

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th
SEPTEMBER 2017**

Present

Councillor C Mollard (Mayor)
Councillor M Barningham
Councillor A Carr
Councillor A Coates
Councillor A Hallett
Councillor C McGill (after co-option)
Councillor C Pointon
Councillor M Young

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

132.2017

Apologies

Councillor Noone sent his apologies with Councillor Pointon.

133.2017

To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda
Councillor Barningham declared an interest in item 15, Planning for the Scouts & Guides Group (4) and Councillor Pointon declared an interest in item 14, Correspondence regarding the request to purchase land (15).

134.2017

To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 14th August 2017.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **14th August 2017** were **approved** and signed to be correct.

135.2017

Police Matters

- a) Report from Police representative:
Sergeant Perrin was unavailable to attend the meeting but sent an email to the Clerk explaining that he would be involved in operation "Kingfisher" and would be unable to provide a report for the next three meetings.
Councillor Barningham commented that he had seen a PCSO patrolling down Firby Road since the Council's concerns about parking on junctions were reported to the Police last month.

136.2017

Co-option – to co-opt a new Councillor and to accept a signed declaration of acceptance of office.

Clive McGill explained to the Council why he felt he would like to be a Councillor and how his working experience would help him in his role.

Mr Clive McGill was duly **co-opted** as Councillor. He **signed** the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

137.2017

To appoint as necessary members to represent the Council on outside bodies

- a) Bedale, Aiskew, Leeming Bar and Burrill Joint Burial Board. Councillor Mollard was appointed.
- b) Bedale Hall Management Committee. Councillors Hallett and Coates were appointed
- c) Bedale Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Councillors Hallett and Coates were appointed.
- d) Bedale and Villages community Forum. Councillors Carr and McGill were appointed.

138.2017

Market

- a) **Regulations** – To review and approve the Market Regulations and Market Disciplinary Policy. The Council **resolved** to **approve** the documents.
- b) **Autumn Event Free Market** – to consider a proposal to **waive market rents** and suspend the “**non-duplicate stalls**” restriction (regulation 3) on Tuesday 24th October 2017 to support an Autumn themed event in the town. Councillor Pointon suggested that the Council put a limit on the number of free markets as the Council would be losing revenue. Councillor Mollard suggested 3 or 4 per year but the Council would look at each request for individual events as they are received. The Council **resolved** to **approve** to waive the market rents for Tuesday 24th October 2017 and **suspend** the “non-duplicate stalls” restriction.
- c) **Christmas Festival Free Market** – to consider hosting an Event Market on Saturday 2nd December 2017 as a part of the Bedale Christmas Festival to be located on the cobbles where the Tuesday market is held. The Clerk had contacted NY Highways who were supportive of the proposal. Representatives of Brand Bedale Business Group stated that they were willing to run the event themselves. The Clerk agreed to check the Market Regulations and insurance limitations around managing a market and contact the Group with the decision. The council **resolved** to **support** the plans for a **special Event Market** to take place on **Saturday 2nd December 2017** as a part of the Bedale Christmas Festival.

- d) **Christmas Festival** – to consider permitting the use of Bedale Park for additional parking for the Bedale Christmas Festival and for Festive pony rides around the park.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the use of Bedale Park for additional parking and to allow pony rides around the park.

139.2017

Administration – to approve the purchase of a small vacuum cleaner for the office at a cost of around £50.

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

140.2017

Social Media – to consider the proposed Social Media policy as formulated by the Communications Committee.

Councillor Young highlighted the most important areas of the policy. Councillor Carr stated that the Facebook page needs to go live as soon as possible in order to publicize upcoming events.

Councillor Barningham requested that the policy be reviewed after six months to ensure that was working as planned. This was agreed. The Council **resolved** to **approve** the new Social Media Policy and the publishing of the Town Council's Facebook page.

141.2017

Bridge Street Toilets – to consider whether a controlled entry system should be installed to the external toilet doors as a part of the upcoming refurbishment of the toilets.

The Council agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for two coin operated doors to be installed as a part of the upcoming refurbishment of the toilet building.

142.2017

Bedale Park Play Area – to consider options for improving the Play area.

Councillor Coates reported that she had been approached by children and parents of Bedale informing her that Bedale Park is “boring” and that people are taking their children elsewhere to play. It was suggested that the park be updated and if possible to involve the local people to help fundraise. The Council **agreed** to post the idea on the Council's new Facebook page to see how much support there was for such a plan.

143.2017

Updates:

- a) **Footpath to Masham Road**

The Clerk had spoken to the contractor who said that he was hoping to commence the work this week. This work had been significantly delayed by the contractor. The Clerk was to arrange a meeting with the contractor and the Chair of the Council to discuss the situation. Councillor Barningham requested that the contract for the weed spraying be extended to include: along Sussex Street to Wycar, along Bridge Street and round Emgate plus the ginnels in the town. The Clerk was to speak with the Council's grounds maintenance contractor to get a quote for the additional work.

