

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th
NOVEMBER 2017**

Present

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

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

165.2017

Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor M Young.

166.2017

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

167.2017

To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the 9th October 2017.
The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **9th October 2017** were **approved** and signed to be correct.

168.2017

Police Matters

- a) To consider any matters that may need to be passed on to the Police.
PCSO Paul Enbom attended the meeting and handed out a Police report with updated crime figures which he read out. Between 1st April to 11th November 2017 crimes reported in Bedale Town have increased by 9 from 115 to 124 (+7.8%) reported crimes compared to the same period last year. Burglaries, Vehicle offences and Violence were all down but Arson & Damage was up from 16 to 26 (+62%), Theft was up from 10 to 15 (+50%), Shoplifting was up from 7 to 17 (+142%) and all other crimes were up from 19 to 22 (+15%).

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PCSO Enbom explained that to reduce shoplifting retail staff were being encouraged to use 101 to phone the Police with any suspicions.

Councillor Hallett asked what the detection rates were. PCSO Enbom explained that the detection rates were not as good as they would like as the Police were often called too late to catch thieves in the act.

The report also highlighted that North Yorkshire Police were running a two week National surrender of firearms and ammunition from 13th November to 26th November 2017.

Councillor Pointon explained that at a meeting for the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, North Yorkshire Police had been asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the budget for operation "Kingfisher".

Councillor Barningham said that the Community Support Officers had stopped the traffic in Bedale for the two minute silence on Remembrance day and this had worked well.

The Clerk reported on the parking issue at Bedale Primary School on Firby Road. He said that Scarborough Parking Officers as well as the local Police had been present regularly and the situation had improved.

169.2017

Support of Local Organisations

- a) **Bedale Association Football Club** - To consider a request for financial support for the purchase of two sets of goals.
The Council **agreed** to support the request but would discuss the amount at the Budget meeting.
- b) **Bedale Tourist Information Centre** - To consider the request to sponsor the Centre for a further year at £150.
The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure.
- c) **Bedale Bowling Green Society** – To consider supporting plans to construct a log cabin changing room.
The Council asked the Clerk to contact the society to request more detail regarding costs and other sponsorship.

170.2017

Tourism

- a) **Campervan Overnight Stays** - To consider if Campervan users might be encouraged to stay overnight in the town.
Councillor Noone said he would speak with Hambleton district Council and report back at the next meeting.
- b) **Coach Parking** - To consider if the old Leyburn Road at the new roundabout might be utilised for coach parking.
The Clerk would contact North Yorkshire County Council to find out if this would be possible.
- c) **Roundabout Christmas Tree** - To consider investigating whether a Christmas tree might be located on the roundabout.
The Clerk would contact North Yorkshire Highways to find out if this would be possible.

- d) **Memorial Rose Bed** - To consider options for its future maintenance.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure for a contractor to maintain the rose bed bi-monthly at a cost of £10 a time, between April and October to start in April 2018.

171.2017

Art Trail - To receive an update on the plans for the proposed Art Trail and to review the Council's position on this with regard to the adoption and future maintenance of the installation.

The chair of the Bedale and Villages Community Forum had sent a copy of the planning application outlining the changes which also showed the addition of a new Bedale sign.

Councillor Hallett asked if it was known what the images would be on the art work. Councillor Barningham said that this had not yet been finalised. Councillor Barningham also informed the Council that the new Bedale sign would be nearer to the roundabout than the existing sign so as to be seen by approaching traffic from the by-pass. He confirmed that a grant of £2500 had been given by Hambleton DC and that a further £5000 funding was still required.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the adoption and future maintenance of the Bedale sign in addition to the previous agreement of the adoption and maintenance of the art trail installations.

Councillor Mollard was to contact Peter Cole (Hambleton DC) to enquire why Bedale Town Council's name had been taken off the Forum's Community Plan on this project.

172.2017

Christmas in Bedale

- a) **Christmas Tree** – to approve the purchase of a Christmas tree at a cost of £195.00

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

- b) **Parking Suspensions** – 2nd December 2017 for the Christmas Market Event.

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Scarborough District Council and they had confirmed the booking.

- c) **Market Lighting** - to consider the purchase of battery work lights for additional safety lighting for the market at a cost of £230.

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

- d) **Special Event Market conditions** and **Risk Assessment** - to consider.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the Conditions document.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the Risk assessment document with the addition of a request that Market Stallholders provide the Council with a copy of their own Risk Assessment as well as their Public Liability Insurance documentation.

