

BEDALE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 8th JANUARY 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 C Roberts
Councillor D Stothard
Councillor J Weighell
R Howard (Town Clerk)

001.2007 APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

002.2007 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Councillors Dunning and Weighell - 06/02715/FUL 06/02830/FUL

003.2007 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Having been circulated, the Minutes of the Meeting held 11th December were **approved** as a correct record.

004.2007 POLICE REPORT:

It was reported that the post of Sergeant had yet to be confirmed and in the meantime Carl Dale continues as Acting Sergeant. It was noted that a detection rate of 33% had been achieved from 160 crimes committed during 2006. The Christmas and New Year period had been relatively quiet with 4 disorder incidents.

Councillors were informed that a matrix sign was due to be erected on Masham Road in the near future and it was also noted that the last speed enforcement was conducted on the Masham Road in early December.

Councillors were pleased to note the regular presence of Community Police in Bedale and it was thought this was having a desirable impact on behaviour issues in the Town.

005.2007 CCTV

The Council was made aware of the Hambleton District Council Cabinet approval for the installation of 3 fixed cameras in Bedale. It was noted that the district Council would be revisiting the original design and issuing tenders to qualified contractors with a view to implementation being achieved by the summer.

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006.2007 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

It was reported that the Town Clerk and the Aiskew & Leeming Parish Clerk had completed the move to the office accommodation in the Tourist Information Point office. The Clerk was asked to report back on the cost of providing various office items including notice board, shredder etc.

007.2007 BEDALE BECK

The Clerk was asked to ensure a representative of the Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum was kept informed of any plans related to reparations around the Bedale Beck area as this may have some relevance to their development plans currently under discussion.

008.2007 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was **agreed** that costs should be obtained for reducing the size of the 'Welcome to Bedale' sign as well as alternative lighting displays. The Clerk was also asked to assess what other possible display locations there were as the current site was unlikely to be available for Christmas 2007.

009.2007 BEDALE PARK TOILETS

In consideration of the additional costs incurred Councillors **agreed** to approach the Rector and Four and Twenty and the Bedale & Villages Community Plan Forum for assistance in meeting the overspend.

010.2007 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Councillors noted the request for a donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau and **agreed** to include it with the list of donation requests for consideration at a Spring meeting.

011.2007 REPORTS OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETINGS

Reference was made to the Trading Standards 'Cold Calling awareness' initiative and Councillors were advised the North Yorkshire Police had identified Tom Hall Court as a potential area of concern.

012.2007 CORRESPONDENCE

Members referred to a list of items of correspondence.

Item 11 The Clerk was asked to write to the Hambleton District Council confirming the Town Councils view that those areas identified as 001A and 001B on the 'Alternative Policy Boundaries – Address List' (North & East of Bedale between Bedale & Aiskew; Bedale Town Centre – Wycar; land around Bedale Hall & land around St Gregory's church) should be DP10 status i.e. 'green wedges' or 'spaces of townscape importance'.

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Additional correspondence Item 1 The Clerk was asked to respond to the Hambleton District Council indicating the Council had already approached the landowner concerning the condition of outbuildings.

Additional correspondence Item 2 The Council requested the Clerk to obtain further information but considered the proposal from the Marche de France Ltd could be accepted in principle with a likely date of the 20th July.

Additional correspondence Item 5 The Clerk was asked to acknowledge Mr Coupe's letter and to place an item on the February agenda concerning road lighting in Bedale.

Additional correspondence Item 7 The Clerk was requested to obtain an assessment of the damage to the planter at the top of Emgate.

Additional correspondence Item 9 Councillor Malcolm Young advised the meeting he had resigned from the Bedale Hall Management Committee.

013.2007 PLANNING

1. APPLICATIONS:

Ref: 06/02715/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing building

Location: 8 Oak Tree Drive

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Shinkfield

SUPPORTED

Ref: 06/02830/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension and replacement conservatory extension to existing dwelling.

Location: 17 Sycamore Drive

Applicant: Rev A Woodhouse

SUPPORTED

014.2007 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Finance Schedule and Approval of Cheque Payments (papers distributed)

Receipts totalled £12737.81. Cheque Payments totalling £7995.86 were **approved**.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 9:15 pm.