- b) **Bedale Hall Lease**

The Clerk reported that there had been a change of Solicitor but was still on track to complete by the end of September.

c) **Vacancy**

The Clerk had notified Hambleton DC of the resignation of Councillor Wilkinson which had then issued a notice of vacancy. This was to remain on display on the Council's website and notice boards until 29th September. Should an election not be required it was suggested that a proposed closing date for applications might be the 30th November with the hope of co-opting a new member in the December meeting.

144.2017

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) – had attended the Richmond Civic Service and the Yorkshire Day feedback meeting with representatives of Brand Bedale.

Councillor C Pointon – reported that he had been briefed by Councillor Noone regarding the arrangements for the Fireworks display. The purchase cost of fireworks had significantly increased this year and the bucket collections from last year had been less than in previous years. The group were considering reducing the length of the display by a couple of minutes to keep the costs on budget and to provide as good a display as possible. All other arrangements were in place. The Clerk was asked to request the loan of parking cones from Scarborough BC. Councillor Coates was to speak with the Police about their attendance on the night.

Councillor A Coates – had attended the Brand Bedale meeting and the Christmas Lights meeting

Councillor M Young – had attended the Yorkshire Day meeting, the Communications Group meeting and the Joint Burial Board meeting. He explained that the Burial Board were holding a meeting on 14th September 2017 with the inspectors to discuss the safety of gravestones in Bedale Burial Ground.

Councillor A Hallett – had attended the Burial Board meeting.

145.2017

Correspondence (background papers provided)

Item 1: Memorial Rose Bed - A letter regarding the poor state of the rose bed by St Gregory's church had been received. The Clerk confirmed that since this letter had been received the Royal British Legion had tidied up the bed as promised. He has since replied to the resident. Councillor Hallett suggested that the Joint Burial Board could be approached to see if the maintenance of the rose bed could be added to their maintenance contract. The Clerk would contact the Joint Burial Board with this request.

Item 5: Local pathway and bike rack- a letter from Councillor Wilkinson advising of provision of bike racks in Bedale by NYCC. The Council decided that there were sufficient bike rack

provision in Bedale town already.

Item 9: Unnecessary Obstruction of the Highway – Firby Road, Bedale – Councillor Barningham advised Council that he had seen PCSO's patrolling the road.

Item 10 and 26: Traffic problems – Wycar and the Wynd, Bedale. The Clerk had received an acknowledgement from NY Highways with an agreement to investigate the movement of traffic and report back in due course.

Item 11 and 12: Bedale Business Survey – The Council had received a letter from Genecon who had been commissioned by Hambleton DC to undertake an independent study into the vibrancy and recent performance of the Bedale economy. (See Additional Item 2)

Item 15: Request to buy land – Council stated again that they did not want to sell any public land. The Clerk would reply with the Council's response.

Item 20: Wensleydale 2017 Tour Posters – The Ebor Morris Dancers were to perform in Bedale on 23rd September 2017.

Item 25: Bedale Hall Park, Rat Complaint – A Bedale resident had made a complaint to Environmental Health following the Car Boot Sale on 2nd September 2017. The Clerk had spoken to the Environment Agency and assured them that although there had been some boxes left with biscuits inside following the Car Boot Sale, this had been cleared up by the Council by Sunday morning.

Additional Item 1: Car Boot Sale Parking – It had been proposed that a charge might be introduced for those parking on Bedale Park to attend the Car Boot Sales. It was agreed that the Clerk should formulate a plan for implementing a charge for the 2018 season.

Additional Item 2: Genecon Bedale Economic and Business Study – Councillors discussed the impact that they had witnessed of the new bypass. The Clerk was to collate this response and feed it back to a representative from Genecon.

146.2017

Planning

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/01403/FUL

Proposal: Two Storey extension to rear of masonic hall as amended by plans received by Hambleton DC on 7th August 2017

Location: Masonic Hall 20 South End Bedale North Yorkshire

NOT APPROVED

The Town Council had received further representations from the neighbouring residents and agreed that the amended plan was likely to lead to a loss of light and privacy to the neighbouring properties

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/01833/TCC

Proposal: Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code system operators for the installation of 12m high smart metering pole supporting 1no omni antenna, 1no equipment cabinet and ancillary works.

Location: Benkhill Drive Bedale North Yorkshire

Not Approved

The Council were concerned that by siting the mast and associated control box on the pavement it would cause an obstruction on the footpath. The cobbled area of land belonging to Hambleton District Council a few metres away was proposed as a possible alternative location.

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/01809/TPO

Proposal: Application for works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. 2008/06 Copper Beech. Crown thin of 5% and lift lower branches to 5m clearance

Location: 65B South End, Bedale DL8 2DG

APPROVED

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/00516/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing store and garage, construction of new minibus garage and store as amended by plans received by Hambleton DC on 23rd June 2017

Location: Building Adjacent Scout and Guide Hut, Emgate Bedale North Yorkshire

APPROVED

147.2017

Finance

a) **Receipts and Payments**

Council **resolved** to **accept** the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2017, the cashbook balance standing at £63,884.00 and to accept receipts of £881.50 and payments of £4,298.29 for the period from 15th August 2017 to 11th September 2017.

b) **Budget Update** – The Clerk presented members with an update of income and expenditure against the budget. All was progressing as planned.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 21:08 pm