173.2017

Administration - to consider the renewal of membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

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

174.2017

Updates:

- a) **Communications** – Facebook (including feedback on the proposed Car Boot Sale car parking charges) and Web presence.
Councillor Carr reported that the Council Facebook engagement numbers were good. There had been lots of comments from local business owners regarding the proposed Car Boot Sale car parking charges, several business owners were not against the idea.
The Clerk suggested that as we have links to other Community groups in Bedale on the Council website that we ask these groups to have a link to Bedale Town Council on their websites. The Council asked the Clerk to approach other Community groups to request this.
- b) **Public open Space/ Village Green**
The Clerk reported that he had seen documents confirming that there was an area of Village Green running from outside the Masonic Hall to South End Avenue. The area directly in front of the Hall was currently being used as parking by the Masonic Hall. The Clerk was instructed by the Council to make contact with the Freemason's to try to clarify the situation.
- c) **Market Place Telephone Box**
The Clerk reported that he had received documentation confirming that Bedale Town Council had taken ownership of the phone box outside of the Post Office. Councillor Mollard gave details of funding which may be available from the British Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Service to pay for the purchase of a public access defibrillator to be placed in the phone box. She will give a further report when more details become available.
- d) **Bedale Hall – Transfer of Lease**
The Clerk reported that the Solicitors were still confirming the details of the lease.
- e) **Vacancy**
The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by one individual but had not yet received an application for the role of Councillor.

175.2017

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 carried out the judging of window displays for Brand Bedale's Autumn Event. She had attended the Bonfire, Bedale High School presentation evening, Royal British Legion dedication of the Field of Remembrance, the Remembrance Day Service, a Twinning meeting and a YLCA meeting in Easingwold.

Councillor C Pointon – had carried out the judging of the window displays for Brand Bedale's Autumn Event. He had attended the Bonfire, the Joint Burial Board interviews for a new Clerk and a YLCA meeting re planning applications.

Councillor A Coates – had attended the Bedale Hall AGM meeting, the Twinning meeting, Remembrance Day Service, the Bonfire, the Rector Four and Twenty meeting, the dedication for the Field of Remembrance and a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting.

Councillor J Noone – had attended the Remembrance Day Service and the Bonfire.

Councillor A Carr – had attended the dedication of the Field of Remembrance, the Remembrance Day Service, the Bonfire, a Twinning meeting and a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting.

Councillor M Barningham – had attended the Bedale Hall AGM meeting, the Rector Four and Twenty meeting, the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, a Bedale T I C meeting and the Remembrance Day Service.

Councillor C McGill – had attended the Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting.

Councillor A Hallett – had attended the Bedale Hall AGM meeting, the dedication of the Field of Remembrance, the Remembrance Day Service, the Bonfire and the Bedale and Villages Community forum meeting.

176.2017

Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Clerk read out the list of correspondence received and sent.

177.2017

Planning

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/01834/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the sub-division of a dwelling to create a residential flat.

Location: Le Maison, Sussex Street, Bedale. North Yorkshire

Applicant: Mr Sadler

APPROVED

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/02218/TPO

Proposal: Works to trees covered by tree Preservation Order No

Location: Bedale Hall Park, North End, Bedale, North Yorkshire

Applicant: Mr Charlie Hart

APPROVED

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 17/02100/MRC

Proposal: Variation of condition 11 on previously approved application 14/01645/FUL – seeking approval for a pitched roof on a self-supported wooden structure, the apex of the roof is the same height as the wall which faces the road.

Location: 51 South End, Bedale. North Yorkshire

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Cook

APPROVED

178.2017

Finance

a) **Receipts and Payments**

Council **resolved** to **accept** the bank reconciliation as at 31st October 2017, the cashbook balance standing at £83,687.83 and to accept receipts of £2,603.12 and payments of £5,733.74 for the period from 10th October 2017 to 13th November 2017.

179.2017

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

20:25pm – all members of the public vacated the meeting room.

180.2017

Bridge Street Public Toilet Refurbishment

Wallgate Units – to consider replacing two units at a cost of £4200.

Council **resolved** to **approve** the expenditure for two new units and the ongoing service contract.

Painting – to consider quotes for repainting of the toilet building. Council discussed the three quotes we had received and **resolved** to **agree** to use B H Decorating.

181.2017

Masham Road to Calvert Way Footpath – to consider options.

The Clerk reported that he had instructed Alasdair Downie to suspend work until a Council decision on the increased costs had been agreed. The Clerk had also requested another company who originally quoted for the work to provide an updated quote for completing the project.

The Council **resolved** to **approve** the payment for the extra work provided it was less than £4,000 and to use L & D Construction to carry out the work.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:36pm.