

BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 14th MAY 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 R Pocklington
Councillor C Roberts
R Howard (Town Clerk)

083.2007 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillor Megson.

084.2007 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were no declarations of interest.

085.2007 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Having been circulated, the Minutes of the Meeting held 16th April were **approved** as a correct record.

086.2007 POLICE REPORT:

A copy of the Police report is attached.

Councillors acknowledged the value of the PCSO's in the Town and the Chairman thanked the Police for their report. In response to a question with regard to additional patrols in the Park during a time of 'school study leave' it was indicated that 'hot spots' would continue to receive the additional attention provided by the North Yorkshire Police.

Councillors were aware of a proliferation of litter in the Park and it was **agreed** that litter picking and litterbin provision would be included on the June agenda.

Letters supporting the alternative entry and exit point at Masham Road from the proposed Persimmon Development and also relating to potential traffic calming on Masham Road and Firby Road was passed to the Town Council for forwarding on to Hambleton District Council Planning and North Yorkshire County Council Highways personnel. In addition a letter suggesting CCTV locations in Bedale was provided to the Council so that it may be referred to the Hambleton District Council.

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087.2007 TRANSFER OF LAND

Councillors acknowledged the response from the Hambleton District Council stating 'they would endeavour to ensure the Council are involved in the selection of equipment' and **agreed** the Council would continue to monitor the situation.

088.2007 ROAD/STREET LIGHTING

A response had been received from the Hambleton District Council advising that the assessment of street lighting adequacy takes into account the views of the Community Safety Section and the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator. The assessment particularly considers any reports, crime figures or details of public disorder incidents, any problems raised by the 'Problem Solving Group' for the area and any information on the 'Fear of Crime' for the area.

It was **agreed** that a letter should be sent to Mr Coupe, who wrote to the Town Council referring to the inadequacy of the street lighting, advising him of the District Councils response

089.2007 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The Clerk was asked to request a further copy of the questionnaire with a view to it being completed by the Council representatives as set out in minute 070.2007.

Reference was made to the lack of 'way marking' on certain of the public footpaths in Bedale. The Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of the North Yorkshire County Council Public Rights of Way team.

090.2007 FRENCH MARKET

It was **agreed** that Councillors Young, Reynolds and Batty would form a working group to co-ordinate the visit of the French Market. It was anticipated that a meeting would take place involving representatives from the Town Council, Chamber of Trade, North Yorkshire Police and the 'Marche de France' on either the 6th or 27th June.

091.2007 CHARTER MARKET

It was **agreed** that, subject to the views of the Market Superintendent' affirming an increase in trader attendance, the 'Charter Market' would be advertised through the press and by poster.

092.2007 OFFICE RENTAL ETC.

Councillors **agreed** to invite the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Bedale Hall Management Committee to a meeting with representatives of the Bedale Town Council to consider the following:

- Community use aspect of Bedale Hall

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- Justification for additional charges bearing in mind lack of budgetary provision by the BTC and no prior warning of these charges being levied
- Conflict between the Bedale Town Council providing funds to the Tourist Information Centre for its continued operation and apparently offsetting rental, fuel etc. costs through separate charges.

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093.2007 CODE OF CONDUCT

It was **agreed** the Clerk would provide Councillors with copies of the optional Codes of Conduct so they may decide at a future meeting which Code they wish to adopt.

094.2007 DISABLED TOILETS

Council **approved** the use of the disabled toilets for the 'Rock Concert' and requested the Clerk to ensure the organisers make appropriate additional 'portaloo' provision.

095.2007 REVIEW STANDING ORDERS

It was **agreed** that Councillors Young, Dunning and Metcalfe would review the Standing Orders with the Clerk and bring back any proposals for amendment to the full Council.

096.2007 CORRESPONDENCE

Items 5 & 8 It was **agreed** that the Clerk should endeavour to arrange two public meetings inviting a representative of the North Yorkshire County Council and the Hambleton District Council to attend separately.

Item 22 The Clerk was asked to invite the Hambleton District Council representative to a future meeting to talk about affordable housing.

Item 23 The Council was particularly pleased to learn that the North Yorkshire County Council would be able to provide financial assistance towards the cost of anti erosion measures to the beck side. Members of the Council believed the metalled footway was provided by the North Yorkshire County Council and asked the Clerk to seek confirmation of this and respond to the Public Rights of Way Section.

Item 24 The Council were of the view that the installation of verge markers would aggravate the parking situation in South End and asked the Clerk to advise the North Yorkshire County Council of this opinion.

Additional correspondence Item 4 Council **approved** the use of Bedale Park by the Bedale Under 5's for their annual outing.

Additional correspondence Item 7 It was **agreed** that Councillors Young, Reynolds and Batty would complete the Ipsos/MORI questionnaire on the subject of the Local Government Review and submit it by the due date.

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097.2007 PLANNING

1. APPLICATIONS:

Ref: 07/01129/MRC

Proposal: Application to remove condition no. 4 of planning consent 03/02151/FUL

Location: 22 Market Place

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Stevens

Determination: Delegated Decision **FURTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED**

2. DECISIONS:

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

Ref: 07/00568/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling

Location: 103A South End

Applicant: Mr Spence

Ref: 07/00689/FUL

APPROVED

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling

Location: 3 Oak Tree Road

Applicant: Mr A Mason

098.2007 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Finance Schedule and Approval of Cheque Payments (papers distributed)

Receipts totalled £26,081.74 Cheque Payments totalling £12,264.05 were **approved**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 09:45 pm.