



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
13th AUGUST 2018**

Present

Councillor A Hallett (Mayor)
Councillor M Young (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor M Barningham
Councillor A Coates
Councillor M Evitt
Councillor J Howe
Councillor C McGill
Councillor C Mollard
Councillor J Noone

A N Reed (Town Clerk)
J A Cockburn (Assistant Clerk)

108.2018

Apologies

No apologies were received.

109.2018

To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the Agenda:
A declaration of interest was received from Councillor M Barningham for Planning Application 18/00016/FUL in item 14.

110.2018

To approve the **minutes** of the Ordinary meeting held on the 9th July 2018 :

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on **9th July 2018** were **approved** and signed to be correct.

111.2018

Police Matters

- a) Report from Police representative.
A North Yorkshire Police representative was unable to attend therefore Councillor A Coates presented the report.
Figures for Bedale and Aiskew have increased from 78 to 95 reported crimes compared to the same period last year.
Arson & Damage up from 17 to 18 (+5%), Burglaries up from 2 to 5 (+150%), Theft up from 9 to 13 (+44%), Shoplifting down from 12 to 8 (-33%), Vehicle Offences up from 1 to 2 (+100%), Violence up from 22 to 37 (+68%) and all other crimes down from 15 to 12 (-20%).
The cost of rural crime in North Yorkshire fell by more than 14% following the launch of the Rural Taskforce, according to a new report. The North Yorkshire Police Rural Taskforce is the biggest of its kind in the UK.

Councillor J Noone asked if the Clerk would request further information around the crime figures for Burglaries and Theft.

Action: Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Police.

112.2018

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

Council **resolved to co-opt** David Ingram as a new Councillor for Bedale. The declaration of acceptance of office was signed by Councillor David Ingram.

Action: Clerk to inform Hambleton District Council

113.2018

Adoption of Telephone Kiosk – to consider taking over ownership of the phone box outside Hall's Fish and Chip shop.

The Council **resolved to approve** the adoption of the telephone kiosk.

Councillor M Barningham said that the "Litter Busters" had proposed that the kiosk be used as a book exchange. Councillor J Howe proposed that the Council consider using the kiosk as a Tourist Information and Community Information Hub.

Action: Clerk to progress adoption.

114.2018

Deer Art Installation – to consider the grass cutting around the new Deer Art Installation.

Councillor Barningham reminded Council that North Yorkshire Highways, once they had taken over the grass cutting from Will's Brothers would be cutting the area three times per year. The Council had looked at extra grass cuts at £35 per cut in addition to these. Councillor Weighell informed the Council that at the moment there was some "snagging" to be done by Will's Brothers before North Yorkshire Highways took over the cutting of the bypass and roundabout and hopefully this should be finalised shortly.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Highways again to insist on another cut prior to the Art Installation handover ceremony in September.

Action: Clerk to progress.

115.2018

Community Bonfire – to receive a report from the working group. Councillor Noone reported that the Bonfire working group had met for the first time this year to discuss the Bonfire which is to take place in Bedale Park on Saturday 3rd November 2018. Reaction Fireworks had agreed to provide the same Firework display as last year and keep the same price as 2017 which would be £10500 + VAT. Councillor Noone thanked the Assistant Clerk for drafting an Event Plan and said that he would send the document to Reaction Fireworks and then forward this back to the Assistant Clerk for completion. Councillor Noone confirmed that a donation £1500 from the Council plus proceeds from the two free Car Boot Sale dates would be welcomed for the 2018 event.

Council **resolved to approve** the expenditure of £10500 +VAT on the Fireworks display for 2018 and donation of £1500 towards

