

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Present**

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

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

5 Members of the Public (MoP)

**123.2018**

**Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Hallett, Coates, Evitt, Young and Mollard for item 136.

**124.2018**

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barningham.

**125.2018**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were **approved** and signed to be correct.

**126.2018**

**Updates** from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

**126.1 Grass cutting around the deer art installation:**

This is a contractual responsibility of Wills Brothers Ltd for the next three years. They have assured the Town Council that there will be a grass cut before the official unveiling of the art on 24 September and will also send a maintenance schedule to the Council.

Councillors felt that the art installation was not very visible to drivers and would like to improve this.

**ACTION: Councillor Coates to contact Hambleton DC Arts and Events to consider options**

- 126.2 Public Toilets** – potential winter closure:  
After a brief discussion and based on feedback received from local businesses, it was agreed to leave the Bridge Street toilets open year round as is currently the case.
- 126.3 Parking Bay** by hatching on the Market Place:  
NYCC Highways have confirmed that they made a mistake in re-marking the bay outside Cockburn's butchers and would schedule removal of the lines.
- 126.4 Benches** – repair and renovation:  
Letters requesting tenders for the repair / renovation of wooden benches have been sent out, and this will be on the agenda for October's meeting.  
An offer of help to spruce up the benches has been received from Bedale Litter Busters.  
**ACTION: Clerk to report on costings for bench renovation, and possible re-siting of waste bins in Bedale Park**

- 127.2018 Report from Police representative:**  
PCSO Heather Lees read out a Police update. Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 crime reported within Bedale District increased by 44 from 147 to 191 (29.9%) compared with the same period in 2017.  
Arson & Damage up from 17 to 25, Burglaries up from 2 to 5, Theft up from 10 to 13, Shoplifting down from 14 to 8, Vehicle offences up from 1 to 3, Violence up from 23 to 42 and all other crime remains down from 18 to 11.  
PCSO Lees explained improvements to the 101 service including a call back service at busy times and call costs of 15p regardless of how long they take.

- 128.2018 "Youth Shelter" in Bedale Park**  
A MoP addressed the Council with concerns about groups of people using the shelter in an intimidating way, and requested that the shelter be removed. While sympathetic to the issue, the council agreed to leave the shelter in place, as removing it would potentially re-site, rather than solve, any public order issues.  
NY Police are aware of this problem and some prosecutions have been brought for anti-social behaviour. Anybody witnessing such incidents is encouraged to report them by calling 101.  
**ACTION: Clerk to liaise with police to ensure the shelter is not obscured from CCTV by vegetation.**

- 129.2018 Financial statement and approvals for payment:**  
The council **resolved** to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Market Superintendent / Caretaker); HMRC (Qtr 2); TWC facilities (cleaning equipment) £64.20; SLCC/ALCC (2018-19 membership) £145.00; Ian Pybus (locks for Bridge St toilets) £88.00;

House & Home (keys for the above) £7.20.

**130.2018**

**Committee Membership**

The Council **appointed** Cllr Evitt to the Internal Controls Monitoring Committee and Cllr Howe to the Communications Committee. Cllr Ingram was **appointed** to the vacancy on the Bedale, Aiskew, Leeming Bar and Burrill Joint Burial Authority.

**131.2018**

**Banking –** to agree access and signatory arrangements for the Council's Bank accounts.

The Council **resolved** the following:

That the signatories to the Bedale Town Council bank accounts at Barclays Bank Ltd, numbers \*\*\*2838 and \*\*\*\*8254, will be any two from Cllrs Hallett, Young, Mollard and Coates;

And, that the Clerk, Anthony Nicholas Reed of 9 Little Market Place, Masham, N. Yorks HG4 4DY, have read-only online access to the same two accounts.

**132.2018**

**Section 106 Funding**

The Council noted that funding is available for general play equipment at the Burrill Road play area, 8-13yo play equipment in Bedale Park, and public rights of way improvements in the town. Hambleton DC have clarified that the £4,000 available for seating provision nominally in Bedale Park can be spent anywhere in the town, and councillors noted that this sum would hopefully cover the bench improvements noted in item 126.4.

Councillors agreed that there should be public consultation on the play equipment for Burrill Road, with letters sent to the Ash Tree estate and online consultation.

**ACTION: Clerk, and Cllrs Coates and Mollard, to investigate play equipment options and set up consultation**

Councillors further noted that there is believed to be a piece of play equipment still to be provided by Persimmon Homes on their estate at Calvert Way.

**ACTION: Clerk to investigate**

**133.2018**

**Defibrillator/ Telephone Kiosk**

Councillors noted Cllr McGill's report on the possible use of Market Place / South End telephone kiosks for a defibrillator, and that the electrical installation in particular would make both installation and maintenance very expensive. Councillors also noted that Bedale Hall is proposing to install a defibrillator.

