

BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2007

PRESENT: Councillor M Young (Mayor)
Councillor W Reynolds (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor M Batty
Councillor R Calvert
Councillor G Drury
Councillor E Dunning
Councillor A Metcalfe
Councillor M Megson (left 10:05)
Councillor R Pocklington
Councillor C Roberts
R Howard (Town Clerk)

199.2007 APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

200.2007 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Councillor R Calvert - 07/02891/FUL

201.2007 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Having been circulated, the Minutes of the Meeting held 15th October were **approved** as a correct record.

202.2007 POLICE REPORT:

a) Report from police representative

The Council received a report from the North Yorkshire Police a copy of which is attached to the minutes. Councillors noted the continued investigative work in connection with 'alcohol free zones' and 'dispersal orders' and were pleased to learn that following the successful policing of the bonfire and fireworks event, future events would be similarly policed.

Reference was made to parking issues along Wycar creating pedestrian hazards and traffic flow difficulties and the North Yorkshire Police were asked if they could look into this.

b) Cascade Court

Council were advised of various options considered to reduce or eliminate the anti social problems around Cascade Court and further information would be provided to the Council at a future meeting.

203.2007 BONFIRE

It was **resolved** that item 13 on the agenda would be dealt with as item 5.

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John Noone presented a post bonfire & firework display report. In it he indicated the event had been very successful resulting in a significant increase in income and a turnover of £6000. He thanked everyone for their support and advised the Council he would be retiring from his role as organiser of the event. The Chairman thanked John for his considerable input into its organisation over the last 20 years and acknowledged his willingness to meet with the future organiser to pass on any information required.

204.2007 CAR BOOT SALE

It was **agreed** to hold a stakeholder meeting in Bedale Hall on the 7th January from 7:00 pm. The Clerk was asked to write to stakeholders inviting them to the meeting which would provide an opportunity to hear views on any issues related to the organisation of the sales. It was **agreed** the Council representatives attending the meeting would be Councillors Young, Reynolds, Batty and Roberts.

205.2007 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

It was noted the documentation relating to the proposals for the Bedale area together with the notification of a public meeting had not reached all Councillors. The Clerk advised the information was circulated from the 25th October, emails distributed where possible and posters located in the Town. The Clerk was requested to identify the date on which the documentation was sent to the Town Council although it was recognised its receipt to the Town Council office may have been delayed by postal workers strike action.

Councillor Reynolds reported on the evening meeting and a copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

It was **agreed** the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, would complete the questionnaire accompanying the documentation.

206.2007 HAMBLETON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Council **agreed** to invite the Hambleton District Council representative dealing with this topic to a future meeting.

207.2007 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Council reviewed the content of a letter from Councillor Drury outlining possible measures for traffic management improvements in the Town. It was noted that items 1, 3 and 7 had previously been discussed and decisions and/or actions taken. In respect of items 4 and 5, the Clerk was requested to write to the North Yorkshire County Council suggesting the parking area to the south west of the White Bear junction be marked in herringbone fashion and to ask for an update on the NYCC position for the Firby Road/Masham Road junction.

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208.2007 HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL CCTV

It was reported the Hambleton District Council had indicated the way leaves covering the installation of cameras to two of the banks in Bedale were to be completed imminently and this would be followed closely by the CCTV installation. It was also noted the supervisor of the CCTV operational centre had invited Councillors to visit the centre to see the system functioning and Councillors were asked, once the completion date was established, to advise the Clerk if they wished to attend.

Entrance Signs

Councillors noted the content of the correspondence from Mark Haynes of the Hambleton District Council indicating the current position with regard to the procurement of 'millstone' entrance signs and decorative finger posts.

209.2007 BEDALE PARK

Youth Shelter

It was reported that no further details had been received in connection with grant funding for this project. The Clerk was requested to follow up the matter with the funding officer dealing with the youth shelter provision.