- costs.
- 116.2018 Wycar Green Improvements**
- a) **Painting of the Bollards and Chains**
The Council considered the quotes submitted and **resolved to approve** to accept the quote tendered by BH Decorating at a cost of £690.
- b) **Replacement of the bench at the top end of Wycar (Near the Old Grammar School)**
Council **resolved to approve** the repair of the bench.
As there were a few benches requiring attention in Bedale town it was agreed to add this as an Agenda item for September 2018.
- 117.2018 Tour de Yorkshire bunting** – to consider the expenditure for taking down the bunting from the Tour de Yorkshire event.
Councillor Coates informed the Council that Brand Bedale were responsible for erecting the bunting and had hired a Cherry Picker to carry out the job. The Council requested that the Clerk contact Brand Bedale to request that they take down the bunting. If Brand Bedale were not willing to take down the bunting then the Council **resolved to approve** the expenditure of up to £200 for the Clerk to hire a Cherry Picker to complete the task.
Action: Clerk to progress.
- 118.2018 Updates:**
- a) **Public Toilets**
The Clerk confirmed that the Anti-graffiti painting of the Bridge Street toilets was complete. The Anti-graffiti painting of the Park toilets was scheduled to commence on Monday 3rd September 2018. There were still ongoing issues with criminal damage at the Bridge Street toilets but the Police had keys to access the toilets at all times and the caretaker had been instructed to visit the toilets at random times throughout the day to try to stop any further vandalism.
It was suggested that the Council should consider closing the toilets in Winter.
Action: Councillor Coates to seek opinion of the local Businesses and report back at a future meeting.
- b) **Replacement bench on Sussex Street**
The Clerk confirmed that the new bench had been received and
- c) **Yorkshire Day Free Market**
The Clerk informed Council that there had been 22 traders on the day and that reports from the public had been very positive.
- 119.2018 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 A Coates – had attended a Bedale Twinning meeting, a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, a Bedale Hall Management meeting and a meeting for RAFA held at the White Bear.

Councillor J Noone – had attended a Bonfire Committee meeting, Bedale Hall Management meeting, had helped at the TIC on Yorkshire Day and attended the funeral of Peter Parlour.

Councillor M Young - had attended a Twinning meeting and also the funeral of Peter Parlour.

Councillor C Mollard – had attended a Twinning meeting and a Bedale and Villages community Forum meeting.

Councillor John Howe - although Councillor Howe had not attended any meetings he informed Council that he was happy to attend any future TIC meetings and report back to Council.

Councillor M Barningham – had attended a Bedale and Villages community Forum meeting where it was agreed to support Bedale Museum with a donation of £900 towards the cost of holding an event called “Secret Bedale”. He had attended a Bedale Hall Management meeting, helped at the TIC on Yorkshire Day and attended the funeral of Peter Parlour.

Councillor C McGill – had attended a Bonfire Committee meeting and a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting.

Councillor A Hallett – had attended a Twinning meeting, a Community Engagement evening at RAF Leeming, a Yorkshire Day event in Ripon, a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, the Bedale Hall Management meeting and a meeting for RAFA held at the White Bear.

120.2018

Correspondence (background papers provided)

Item 1, Bedale Christmas Festival, 1st December 2018 – As the letter was requesting financial support this will be considered as an Agenda item in September.

Item 2, Great British High Street – Councillor C Mollard confirmed that there was a meeting organised for Wednesday 15th August to be held in the Council office at 7:30pm.

Item 4, Parking Bays in Bedale – Councillor Coates questioned whether the parking bay outside Cockburn’s butchers was legal?

Action: Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Highways to confirm this.

Item 10, Antisocial behaviour – The Clerk would seek clarification from the member of the public if the play area referred to in her letter belonged to the Leisure Centre or Bedale High School.

Item 11, Wilberforce Trust Outreach Mobile Unit – The Council **resolved to approve** the mobile unit to come to Bedale, preferably on a Market day and were happy for this to be free of charge as a one off gesture of good will.

Action: Clerk to contact the organisation with this offer.

121.2018

Planning (background papers provided)

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 18/01447/ADV

Proposal: Advertisement Consent to display company name and website on fascia board.

Location: 33 North End Bedale North Yorkshire

Applicant: Miss Sophie Osborne

APPROVED

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 18/01391/CAT

Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

Location: 43 Greendale Court Bedale DL8 1FB

Applicant: Ann-Marie Thorburn

APPROVED

20.27pm – Councillor M Barningham left the meeting

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 18/00016/FUL

Proposal: Construction of 2 no dwelling houses as amended by plans received by Hambleton DC on 16th, 20th and 23rd July 2018

Location: Bancroft 9 Firby Road Bedale

Applicant: Penny Home Specialists Ltd

NO OBJECTION; with comment that Council had concerns over traffic management during the construction period regarding visibility on to Firby Road and school traffic

20:36pm – Cllr M Barningham returned to the meeting

122.2018

Finance

- a) Receipts and Payments and Monthly Reconciliation
Council **resolved to accept** the Bank reconciliation as at 29th June 2018, the cashbook balance standing at £55,018.37 and to accept receipts of £1,500.24 and payments of £5,041.70 for the period from 12th June 2018 to 9th July 2018.
Council **resolved to accept** the Bank reconciliation as at 31st July 2018, the cashbook balance standing at £53,845.66 and to accept receipts of £2,022.60 and payments of £3,195.31 for the period of 2nd July 2018 to 31st July 2018.
As there was no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:42pm.