

DATE: Monday 9th November 2020
TIME: 7pm
LOCATION: "Zoom" virtual meeting
PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Hallett (Chair), Mike Barningham, Kayleigh Catford (after item 089.2021), Amanda Coates, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, Malcolm Young
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (Assistant Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC Cllrs John Weighell and Carl Les, 5 members of the public (MoP)

086.2021	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none
087.2021	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: There were none, all Councillors being present
088.2021	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 th October 2020: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
089.2021	Casual Vacancy – to consider the co-option of a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr Philip Cockburn: The Clerk had received only one declaration of interest in the vacancy. He introduced Kayleigh Catford who gave a brief explanation of why she would like to be a Councillor for Bedale Town Council. The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Kayleigh Catford with immediate effect. Cllr Catford duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her place as a Councillor for the remainder of the meeting <i>ACTION: Clerk to inform Hambleton DC of the co-option; Cllr Catford to send Registration of Interests form to Hambleton DC</i>
090.2021	Southlands Farm – to receive a short presentation, followed by questions and comments, from Persimmon Homes Ltd regarding their public consultation over a proposed 85-unit housing development to the north of Southlands Farm: Ben Stephenson from Persimmon Homes introduced the plans which are being prepared for a full planning application, covering the site layout, designs of houses, vehicle access, parking provision, landscaping, public open space, and footpath access to the east and west of the site. Comments from Councillors noted: that the plans as circulated did not include a play area provision of a play area; concerns over parking provision and the size of garages; possible changes of layout to allow more space by the boundary with

	<p>Broadlands Bungalow; and that the 2.5 storey houses were felt to be not in keeping with the existing housing provision on Bedale’s South side.</p> <p>A member of the public also raised concerns regarding the layout of the development, the removal of the hedge on the north boundary of the site, and the close proximity of existing houses.</p> <p>Mr Stephenson said that all comments would be noted, and asked for contact details for the MoP.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to share relevant contact details</p>
091.2021	Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
091.1	<p>Christmas Street Market – to note that due to Covid restrictions it will not be possible to run any sort of Christmas event on 28th November; to further note that 19th December is a possible alternative date if Covid restrictions are lifted, and that NYCC is willing to move the road closure to that date. Therefore, to consider whether the Council supports this rescheduling, if Covid regulations allow:</p> <p>The Clerk said that market traders seemed interested in the new date.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to support the new date for the Christmas Street Market if Covid regulations allow.</p>
091.2	<p>Football in Bedale Park – to note that the teams have now obtained goalposts via the Football Foundation, and submitted Covid Risk Assessments which will be suitable with additional material about spectator safety and conduct; but to also note that sadly park football is not allowed under the Covid restrictions which will have started on 5th November:</p> <p>The Clerk had no further update at present.</p>
092.2021	Reports of recent activity:
092.1	<p>Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Mollard had attended three YLCA meetings and would email notes to Councillors and staff. Cllr Coates had attended a meeting re the Covid Caterpillar stones and reported that the installation should be completed by the end of the school term. Cllr Hallett had attended the pre Remembrance Day wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial, which was filmed for transmission as a virtual service on Remembrance Sunday, and Cllr Young attended a small socially-distanced in-person event on the Sunday.</p>
092.2	<p>Reports from District/ County Councillors:</p> <p>District Cllr Noone informed Council that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for an extra care facility behind Queen Anne’s Drive would be held virtually on 18th November. He added that work on the new Hambleton Crematorium was scheduled to start on 12th November, and that the swimming pool problem at Bedale Leisure Centre had been fixed but that obviously centre was currently closed due to Covid restrictions. District Cllr Barningham noted that Hambleton DC had decided at its full Council meeting not to submit any proposal for new North Yorkshire unitary authority/ies.</p>

