

DATE: Monday 13th July 2020
TIME: 7pm
LOCATION: "Zoom" virtual meeting
PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Hallett (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Philip Cockburn, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, Malcolm Young
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (Assistant Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public (MoP)

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| 030.2021 | Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none. |
| 031.2021 | Apologies and reasons for absence: There were none, all councillors being present. |
| 032.2021 | Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8 th June 2020: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair. |
| 033.2021 | Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) |
| 033.1 | Trees at Southfields – to consider developments on the issue of trees blocking light to residents and branches impinging on buildings: The Clerk reported that the Council’s arboricultural contractor who had given an estimate of £200-£300 for the tree with the TPO and £50-£75 for the tree causing the light issue. The Council RESOLVED to approve the work at these expenditure levels. <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to progress</p> |
| 033.2 | Steps at Brookside Avenue – to note developments on the repair of the steps between Brookside Avenue and Bedale Beck: The Clerk reported he had been informed by NYCC that there was a national shortage of concrete therefore the steps had not yet been repaired. The steps remain on NYCC’s “30-day list” for urgent but not emergency attention. |
| 033.3 | Benches – to note the purchase and imminent installation of five benches, as discussed at the April and May meetings: The Clerk reported that the benches had been ordered: 2 RAF benches to be installed at Southfields open space; 2 poppy benches to be installed at Burrill Road open space; 1 poppy bench to be installed in Bedale Park. |
| 034.2021 | Reports of recent activity: |
| 034.1 | Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors: There was nothing to report |
| 034.2 | Reports from District/ County Councillors: |

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| | <p>Cllr Noone confirmed that Bedale Leisure Centre was to re-open on 25th July 2020. He informed Council that there changes were likely to North Yorkshire’s local government structure, with NYCC and the six districts replaced by a unitary authority with a Mayor, the authority probably split into two for administrative purposes.</p> <p>Cllr Barningham said the Hambleton DC would be sending out updates for the electoral register to all residents shortly. He also confirmed that Bedale residents had been sent letters informing them that there would be a full planning hearing for the potential development at Queen Anne’s Drive.</p> |
| <p>035.2021</p> | <p>Financial statement and approvals for payment:</p> <p>July Financial Statement – to approve this statement and authorise payments of: The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Caretaker / Cleaner / Market Superintendent); W Braithwaite & Sons £360 and £611.40 (summer plants and planters); Farm & Land Services £1512 (verge and park cutting); Paul Ellis £120 (cleaning bus shelter); Northdale Horticulture £328.02 (summer planting); SSAFA £200 (£137 donation); Marie Curie £200 (£137 donation); House & Home £17.67 (Bridge St toilet supplies); JA Cockburn £9.99 (sanitizer for office); HMRC £527.29 (Tax/NI Apr-Jun); Fabrications Northeast £3000 (purchase of benches).</p> <p>The payment made between meetings of £7,200 to Mark Preston Plumbing as a deposit for the Bedale Hall toilet renovation was noted and approved.</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance on 13th July 2020 after these transactions was NOTED as being £132,079.46.</p> |
| <p>036.2021</p> <p>19.36pm</p> | <p>Bedale Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group – to note the excellent work of this group, and that it is now winding down, and to consider retaining the expertise and commitment of these volunteers by creating a working group of this Council for emergency support within the community:</p> <p>The Clerk noted that although the group were winding down that they were keen to keep the support group in case of a second wave of Covid-19 or similar emergency in future. After a discussion, the Council agreed that it would be prudent to incorporate the group within the existing emergency plan working group. The Council RESOLVED to commend the excellent work already done by the Covid-19 mutual aid group and invite them to become part of the emergency planning working group for future emergencies. It was also noted that the Council’s emergency plan was in need of review.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Covid-19 group</p> <p><i>Cllr Ingram joined the meeting</i></p> |
| <p>037.2021</p> | <p>British Red Cross donation – to consider donating £200 to the British Red Cross emergency appeal:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that although he had requested more information on how the money would be used in Bedale he had not yet received a reply. The Council RESOLVED that the request be held over until more information was received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to bring back to Council and and when information is received</p> |

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| <p>038.2021</p> | <p>Market Place parking – to consider asking NYCC for some or all the parking bays on the Market Place / North End to be suspended to allow café/ pub tables and chairs to go on the cobbles: The Clerk noted that legislation was likely imminently to allow pavement licences for cafes, pubs and hotels, and that this agenda item was to enable the Town Council to take a view on the matter to enable a swift response to any enquiries. After a discussion, the Council RESOLVED not to support this proposal, on the grounds that the parking spaces were more beneficial to the town than the potential placement of tables on the cobbles.</p> |
| <p>039.2021</p> | <p>Covid Caterpillar – to note the enthusiasm with which townspeople have contributed and reacted to the painted stone “caterpillar” at Bedale Park, and to consider a proposal to set the stones in place where they currently are via a thin strip of concrete / resin / similar, at a nominal cost: The Clerk explained that Streetscape Ltd, who to install the new play equipment in Bedale Park had offered to do the work at the same time for expenses only. The Council RESOLVED to accept this offer. <i>ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Bedale Painted Stones organiser and Streetscape.</i></p> |
| <p>040.2021</p> | <p>CCLA – to consider that the Town Council’s correspondent for the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund account number 068*****01PC should be changed to Anthony Nicholas (Nick) Reed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, and that the authorising Trustees for this change are Cllr Amanda Coates and Cllr Christine Mollard: The Council RESOLVED to approve this change.</p> |
| <p>041.2021</p> | <p>Planning applications and decisions – to consider planning matters including: 20/01167/FUL – for the addition of a second storey to an existing extension to the rear of 7 Benkhill Drive: <i>The Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to the application</i> 20/01232/FUL – for the replacement of a flat roof with a pitched one as an amendment to a previously granted application at 26 Peirse Close: <i>The Council RESOLVED to support the application</i> Also, 20/00996/ADV and 20/01006/LBC new proposed design of signs at 10 North End: <i>The Council NOTED its decision arrived at between meetings to have no opinion on the application, but to comment that while a brass plaque was appropriate to the listed building the design currently proposed was not</i></p> |
| <p>042.2021 Item 3 Item 18</p> | <p>Correspondence – (background papers provided – see Appendix A) Letter regarding permission for repairs to the war memorial in St Gregory’s. The Clerk noted that a letter of permission had been sent. Notification of a fallen tree branch across Bedale Beck: The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Waterways and dealt with. He was also aware of further</p> |

