

DATE: Monday 13th February 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public [MoP]

22.130	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
22.131	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mike Barningham.
22.132	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 th January 2023 The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
22.133	Casual vacancies The Council NOTED the resignations of Cllr Paul Stopford on 30 th January and Cllr Kayleigh Catford on 6 th February. If there is not sufficient interest in the positions for a by-election to be called, the Council would be able to fill the vacancies by co-option at March's meeting.
22.134 22.1341 19:10 pm 19:13 pm 22.1342	Updates from minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda. Church clock – The Council heard that three days of celebrations are planned from 25 th to 27 th August to mark the 150 th Anniversary of the Church clock and bell. The next meeting of the Church's working group on 1 st March would be to agree a list of events. <i>Cllrs Ingham, Noone and Howe left the meeting.</i> <i>Cllrs returned to the meeting.</i> Christmas events – Cllr Mollard reported that following a meeting between the Council, Bedale Community Forum, and members of the public, the Community Forum-run Christmas Festival would be held on Saturday 25 th November and the Council-run Bedale Christmas market and lights switch on would be held on Sunday 3 rd December, with the lights switch on at 4.30pm.
22.135 22.1351 22.1352	Reports of recent activity Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors Cllr Mollard reported that a YLCA Hambleton branch meeting was to be held on 15 th February. Cllr Howe had attended a meeting with the Tourist Information Centre which heard that visitor numbers in the town were nearly back to pre-Covid levels. Reports from District/ County Councillors Hambleton District Cllr John Noone reported that HDC had allocated up to £170k for heritage street lighting in Bedale. A presentation would be arranged as soon as possible for the Town Council.

	<p>NYCC Cllr David Webster reported that he had attended a seminar on 1st February where the budget shortfall of £30m for the new North Yorkshire Council was discussed. He added that Council Tax bills would rise by 4.99% in April.</p>
22.136	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries; Association of Local Council Clerks £50 (Clerk membership); Morgan’s £1,045.00 (repairs to Beckside); Thomas Fattorini £790.41 (refurbishment of Mayoral chains); Morgan’s £750.00 (hedge removal at Stapleton Close); Bedale Skip Hire Ltd £395.52 (skip for bonfire event); Cllr Coates £259.44 (Mayor’s expenses); Society of Local Council Clerks £236.00 (Clerk membership); C. Garrod £115 (Xmas lunch expenses); Bedale Hall CIO £99.88 (office heating Oct-Dec); Arborlutions £95.00 (tree work at Stapleton Cl); Bedale Window Cleaning £45.00 (bandstand cleaning); YLCA £25.00 (grants webinar); and Arborlutions £250.00 (tree survey)</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £70,756.53.</p>
22.137	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>Regarding 23/00029/LBC listed building consent for the renewal of a back wood-painted frosted sash kitchen window and solid wood door at 3 Albert Row: The Council RESOLVED that it supports this application, with a caveat that it would prefer the door to remain white;</p> <p>Regarding 23/00163/CAT for felling of two trees within a conservation area at 43 Greendale Court, the Council RESOLVED that it supports the application;</p> <p>Regarding 23/00214/MRC for a variation of conditions at 9 Firby Road, to allow for the first floor of one of the new properties to extend over the garage, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to the application;</p> <p>And regarding 23/00232/FUL for alteration and extension to rear of property and construction of carport and store at 4 Sussex Terrace, the Council RESOLVED this it supports the application.</p> <p>The Council also noted decisions necessarily arrived at between meetings, to have no objection to applications 22/00063/MRC and 22/02768/LBC.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the granting by Hambleton DC of 22/02004/TPO at Queen Annes Drive; 22/02088/FUL at 9 Cascade Court; and 22/02752/FUL at 10 Peirse Close, and the refusal of 22/02787/CAT at 33 South End.</p>
22.138	<p>Christmas Day meal 2023</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED that Bedale Town Council should be the administrator and financial manager of this event, to allow public money to be received and spent in an appropriate and transparent manner.</p>
22.139	<p>Bridge Street toilets</p> <p>The Council NOTED that in its an online public survey, 52% had voted to see the toilets closed (25% saying the Council should support Market Place businesses to offer toilet facilities, 21% that Bedale Park toilets should be the only facility on offer, and 6% that the disabled toilet only should remain open), with 48% voting to see the toilets kept open (35% with increased expenditure and 13% as they are now). The Clerk reported that Hambleton DC had expressed an interest in the fate of the toilets and, noting this, the Council AGREED to hold over further discussion until March’s meeting.</p>

<p>22.140</p>	<p>Barclays Bank The Council NOTED with regret Barclays Bank’s plans to close its Bedale branch on 26th April. The Clerk and Cllr Howe are to have a meeting with Barclays staff to discuss how the company proposes to work with those of its customers who do not bank online and find it hard to get to the nearest other branch in Northallerton, and how the Council’s cash and banking needs related to the bonfire event can be best fulfilled.</p>
<p>22.141</p>	<p>Coronation The Council heard that Murphy’s Funfair was already booked between 4th to 8th May, and the car boot sale would also take place on the morning of the 6th May, with a service at St Gregory’s that afternoon. The Council RESOLVED to consider the cost of displaying bunting in the Market Place. <i>ACTION: Assistant Clerk to consult with E&P Electrics about bunting installation</i></p>
<p>22.142</p>	<p>Date of April and May meetings As what would have been the normally scheduled dates for these meetings fall on bank holidays, the Council RESOLVED to move the dates to 17th April and 15th May respectively.</p>
<p>22.143</p>	<p>Annual Parish Meeting / Bedale Community Awards The Council considered two nominations for community awards from a member of the public and RESOLVED to approve these nominations, should they be accepted. The Council AGREED to consider a suitable organisation to deliver a brief presentation as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
<p>22.144</p>	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided – see Appendix A)</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:26 pm.

SIGNED: _____ **(Chair)**

DATE:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 6th January 2023 – 9th February 2023

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

1. From: **Rishi Sunak MP** Date: **04/01/2023**
Thanking the Council for, but declining, the invitation to attend the Christmas Lights switch-on
2. From: **MoP x2** Date: **08/01/2023**
Enquiries about the legal position of gating off the private road running south-west from the back door of Morrisons (41 Market Place)
3. From: **Diocese of York Closed Churches Office** Date: **11/01/2023**
Enquiring about potential community use for the closed St John's Church, Skipton-on-Swale
4. From: **Hambleton DC Street Addressing** Date: **11/01/2023**
Confirming road names for the new Southlands estate, based on Yorkshire's Dales
5. From: **NY Police** Date: **16/01/2023**
Update on Christmas Day incidents
6. From: **Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School** Date: **23/01/2023**
Request for information about advertising on roundabouts and roadsides
7. From: **North One TV** Date: **24/01/2023**
Request for permission to film a short television section on Bedale Beck
8. From: **MoP** Date: **24/01/2023**
Further enquiries regarding the unadopted verge by 78 Queen Anne's Drive
9. From: **Bedale Allotment Society** Date: **25/01/2023**
Notification of change of membership secretary (now Mark Thompson, 07584-076569)
10. From: **MoP x several** Date: **27/01/2023**
Comments / requests for information regarding the closure of Barclays Bank in Bedale
11. From: **MoP** Date: **30/01/2023**
Thanking the Council for replacing the "no dogs" sign at Southfields play area.
12. From: **Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC** Date: **30/01/2023**
Request for information about Bedale Park letting policies.
13. From: **MoP** Date: **06/02/2023**
Request for information about banner advertising at Bedale Park
14. From: **MoP x several** Date: **various**
Enquiries re 2023 car boot sales