<p>093.2021</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment: The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Salaries (Clerk / Asst Clerk / Caretaker / Cleaner); Bedale Youth Centre (\$137 grant) £1,000; Joblings Ltd (purchase of bench) £585; Stockeld Farms Ltd (Xmas tree) £480; Artisan Locksmiths (Bridge St toilet doors) £240; Wallgate Ltd (balance due for service contract i.e. VAT) £129.60; Cllr Hallett (Mayor’s expenses) £85.20; Wallgate Ltd (liquid soap for toilets) £75.94; YLCA (Clerk training) £45; Bedale Hall CIO (office heating) £30.21; Zoom (subscription) £14.39; House and Home (2x keys for disabled toilets) £10; and Farm and Land Services Ltd (grass cutting) £1,512. The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £166,105.99.</p>
<p>094.2021</p>	<p>Budget 2021-22 – to consider approving the 2021-22 Town Council budget and precept requirement as proposed by the Budget meeting of 2nd November: The Council RESOLVED to approve the budget for 2021-22 as circulated.</p>
<p>095.2021</p>	<p>Planning applications and decisions – to consider planning matters including: No planning applications were received. The Council NOTED the following decisions from Hambleton DC: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>20/01417/FUL – at 2 Burrill Road was granted</i> <i>20/01817/FUL –at 2 Sussex Street was granted</i> <i>20/1837/FUL – at 1 Ash Tree Road was granted</i> <i>20/1960/FUL – behind 3-5 South End was refused</i></p> </p>
<p>096.2021</p>	<p>Calvert Way play area – to consider the terms and conditions for the Town Council to take on management of this play area and surrounding verges from Persimmon Homes Ltd, including but not limited to: the play area being made good following its recent RoSPA inspection; the installation of a final piece of equipment; and a financial contribution to the initial costs of maintenance and management: The Clerk confirmed that Persimmon Homes Ltd agreed to make good any repairs to equipment as per RoSPA, provide a new piece of equipment and contribute £8,920 towards grasscutting, inspection, and repair and maintenance for five years. The contract will be signed after the existing equipment is made good and the new roundabout installed, and after circulation to the Council for approval. Cllr Noone added that he would like to thank the Clerk for his hard work with Persimmon Homes Ltd to bring this matter to a conclusion. The Council RESOLVED to accept the offer as detailed above, subject to sight of the contract.</p>
<p>097.2021</p>	<p>Joint Burial Authority – to propose a date in November or early December for a meeting of Councillors and Clerks to agree the logistics of reconstituting the Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar and Burrill Joint Burial Authority as a Working Group of the Council and dissolving it as an independent body, in accordance with</p>

	<p>the Guide to Proper Practices laid down by the Joint Panel for Accountability and Governance:</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to delegate Cllr Young and the Clerk to this meeting, and noted its commitment to bringing the running of the Joint Burial Authority in line with Proper Practices as soon as possible.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to contact all parties to arrange a meeting.</p>
098.2021	<p>Southfields open space benches – to consider whether to leave the new WW2 memorial benches at Southfields in their current positions, or move one or both to different spots on the public open space:</p> <p>After a discussion, the Council RESOLVED to keep one bench in situ and re-locate the second bench to the north side of the public open space, nearer the play area.</p>
099.2021	<p>2021 Car Boot Sale allocations – noting that the Council has agreed that all organisations allocated a Bedale Park Car Boot Sale should be given a 2021 date, to decide whether these dates should be moved forward 364 days (i.e. on the same weekend as they would have been this year), or whether the dates should be re-drawn at January’s meeting:</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to offer organisations the same weekends in 2021 as they would have had this year.</p>
100.2021	<p>Dropped kerb by St Gregory’s Church – following correspondence from a parishioner, to consider financial support of up to £1,000 for the dropping of the kerb between the main Church gate and the pavement leading back to North End, in the interests of enabling safe access to the Church for wheelchairs, scooters, prams etc:</p> <p>The Council noted, as circulated before the meeting, that NYCC Highways could undertake this work for £707. On a 90-day timetable, or £860. For a 30-day timetable. Noting an offer from Cllr Weighell to consider an application to the NYCC members’ discretionary grant fund for the lower figure, the Council RESOLVED to fund the work on the 30-day timetable and to make this application.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to progress</p>
101.2021	<p>Correspondence – (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 13th October – 3rd November 2020

(which is not addressed in the substance of the agenda)

1. From: **MoP x many** Date **various**
Enquiries about Christmas Market stalls
2. From: **MoP x3** Date **15/092020**
Comments about the condition of Calvert Way play area, and the conduct of some users
3. From: **NYCC** Date **15/092020**
Asking for current Remembrance Day plans
4. From: **MoP** Date **16/092020**
Reporting a discarded fishing line tangled in a tree on Bedale Beck
5. From: **NY Police** Date **19/092020**
Request for information about Zoom meetings and their security
6. From: **Yorkshire Air Ambulance** Date **20/092020**
Request for advice on the potential siting of a YAA clothes recycling bin within Bedale
7. From: **MoP** Date **21/092020**
Request for information regarding seating on Southfields POS from potential resident
8. From: **MoP** Date **21/092020**
Complaint regarding conduct of parking enforcement officers on Market Place
9. From: **Brand Bedale** Date **25/092020**
Update, including the group being placed on hiatus until May 2021
10. From: **MoP** Date **25/092020**
Comment regarding siting of benches at Burrill Road
11. From: **Hambleton DC Leisure** Date **26/092020**
Information regarding temporary closure of the swimming pool at Bedale Leisure Centre
12. From: **NYCC** Date **28/09/2020**
Sharing proposals for a new unitary authority in North Yorkshire, excluding the City of York.
13. From: **Hambleton DC Planning** Date **03/11/2020**
Certification of registration for new address at "Spring Byre", Springfield Farm