

DATE: Monday 11th October 2021
TIME: 8.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Hallett (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, Malcolm Young
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public (MoP)

080.2122	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none
081.2122	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kayleigh Catford.
082.2122	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 th September 2021: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
083.2122 083.1 083.2	Updates from minutes: (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Grasscutting – the Council RESOLVED that the tender documents circulated to the working group were suitable to go out to potential contractors, with a deadline in mid-December for receipt of tenders and a working group appointment recommendation to go forward to January’s Council meeting. Possible new estate at Southlands – the Council heard from Councillors who had attended the meeting with Hambleton DC planners and the developers that there remain a number of issues of contention, including: the number of 2.5 storey dwellings planned; ‘clumping’ of affordable housing units; the relationship of new buildings to the existing Southlands bungalow; the positioning of access roads and entrance/s; the absence of a pavement alongside the development on South End; the play area being peripheral to the development; and the general density and number of units planned. The Council AGREED that it would maintain a watching brief as revised or new planning applications came forward. The Council also heard that neither NYCC Cllr John Weighell nor any of his family any longer had a pecuniary interest in this site.
084.2122 084.1	Reports of recent activity: Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors: Cllrs Barningham, Coates, Hallett and Noone had attended a meeting of Bedale Hall Trustees, and reported that the theft of lead from the roof was a devastating blow, but that thankfully the Ballroom had not suffered any of the resultant flooding. The roof had been made watertight and the matter was now

084.2	<p>in the hands of the Hall’s insurers. They also reported that the upgrading of the Hall’s electrics would be complete in mid-October. Cllrs Catford and Mollard had attended a meeting of Brand Bedale, and reported that the organisation would remain on hiatus until the new year at least.</p> <p>Reports from District/ County Councillors:</p> <p>Hambleton DC Cllr John Noone reported that parish liaison meetings would return in Spring 2022, and that the annual general meeting of the Bedale Villages and Communities Forum would be held on 27th October.</p> <p>NYCC Cllr John Weighell reported that he had been chairing a working group on warding arrangements for the new unitary authority, fitting 490,000 electors as appropriately as possible into 90 seats. Their report has now gone forward to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.</p>
084.3	<p>Report from North Yorkshire Police</p> <p>PCSO Heather Lees introduced the quarterly report as circulated. In response to questions from Councillors noted: that “anti-social behaviour” includes Covid breaches and neighbour disputes as well as the more usually understood meanings of that term; that she would ask if drug offences can be compiled separately rather than as part of “other offences”; and that the uptick in violence against the person / domestic violence during the summer could be exacerbated by Covid-related issues. Concerning the recent incidents of petty vandalism at Bridge Street toilets, she suggested that the use of “smart water” inside and improved CCTV outside the units might help.</p> <p>The Council THANKED PCSO Lees for filling in at short notice and on her day off to present and discuss the report.</p>
085.2122	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment – to receive a financial statement and approve payments.</p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments:</p> <p>Staff salaries; Farm and Land Services (grasscutting) £1,840; Christmas Plus Ltd (purchase of Xmas lights) £1,155; Glasdon UK Ltd (purchase of picnic table for Beckside) £593.28; PKF Littlejohn LLP (external audit fee 2020-21) £400; Rentokil Ltd (calmic unit service contract) £390.10; Morgan’s Estate Management (trimming foliage in Bedale Park play area) £450.00; Rentokil Lts (hygiene service contract) £131.40; TWC facilities Ltd (public toilet supplies) £54.00; Asst Clerk (refreshments for annual meeting) £52.00; Bedale Window Cleaning (bandstand cleaning) £45.00; Bedale Hall CIO (ROOM HIRE X3) £45.00); Cllr Mollard (certificate frames for community awards) £39.00; House & Home (sundries for public toilets) £8.66; Market Superintendent (sundries for fitness equipment maintenance) £5.00; and Hambleton DC (temporary event notice for Xmas Market) £21.00.</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £32,132.00 (Hambleton DC, precept #2 of 2); £755.00 (Market, stall rentals); MB Audio Visual (£3,000, Bedale Park hire for music festival, earmarked for bonfire and fireworks); £270.00 (car boot sale fees and refreshments); and £20 (Bedale Park hire).</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £177,437.77.</p>

