

DATE: Monday 12th September 2022
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Mike Barningham, Kayleigh Catford, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public [MoP]

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| 22.65 | Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: Cllr Barningham declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 22.72, re applications 22/01744/FUL, 22/01788/FUL, and 22/01853/LBC. |
| 22.66 | Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr John Noone. |
| 22.67 | Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8 th August 2022: The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair. |
| 22.68 | Ordinary vacancy The Council heard that the candidate who would to have attended this meeting would not be available due to illness, and agreed that, rather than co-opting in the candidate's absence, the matter should be deferred to October's agenda. |
| 22.69 | Updates from minutes – not covered elsewhere on the agenda |
| 22.691 | Grass cutting at the roundabout – The Council noted that all permissions are now in place for Bedale Golf Club to cut the grass at the roundabout and the verge between the deer sculpture and the club. The golf club is now working out internally how it can manage this. The Council agreed that there is no need for this item to stay on the agenda until or unless either the cutting needs to be considered as an in-house action, or planning permission is required for an acknowledgement sign. |
| 22.692 | CCTV – The Clerk reported that it is possible to erect CCTV in Bedale Park without needing access to street light poles, by running power from Bedale Hall's existing sockets on the park via a trench to a pole installed near the large central oak tree. A camera here would cover the entire Park while concentrating on the skate park, new play/fitness equipment, and younger children's play area. This would be subject to Bedale Hall approval for use of electricity (at the Council's expense), and a cost of c. £5-6,000 for installation, plus £850p.a. for SIM card monitoring. The Council RESOLVED to consider this expenditure once quotes have been obtained for the trench work. |
| | ACTION – Clerk to progress |

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| <p>22.70 22.701</p> | <p>Reports of recent activity: Reports from external body meetings attended by Town Councillors: There was no relevant activity to report. Reports from District/ County Councillors: Hambleton District Cllr Barningham reported that several meetings had naturally been cancelled due to the period of mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Bedale Leisure Centre is due to be fully re-opened by 16th September, with solar panels and LED lighting fitted to support carbon reduction. NYCC Cllr Webster reported that most activity at county level continued to be around the transition to the new unitary authority. The current proposal is for each area planning committee to be based around two parliamentary constituencies, in this case Richmond (Yorks) and Skipton & Ripon, but that is thought by many not to be sufficiently local.</p> |
| <p>22.71</p> | <p>Financial statement and approvals for payment: The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries including annual leave cover for caretaker; HMRC (PAYE qtr 2) £868.76; Streetscape Ltd (new swings at Southfields) £4,995+VAT; Morgan's (grasscutting and grounds maintenance, seeds and blubs for wildflower verge) £3,385.75; Streetscape Ltd (play area repairs) £625.00+VAT; YLCA (conference fee x2) £240.00; Arborlutions (tree surgery) £160.00 SLCC (annual membership, Asst Clerk) £134.00; TWC Ltd (toilet rolls) £68.50+VAT; Rentokil (water saver rental at Bridge St toilets) £50.94+VAT; and Bedale Hall CIO (electricity for Park) £12.00. Credit card payments of £68.00 to Post Office Counters (stamps) and £135.98+VAT to Viking Direct (stationery) were noted and approved. Receipts were noted in August of: £21,045.23 (Persimmon Ltd via Hambleton DC, commuted sum re Calvert Way play area); £588.05 (NYCC, grasscutting contribution); £664.00 (Market stall rentals); £30.00 (Bedale Park hire fees); £120.00 (car boot sale fees); £29.00 (Bridge St toilets entry fees); £941.40 (Bonfire and fireworks car boot sale takings); £500.00 (car boot sale catering concession); and £150.00 (Xmas market stall fees) The Council's cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £74,285.38</p> |
| <p>22.72</p> | <p>Planning matters The Council considered the following planning applications: Regarding 22/01744/FUL for replacement of an asbestos roof and repairs to masonry at Hambleton Street Sweeper's Shed behind 13 Market Place, the Council RESOLVED that it supports the application Regarding 22/01788/FUL and 22/01853/LBC for installation of an automatic car park barrier at Bedale Hall, North End, the Council RESOLVED that it opposes the application, on the planning grounds that the design and particularly placement would detract from the visual amenity of the grade 1 listed building, and with the comment that placing the new barrier where the existing gate is would solve at least the latter problem; Regarding 22/01812/FUL for change of use of two parking bays to form a permanent outside seating area at Institution Cafe, 42 Market Place, the Council RESOLVED that it supports the application; And regarding 22/02004/TPO for work to two trees subject to tree protection orders at Easby's Field, the Council RESOLVED that it supports the application.</p> |