Barrier proposals

Council **agreed to** consider arrangements for control of car boot sale traffic within the park at the stakeholder meeting as referred to in minute 213.2007.

Quotation for repairs to aerial slide

The expected quotation had not been received and the Clerk would seek quotations from other contractors.

ROSPA

The Council was advised that the ROSPA play area inspection report was similar in content to the previous year and referred to a number of low risk and medium risk items particularly related to trip hazards. Although it was thought there was no immediate cause for concern the Council was requested to consider planning to meet the cost of reducing the identified risks.

210.2007 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was reported that the Christmas tree was due to be delivered during week commencing 19th November and would be put in place on the 25th November. It was also noted the Bedale Brass Band had been asked to attend the 'switch on' on the 1st December as had the Festival Choir.

Volunteers were requested to assist with the installation of the lighting strings as any pre preparation would ensure the contractor, appointed for fixing the strings in place, would be on site for the minimal amount of chargeable time. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Councillor Calvert and the contractor to agree an installation date, examine access issues etc.

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211.2007 BECKSIDE

Councillors were informed that Mark Haynes (Hambleton District Council) had indicated the funding for the repairs to the beck side would be entirely in place during November. To minimise any possibility of delay the Council **agreed** to underwrite the project subject to confirmation that all grant streams were in place.

212.2007 MARKET

Councillors noted the Market Superintendent contract had been signed.

Councillor Reynolds **agreed** to approach an existing market trader with a view to them providing superintendent cover during times of absence.

213.2007 QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND WEDDING

The Clerk was asked to send an appropriate message of congratulations to the Queen on the occasion of her diamond wedding.

214.2007 BUDGET

Details of the current and expected year end financial position compared to budget were made available to Councillors. Copies of a draft budget for 2008/9 were also distributed with a view to agreeing the budget at the December meeting.

215.2007 REPORTS OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETINGS

There was nothing further to report other than items already discussed.

216.2007 CORRESPONDENCE

Item 3 Councillors noted the Hambleton District Council correspondence indicating Persimmon's were developing a new proposal for the Masham Road development including access from Masham Road.

Item 7 The Clerk reported the telecommunications contract with TalkTalk had ceased and other arrangements were under consideration. Council **agreed** a new contract could be entered into subject to the costs being comparable.

Item 20 It was noted the Chairman would be attending the meeting at RAF Leeming covering the plans for the station over the next 18 months.

Item 21 Councillor Reynolds indicated she would be attending the Northallerton Voluntary Association AGM on the 4th December.

Additional correspondence items 2 & 3

Both the Rt Hon William Hague and Anne McIntosh had responded to the letter inviting them to a public meeting dealing with the 'Bedale Relief Road' and neither had indicated a willingness to attend. Council therefore **agreed**, before pursuing the matter any further, that they should first be aware of the government minister decision with regard to the A1 Dishforth to Barton Improvement scheme.

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217.2007 PLANNING

1. APPLICATIONS:

Hambleton District Council

Ref: 07/01701/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Retrospective application for the installation of pigeon netting at existing building

Location: 8 Market Place

Applicant: Northern General Properties Ltd.

Ref: 07/02891/FUL

REFUSED

Proposal: First floor extension, three storey extension and installation of 2 doors and a roof light

Location: 5 South End

Applicant: Spacial Design Ltd

Ref: 07/03195/LBC

APPROVED

Proposal: Retrospective application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of pigeon netting at existing building

Location: 8 Market Place

Applicant: Northern General Properties Ltd

2. DECISIONS:

The following decision notices have been received from Hambleton District Council:

Ref: 07/02249/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Siting of a summer house

Location: 7 Firby Road

Applicant: Mr H G Whitling

Ref: 07/02955/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling

Location: 14 Bowe Crescent

Applicant: Mr P Morton

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218.2007 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Finance Schedule and Approval of Cheque Payments (papers distributed)

Receipts totalled £22,416.00. Cheque Payments totalling £12,940.43 were **approved**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 10:15 pm.