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| | willow trees at the other side of the Beck which required monitoring and had passed this information on. |
| Item 23 | Enquiry regarding the weight limit signage at The Wynd: The Clerk advised Council that NYCC Highways had informed him that the signage required better street lighting before the signs could be erected. |
| Item 27 | The Clerk informed Council that he had received a request from the mother of the late Zoe Zaremba for a memorial bench with plaque in Bedale Park. The Council expressed their condolences to Mrs Zaremba and RESOLVED to approve the installation of the memorial bench at the south-east end of Bedale Park. |

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:24pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 9th June – 9th July 2020

1. From: **MoP x7** Date **various**
Enquiries about car boot sale re-opening
2. From: **MoP x5** Date **various**
Enquiries about stalls on Christmas Market
3. From: **Rector of Bedale** Date **09/06/2020**
Request for a letter confirming the Town Council has no objection to repairs being undertaken to the war memorial in St Gregory's churchyard
4. From: **NYCC Highways** Date **09/06/2020**
Confirming that repairs to the Brookside Avenue / Bedale Beck Steps are still programmed but a date cannot be given due to problems with concrete supply. Also confirming that NYCC did not replace the handrail to the steps
5. From: **Bedale Hall** Date **11/06/2020**
Information about a "soft re-open" and covid-19 risk assessment
6. From: **Hambleton DC Chief Executive** Date **11/06/2020**
Information about high streets re-opening across the district and particularly in market towns
7. From: **Bedale Hall** Date **11/06/2020**
Offer of office cleaning for £15ph pro rata
8. From: **The Yorkshire Society** Date **13/06/2020**
Society logo for use by corporate members
9. From: **O'Connor Utilities Ltd pp Northern PowerGrid** Date **16/06/2020**
Information about high voltage electricity works being undertaken between Bedale Station and Harbour View, and in particular along Bedale Beckside.
10. From: **Hambleton DC Street Naming** Date **16/06/2020**
Information that 13 Sycamore Drive has been renumbered as 11A
11. From: **MoP x3** Date **17-21/06/2020**
Enquiries about trading on the Tuesday market
12. From: **MoP** Date **18/06/2020**
Enquiry about doing the Great North Run virtually in Bedale Park. *[Clerk's note: This will be on August's agenda alongside car boot sales and other potential Bedale Park events]*
13. From: **MoP** Date **20/06/2020**
Enquiry about Calvert Way allotments
14. From: **MoP** Date **26/06/2020**
Enquiry about grass cutting on Calvert Way estate. *[Clerk's note: this remains the responsibility of the estate's developer.]*

15. From: **Welcome to Yorkshire** Date **26/06/2020**
Statement from directors about the future of Yorkshire Tourism and of W2Y
16. From: **Northern PowerGrid** Date **26/06/2020**
Request for festive lighting inventory from 2019-20
17. From: **MoP** Date **26/06/2020**
Enquiry about the possibility of running bicycle maintenance courses in Bedale Park
18. From: **MoP** Date **29/06/2020**
Notification of fallen tree branch across Bedale Beck. *[Reported to Environment Agency]*
19. From: **Hambleton DC / DEFRA** Date **28/06/2020**
Guidance regarding public toilets (and tips)
20. From: **Hambleton DC Vibrant Market Towns** Date **02/07/2020**
Updated guidance for re-opening high streets
21. From: **MoP** Date **02/07/2020**
Reporting snapped tree limb at Burrill Road
22. From: **MoP** Date **29/06/2020**
Request to hand out leaflets on market days *[Advised to take a stall instead]*
23. From: **MoP** Date **03/07/2020**
Enquiry about the continued absence of weight limit signage on The Wynd
24. From: **MoP** Date **04/07/2020**
Complaint about queueing outside a shopfront on the Market Place
25. From: **MoP** Date **06/07/2020**
Request to consider suspending Market Place parking to allow café/bar furniture on cobbles
[See agenda item 2021.038]
26. From: **MoP** Date **08/07/2020**
Complaint about inappropriate parking at Bridge St car park
27. From: **MoP** Date **29/06/2020**
Comment on possible suspension of parking bays on Market Place