

BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 12th MARCH 2007

PRESENT: Councillor M Young (Mayor)
Councillor W Reynolds (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor M Barningham
Councillor R Calvert
Councillor E Dunning
Councillor M Megson
Councillor R Pocklington
Councillor J Weighell
R Howard (Town Clerk)

038.2007 APOLOGIES:

There were apologies from Councillors Roberts and Stothard.

039.2007 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were no declarations of interest.

040.2007 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Having been circulated, the Minutes of the Meeting held 12th February were **approved** as a correct record.

041.2007 POLICE REPORT:

A copy of the Police report is attached. It was noted that there were no fines outstanding in the Bedale township connected with the issue of fixed penalty tickets. Councillors were pleased to note the appointment of Sergeant Stuart Grainger and took the view that longer service in the post would be of benefit to the Town.

042.2007 MARKET RENTS

The Market Superintendent, Ken Billings, presented a proposal to change the structure and level of charges for market rents as set out in the background paper. The Council thanked Ken for his work and **approved** the revision to the rent.

043.2007 FRENCH MARKET

It was reported that both the Hambleton District Council and the North Yorkshire County Council had no objection to the market being located in any part of the Market Place. Council asked the Clerk to ascertain the location favoured by the organisers of the French Market.

044.2007 ROAD LIGHTING

The correspondence from the North Yorkshire County Council and the Hambleton District Council was noted and it was agreed that any further consideration on this item

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should be deferred until the Hambleton District Council street lighting survey had been completed.

045.2007 DISABLED TOILET BLOCK/OAK SEAT PRESENTED BY ASKHAM BRYAN

It was noted that representatives from organisations involved with both projects and the press had been invited to an opening ceremony on the 15th March. Councillor Barningham had conducted an inspection of the disabled toilet block and reported that the work had been completed satisfactorily and considered the contractor, Mr D Wilkinson, had done a very good job. Whilst the cost of the project had exceeded original estimates, this had largely been the result of amendments to planning requirements related to disabled facilities. Councillors were pleased to note that financial support had been provided by the Rector and Four & Twenty and the Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum to a sum of £4000 and £500 respectively.

The Clerk was requested to obtain an estimate for the provision of a sign reminding users to leave the facility as users would wish to find them.

Councillor Reynolds will prepare an item about the opening of the disabled toilets for inclusion in the local newspaper.

046.2007 BEDALE BECK

The expenditure of £151 was **approved** for the provision of a warning sign to be situated near the harbour.

It was reported that the Environment Agency had been asked if they would provide assistance in drawing up a specification for the work required to reduce/eliminate erosion of the beck side bank.

The Clerk was requested to write to the North Yorkshire County Council with a view to them making repairs to the beck side footpath where tree roots were undermining the surface.

047.2007 FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

Councillor Young advised that the Commanding Officer of the 100 Squadron at RAF Leeming had expressed an interest in participating in a 'Freedom of the Town' initiative. This may involve Squadron aircraft bearing the Town emblem and Squadron personnel involvement in Town ceremonial occasions. A meeting with the Commanding Officer has been arranged for 27th March.

Council noted the developments and were supportive of the initiative and the continuation of the dialogue with the Commanding Officer.

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048.2007 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

With regard to the broken seat at South End, the Clerk was asked to contact Broadacres advising them of the damage and asking for their proposed course of action. It was noted the damaged seat had been removed.

Council **agreed** that the damaged commemorative seat removed from the northern end of Bedale Park should be replaced in its former location following its repair.

Council **approved** an estimate for pruning work required to a tree located on an easement strip in Peirse Close.

049.2007 NOTICE BOARD

Council **approved** an expenditure of no more than £400 for the provision of a traditional notice board to be installed on the wall of the Tourist Information Point.

050.2007 BEDALE SCOUTS & GUIDES

The Clerk was asked to write approving the use of Bedale Park for the launching of balloons on the 8th July.

The Clerk was asked to check with Allianz Cornhill as to the public liability insurance arrangements that might apply for the Summer Celebration event.

