it may be covered by the Town council's own liability insurance. The Council asked the Clerk to seek legal advice for clarification. There was to be no change for the 2018 season.

d) Introducing a “Community Benefit” test for applications. The Council felt that the criterion used at present was a sufficient test and that they could use their discretion to decline any applications they did not feel fulfilled the current criteria.

**122.2017**

**Car Boot Sales** – to consider refunding the application fee for the recent sales cancelled due to bad weather.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the refund of application fees for sales cancelled because of bad weather. This resolution was to be added to the Financial Regulations of the Council.

**123.2017**

**Councillor Representation on Outside Bodies** – to receive nominations to fill the Councillor representative vacancies on the Bedale and Villages Community Forum and Bedale Hall Management Committee and Bedale Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Because of low Councillor numbers it was agreed to postpone this item and include it on the September Agenda.

**124.2017**

**Bedale Christmas Festival** – to consider supporting the event by providing a marquee.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the provision of a marquee for the Christmas Festival.

Councillor Barningham said that the marquee had been used with great success on Yorkshire Day and suggested that a second marquee be purchased. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain costs of purchasing a new marquee and also write to the Community Forum requesting a donation for Christmas lights.

**125.2017**

**Updates:**

a) **Tree works**

The recent report listed 40 trees needing attention with quite a lot needing “crown raising” and cutting back of lower branches. Planning permission was required from Hambleton for some of the tree works. The Clerk would seek planning permission from Hambleton DC.

b) **Annual Audit Return**

The report found no issues. The Council thanked the Clerks for their work achieving this. The Clerk was to upload the relevant forms onto the Council website.

**126.2017**

**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 C Mollard (Mayor)** – attended the YLCA Joint Executive Board meeting, a YLCA meeting, Employment Committee meetings and the Yorkshire Day celebrations in Sheffield.

**Councillor M Barningham** – attended a meeting of the Bedale and Villages Community Forum and Bedale Hall Management Committee.

**Councillor A Coates** – attended the Yorkshire Day celebrations in Bedale

**Councillor M Young** – attended the Yorkshire Day celebrations, a Social Media workshop and the Employment Committee meetings.

**127.2017**

**Correspondence** (background papers provided)

**Item 6: Trophy Display** - A request from Bedale Junior Football Club to display their trophies in Bedale Hall had been received. The Clerk was to pass on the letter to Bedale Hall Management Committee for consideration and also send a reply to the Club.

**Item 18: Bollards to overflow car park-** Bedale Hall Management Committee had proposed that they would like to install new ‘heritage’ bollards more in keeping with the Hall and would install these at their expense.

**Additional Item 1: Bedale Burial Ground** – Some of the

gravestones had been taped and staked with a sign asking people to contact BTC instead of the Burial Board. The Clerk was to update the Council website to inform residents who to contact. A request had already been made to the Burial Board to remove all incorrect signs.

**128.2017**

**Planning**

**Hambleton District Council**

**Ref: 17/01574/FUL**

**Proposal:** Installation of a piece of public art

**Location:** Bedale Golf Club. North End, Bedale, North Yorkshire

**Applicant:** Hambleton DC

**APPROVED**

**129.2017**

**Finance**

- a) Receipts and Payments  
Council **resolved** to **accept** the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017, the cashbook balance standing at £68271.90 and to accept receipts of £1499.55 and payments of £5560.25 for the period 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**130.2017**

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

All press and members of the public had left the room at 20:11pm

**131.2017**

**Painting of White Posts and Chains around Bedale Hall Car Park -**  
to consider the quotes received for this work.

The Council **resolved** to instruct **BH Decorating** to complete the painting works.

**Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 20:15 pm