The Council accordingly **resolved** that the potential "Making a Difference" grant from Hambleton DC for a defibrillator be passed on to Bedale Hall, with the telephone kiosks to be used for other community purposes.

**ACTION: Clerk to liaise with the Hall Manager.**

- 134.2018**
- Christmas Events:**
- 134.1** The Council **resolved** that Brand Bedale could run a market on both sides of the Market Place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, which would coincide with the Christmas Festival (see below), Christmas Lights switch-on, and hopefully a Christingle service at St Gregory's Church. Brand Bedale would organise the event with input from the Council's Christmas Lights Committee, and the Market Superintendent would be available to set up and manage the market on the day.
- ACTION: Cllrs Young and Mollard to liaise with Brand Bedale.**
- 134.2** The Council **resolved** to support the Bedale Christmas Festival with a Section 137 donation of £1000 towards the hire of a marquee for the event.
- 135.2018**
- Poppies**
- Councillors considered a request from the Bedale branch of the Royal British Legion to use the Market Cross as a venue for a display of "flowing" knitted poppies leading up to Remembrance Sunday. The Council **resolved** with enthusiasm to approve this project.
- 136.2018**
- Bedale Twinning Association**
- An MoP, Chair of the Twinning Association, spoke to the Town Council about the current aims of the group: forging links with youth groups and schools to give young people new opportunities; and, boosting tourism in Bedale.
- The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £500 towards the cost of hosting a delegation of 12 people from Azay-sur-Cher later in the Autumn.
- 137.2018**
- Ice Cream**
- Councillors considered a request from a trader to sell ice-cream at car boot sales and on the market. The Clerk reported that the car boot sale catering provider had no objection to the proposal. The Council **resolved** that the trader could sell at car boot sales on a casual basis until the end of the 2018 season, but agreed that it would not be appropriate for them to trade on the market.
- 138.2018**
- CiLCA**
- Councillors considered supporting the Clerk's training for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (training and travelling costs), and **resolved** to cover 50% of these costs. [The Clerk's other parish councils to cover the balance.]

139.2018

**Council Agendas**

Councillors discussed minor changes to the standard agenda for Council meeting, and agreed to bring all reports from councillors and external bodies into one agenda item. Councillors did not think it necessary to include an agenda item for public questions and comments, as these are readily accepted through the Chair and they felt meetings work well as they are.

140.2018

**Reports of previous month's meetings etc**

Cllrs Coates, Young, Mollard and Hallett had attended a Bedale Twinning Association meeting;  
Cllrs Coates, Mollard, Young and Noone had attended a meeting to co-ordinate an entry for the town into the Great British High Street competition.  
Cllrs Young and Mollard had attended a Joint Burial Board meeting and Cllr Hallett had attended two Joint Burial Authority meetings and had formally opened a Slimming World "Walk Over Cancer" sponsored walk.

141.2018

**Planning Applications and Decisions:**

Applications: there were none;  
Enforcements: there were none;  
Decisions: Councillors noted the approval of **18/01391/CAT** for work to trees in a conservation area at 43 Greendale Court.

142.2018

**Correspondence:**

- 1 **NYCC Highways:** Notification of the closure of Morton-on-Swale Bridge for essential works on Sunday 30th September, from 8am-5pm.
- 2 **St Gregory's Church:** Information that the "Church About the Dale" trailer is hoping to return to the Market Place for carol singing on a Saturday in December.
- 3 **Member of the Public;** Request for council to lobby NYCC Highways for road markings to allow better access and from MoP's driveway due to visibility issues. Councillors **approved** this request.
- 4 **NYCC Highways:** Information that Emgate will be closed on Friday 14th September, from 7.30am-5pm  
**ACTION: Clerk to put this information on social media**
- 5 **NYCC Stronger Communities:** Information on a "Get Inspired" event on 13 September at Thirsk Community Library
- 6 **Bedale and Villages Community Forum:** Reminder that the Forum's AGM will be held on 20th September at 7pm at Bedale Hall
- 7 **Member of the Public:** Information about tree damage / vandalism in Bedale Park. [Clerk's note; this has been acted upon and remedied.]
- 8 **Incy Wincy's Nursery:** Request to stop allowing overflow parking in front of the nursery building in view of perceived risk to life and well-being of children and staff. Councillors agreed that the suggestion to

move overflow parking to the Golf Club end of Bedale Park was unrealistic, but agreed to look into barriers and/or signage to ensure the safety of children and staff in the nursery.

**ACTION: Clerk to investigate and bring options to the October meeting**

- 9 **Member of the Public:** Complaint about market traders not vacating the cobbled area by 5pm on Tuesdays. [Clerk's note; this has been passed on to the Market Superintendent.]

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:06pm.