051.2007 PLANTERS

Councillor Reynolds presented a report identifying costs and plans for the future maintenance of the planters and hanging baskets in the Market Place. Council **approved** the arrangements including the purchase and planting of plants by Northdale Horticulture. Councillor Reynolds will contact the Chamber of Trade with regard to the Chamber offsetting the costs of watering the hanging baskets.

052.2007 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Council **agreed** to the appointment of Avis Thomas and Bryan Metcalf as internal auditors. The Clerk will contact the Bedale Burial Board and the Aiskew & Leeming Parish Council with a view to those organisations sharing costs.

053.2007 ELECTION PROCESS

Councillors were provided with a schedule of pre election key dates and were advised that nomination papers were due to be received into the Town Council office in the next few days. The Clerk was asked to prepare an article for the local newspaper indicating the election process would be taking place and inviting local residents to become involved if they were so minded.

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054.2007 IMPLEMENTATION OF BUDGET PLANS

Council **agreed** that this should be taken as a private item

055.2007 REPORTS OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETINGS

It was reported that the Burial Board had agreed an increase in fees and the establishment of a new 'Garden of Rest'. Work was going ahead on the preparation of the new area of grave yard.

056.2007 CORRESPONDENCE

Members referred to a list of items of correspondence.

Item 2 It was noted that additional funding for the Town Caretaker was not available from Yorkshire Forward directly. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chair of the Bedale and Villages Community Plan Forum setting out the specific funding requirement.

Item 16 Councillors were advised that the SCR Landscapes had been appointed to prune the tree in Peirse Close.

Item 19 The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Short indicating that ice cream sales could not be permitted at the car boot sales.

Item 23 Councillors were advised that the work to eliminate the standing water at the entrance to Bedale Park would go ahead but the excavations would not invade the highway embankment.

Item 26 Councillors acknowledged that the purchase of a PC and software would be made from Evesham Technology.

Additional correspondence Item 1 The nominations from the Town Council were agreed and the Clerk was asked to complete the voting paper and submit it to the Hambleton District Council.

Additional correspondence Item 2 The request for a donation by the Bedale Scout and Guide Group would be considered along with other applications at a meeting in May or June.

Additional correspondence Item 3 Councillors acknowledged the responsibility for the disabled toilet damage excess as part of the insurance arrangements arranged by the Bedale Hall Management Committee. Council also understands that any additional premium related to the disabled toilet facilities will be chargeable to the Town Council.

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057.2007 PLANNING

1. APPLICATIONS:

Ref: 07/00470/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling

Location: 4 Grange Road

Applicant: Mrs P Singleton

REFUSED

Ref: 06/00568/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling

Location: 103A South End

Applicant: Mr Spence

REFUSED

Richmondshire District Council

Proposal: Outline application for mixed use town centre scheme, Catterick Garrison.

Council to keep this matter under review.

2. DECISIONS:

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

Ref: 06/02983/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Construction of a detached domestic garage

Location: 23 Brookside Avenue

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Court

Ref: 06/02964/OUT

APPROVED

Proposal: Outline planning permission for a residential development.

Location: 23 Masham Road

Applicant: Persimmon Homes Yorkshire Ltd

Ref: 07/00042/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Application for replacement roof, alterations to window and door, erect new screening and canopy extension to existing pub.

Location: Black Swan 19 Market Place

Applicant: Scottish & Newcastle Pub Enterprises

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Ref: 07/00044/LBC

APPROVED

Proposal: Application for listed building consent for replacement roof, alterations to window and door, repaint existing windows, erect new screening and canopy extension to existing pub.

Location: Black Swan 19 Market Place

Applicant: Scottish & Newcastle Pub Enterprises

On the matter of Masham Road (Persimmon) development, Councillors wished to invite representatives from the contractor, Hambleton District Council and the North Yorkshire County Council to discuss, in particular, the entry/exit points from the site. The Clerk was asked to make the arrangements.

058.2007 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Finance Schedule and Approval of Cheque Payments (papers distributed)

Receipts totalled £6,130.46 Cheque Payments totalling £17,335.76 were **approved**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 10:05 pm.