<p>086.2122</p>	<p>Budget setting The Council RESOLVED that the meeting to agree a draft 2022-23 budget for approval at November's Town Council meeting would take place at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd November at Bedale Hall, <i>ACTION: Clerk to prepare and circulate draft budget ahead of this meeting</i></p>
<p>087.2122</p>	<p>Planning matters There were no new planning applications to consider. The Council NOTED that application 20/01958/FUL for the replacement of a conservatory with an extension at 32 South End had been granted.</p>
<p>088.2122</p>	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations The Council heard from the working group that the following events were planned over the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend: piper playing "Diu Regnare" from the tower of St Gregory's Church on Thursday 2nd June, followed by the lighting of a jubilee beacon; a church service of thanksgiving on Saturday 4th June; and a one-day family event in Bedale Park on Sunday 5th June. The latter would include a fairground, subsidised so rides were free for all; and live music from the bandstand. The working group was also considering whether to provide a Jubilee keepsake for local primary age children. The Council RESOLVED to approve this basic timetable, and further RESOLVED to allocate up to £10,000 as a budget for these events and activities, on the understanding that neighbouring parish councils and the Bedale and Villages Community Forum would be approached for contributions towards defraying these costs and, in the case of the parish councils "buy into" the keepsakes. <i>ACTION: Clerk to contact parish councils and BVCF</i></p>
<p>089.2122</p>	<p>South End disc zone extension The Council NOTED the petition circulated by South End / Barras Terrace / Alexander Terrace residents asking for the South End disc zone to be further extended as far as Harbour View. After discussion the Council RESOLVED that it was in favour of this extension in principle, while also noting that they would not wish to see parking on both sides of the road, and that there would be logistical problems in adding South End Close to the scheme.</p>
<p>090.2122</p>	<p>Christmas Market The Council considered the proposals circulated and RESOLVED to authorise expenditure of £1,223 for a covered stage, PA and operator, and £288 for first aid support, at the Christmas Market on 27th November.</p>
<p>091.2122</p>	<p>Illuminated address parade The Council heard that RAF Leeming is enthusiastic about rescheduling the illuminated address parade for 2022, but that it will be impossible to get a flypast, and difficult to get a band, on a weekend date. The Council therefore RESOLVED that their preferred date for the event would be a Friday in the school summer holidays, with 29th July as the first choice followed by 5th or 12th</p>

	<p>August. The Council then RESOLVED to set up a working group consisting of Cllrs Coates, Hallett, Mollard and Young, and the Clerk, to liaise with RAF Leeming in the scheduling and planning of this event.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: <i>Clerk to progress</i></p>
092.2122	<p>Bedale Park play area</p> <p>The Council considered the issue of lines of sight to their children for parents/carers in the play area, and RESOLVED to commission the removal of the gate at the north-west side of the play area (adjacent to the zipline) and its replacement with fencing for the hedge to grow along, at a cost of £80. This will mean that parents/carers sat on the play area benches will be able to see both remaining exits.</p>
093.2122	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:55pm.

SIGNED: **(Chair)**

DATE:

Appendix A

APPENDIX A

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 9th September – 7th October 2021
(which is not addressed in the substance of the agenda)

1. From: **PKF Littlejohn LLP** Date **09/09/2021**
End of audit report. Note that the council “should have regard to the level of reserves held when considering future precept requests”, no other issues
2. From: **White Bear FC** Date **13/09/2021**
Information and queries regarding the resumption of Sunday football on the Park
3. From: **Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire** Date **13/09/2021**
Update on services
4. From: **MoP** Date **16/09/2021**
Request for information about recycling facilities re organising a caravan rally
5. From: From: **MoP** Date **19/09/2021**
Comment about parking on the pavement between bridge and station [*referred to NYCC Highways and Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC*]
6. From: **MoP** Date **17/09/2021**
Note of thanks for the Council’s support of the South End disc zone extension, which has “instantly and positively transformed” the quality of life of the correspondent
7. **MoP x3** Date **20-24/09/2021**
Comments on overgrown grass etc around deer sculpture
8. From: **Hambleton DC** Date **22/09/2021**
Information on workshops to enable businesses / communities to become more cycle-friendly
9. From: **Bedale Hall** Date **27/09/2021**
Information about the theft of lead from the Hall roof and implications for office users
10. From: **Zurich Insurance** Date **28/09/2021**
Information that the compensation claim regarding an injury to a MoP during a 2019 car boot sale has been closed with no payments made or liability attached.
11. From: **MoP** Date **30/09/2021**
Request for support in asking NYCC Highways to repair potholes on the unadopted part of The Wynd, when and if they resurface the adopted part of it.
12. From: **Bedale and Villages Community Forum** Date **01/10/2021**
Notice of AGM at 7pm on Weds 27 Oct in Bedale Hall
13. From: **NYCC** Date **01/10/2021**
Information about forthcoming “Respect and Protect” campaign rolling out on high streets across the county including Bedale Market Place

14. From: **NYCC Highways** Date **01/10/2021**
Information about road closures in Crakehall for resurfacing from 10th October for four weeks
15. From: **Community Works Youth Service** Date **04/10/2021**
Offer of donation of a Guy to the Bedale Bonfire following a forthcoming “build a Guy” youth group session. *[Clerk’s note; the offer has been accepted with gratitude by the Bonfire and Fireworks Working Group]*
16. From: **Reeth PC** Date **05/10/2021**
Request for information about the manufacturer of the Bedale Park bandstand
17. From: **MoP x many** Date **various**
Car boot sale enquiries
18. From: **MoP x many** Date **various**
Enquiries about Christmas Market stalls