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| | <p>The Council NOTED the granting by Hambleton DC of: 22/00367/LBC, for painting the external ground floor shop windows and door and internal walls and ceilings at 18 Market Place; 22/01463/FUL for the erection of three 7m high flagpoles at Bedale Golf Club, North End; 22/01477/FUL for part conversion of a garage to habitable room and associated works at 9 Javelin Way; and 22/01720/CAT for the felling of trees in a conservation area, at 33 South End.</p> |
| 22.73 | <p>Jubilee oak tree The Council considered the purchase of a 16'-18' semi-mature oak tree to replace the Hambleton DC jubilee oak which has suffered from vandalism and drought, and RESOLVED to make this purchase at a cost of not more than £337, less a £50 contribution from HDC. It was noted that the iron cage currently surrounding a now-mature tree at Burrill Road would be repurposed to protect the new tree.</p> |
| 22.74 | <p>Image usage The Council considered a request from a local business to use the graphic part of the Bedale Town Council logo for souvenir production, and RESOLVED to allow this on the condition that all items' designs are submitted to the Clerk in advance to ensure Council approval.</p> |
| 22.75 | <p>Fence at Stapleton Close The council considered the replacement of a fence at Stapleton Close which has become ivy-bound due to long-term creeping from a BTC-managed hedge. Considering the quote received to be expensive, and noting that two other quotes have been sought and that it may be possible to clear the ivy without removing the fence, the Council RESOLVED to make no decision on this matter until further information becomes available.</p> |
| 22.76 | <p>Posts and chains within Bedale Park The Council RESOLVED to commission the repainting of posts, and repainting and rust treatment of chains, in Bedale Park around the car park, at a cost not exceeding £880</p> |
| 22.77 | <p>Mayor's charity tea The Council RESOLVED to run an afternoon tea on 29th April 2023 in aid of the Mayor's charities (Bedale Scouts & Guides, and Trinity Holistic Centre), subject to enough tickets being sold to cover costs by six weeks before the event.</p> |
| 22.78 | <p>Civility and Respect Pledge The Council RESOLVED to sign the National Association of Local Councils Civility and Respect Pledge, agreeing that Bedale Town Council does and will continue to treat councillors, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles.</p> |
| 22.79 | <p>Remembrance Day The Council RESOLVED to cover the costs of post-parade refreshments for veterans, scouts and guides, and other participants in the annual Remembrance Day parade, at a cost not exceeding £50</p> |

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| <p>22.80</p> | <p>Additional toilet facilities</p> <p>Cllr Howe introduced this item by noting that in some towns, arrangements are in place for businesses, including but not limited to pubs and cafes, to offer the use of their toilet facilities to customers and non-customers, in the interests of promoting their town and with information about availability circulated via tourist information. The Council AGREED that this was an idea worth investigating further, either in addition to or instead of the continued provision of the Bridge Street toilets.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Cllr Howe to liaise with businesses, draft with the Clerk an invitation letter, and report back to a future meeting with a proposal and budget (if any)</i></p> |
| <p>22.81</p> | <p>Correspondence (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p> |

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:35pm

SIGNED: _____ **(Chair)**

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 5th August – 4th September 2022

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

1. From: **MoP** Date: **05/08/2022**
Enquiry about “Rock the Town” festival [*Clerk’s note: this is not happening in 2022 but is hoped to return for the 2023 August bank holiday*]
2. From: **MoP** Date: **05/08/2022**
Raising several questions about a proposed development in Aiskew
3. From: **Hambleton DC** Date: **05/08/2022**
Formal notification of concerns over the management of the road closure for the illuminated address parade (per agenda item 22.571)
4. From: **MoP** Date: **05/08/2022**
Concerns re lack of cycle paths locally
5. From: **Hambleton DC legal** Date: **08/08/2022**
Notification of the transfer of commuted sum in regard of the Town Council taking possession of the Calvert Way play area and surrounds
6. From: **MoP** Date: **09/08/2022**
Asking if NYCC Highways could consider the poor state of road lining in town, and institute a yellow-box area at the west end of The Wynd
7. From: **NYCC Public Rights of Way** Date: **16/08/2022**
Enquiry re ownership of Becks side path
8. From: **NYCC Highways** Date: **16/08/2022**
Notification of road closures for resurfacing at Emgate and Wycar/Wynd
9. From: **MoP** Date: **17/08/2022**
Report of anti-social behaviour at Bedale Bridge area
10. From: **NYCC** Date: **18/08/2022**
Update on progress towards the new unitary North Yorkshire Council
11. From: **Yorkshire Society** Date: **18/08/2022**
Report and documentation from Yorkshire Day event in Keighley
12. From: **YLCA** Date: **25/08/2022**
Information from Yorkshire Water re hosepipe ban starting on 26th August
13. From: **MoP** Date: **26/08/2022**
Query about a possibly abandoned car on a private roadway within the town
14. From: **Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire** Date: **26/08/2022**

Update on activity during the year 2021-22

15. From: **MoP** Date: **28/08/2022**
Enquiry about possible use of Bedale Hall as a “warm shelter” during the winter for local people struggling with fuel bills. *[Addressed to Bedale Hall, BTC copied in.]*
16. From: **MoP** Date: **01/09/2022**
Report of carved heart within an old tree trunk at Bedale Park becoming ivy-bound
17. From: **20s Plenty in North Yorkshire** Date: **01/09/2022**
Round up of activity while celebrating the first anniversary of this campaign
18. From: **St Gregory’s Churchwardens** Date: **19/08/2022**
Information that the church clock is 150 years old in November 2023, and request to consider ways in which the church and town could commemorate this event
19. From: **MoP x several** Date: **various**
Reports/complaints of anti-social behaviour and vandalism. *[Clerk’s note: In all cases correspondents were requested to report the events as having happened to NY Police.]*
20. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**
Queries about car boot sales