

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

	<b>Present</b>
Parish Councillors:	J Kennedy; N Pocklington; J Asquith; I Marr had to leave at 7.30pm to attend another meeting
District Councillors:	M Barningham;
County Councillor:	A Wilkinson
<b>Apologies:</b>	K Whittaker; J Weighell; R Ryde; J Noone; C Les

**Public Question Time Notes:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and started the open forum at 7pm.

**Question:**

**Q1):** Can you confirm if there is a requirement for public liability for the Litter picking groups and if that should be held by parish or themselves. Do you have a requirement to check that liability?

**Answer**

**A1):** The Chair stated that he did not think it was the parish responsibility because we would then have to monitor every event. However, it was a valid point and request the clerk to verify it.

**Action: Clerk to check with YLCA and Bedale Town Council**

**The Chair closed the public session and opened the Parish Meeting.**

91.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and noted the apologies.												
92.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest received.												
93.	<b>Minutes from all meetings dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b> <b>Resolved:</b> All the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.												
94.	<p><b>Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item Ref 19/20</th> <th>Person</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Action taken</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>84</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>Planning All Case to be recorded</td> <td><b>Completed</b> 20/10/19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>88</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td><u>Precept</u> An amount of £28000 was agreed Claim from HDC</td> <td>Completed 18/10/19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item Ref 19/20	Person	Details	Action taken	84	Clerk	Planning All Case to be recorded	<b>Completed</b> 20/10/19	88	Clerk	<u>Precept</u> An amount of £28000 was agreed Claim from HDC	Completed 18/10/19
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95.	<p><b>Parish Vacancies</b> The Chair stated the vacancy was for a councillor in Aiskew and that two candidates had offered their services. However, only one of the candidates was from the Aiskew area and therefore the Parish would like to nominate Carol Gill to be Co-opted at this time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Proposal was from Chair to Co-Opt Carol Gill</b> <b>Seconded by Cllr J Asquith</b> <b>Unanimously agreed</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked Steve Cross for his offer and the parish would certainly consider his</p>												

	request when a vacancy in Leeming Bar arose.
96.	<p><b>External Sector Reports</b></p> <p>1. <u>Police Report</u>  A Report Sgt Perrin was circulated and noted.  The PC was given a short verbal account of the report that had been provided.  The main issue is around the anti-social behaviour that has been happening within the Parish and also Bedale. The police believe that it is the same group of youths that are causing damage in both areas.</p> <p>The police intend installing a roaming camera outside the Co-Op in Leeming Bar which has a 360° view. This can be monitored and any individuals recorded to enable the police to identify and gather evidence against individuals.  This should be done in the next 2/3 weeks.  However, the PC was also made aware that they could purchase one of these cameras at a cost of £2.5K with a maintenance fee of £900pa.</p> <p>The PSPO is still on going by Hambleton District Council</p> <p>There is a Business Forum meeting in Bedale Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5.30pm.</p> <p><b>Q) Can you explain if all 101 calls are captured by your report because discrepancies last month?</b>  <b>A) All reported crimes are given a crime number and we should capture those details. However, the report just gives a snapshot of what is happening within the area.</b></p> <p><b>Q) Tried to report an incident and after 20mins in the 101 loop gave up?</b>  <b>A) We know that 101 isn't prefect.</b></p> <p><b>Q) I witness youths kicking a phone box am I allowed to video that as evidence?</b>  <b>A) Yes but please be careful because sometimes the person causing the damage can turn on the witness. Please ring 999 if an incident is in the process of happening whilst you are phoning. Also be aware that you can contact the Bedale Police on Website: <a href="http://northyorkshire.police.uk">northyorkshire.police.uk</a></b></p> <p>2. <u>District Council Report</u>  Cllr MB reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Last Green bin collection w/c 27<sup>th</sup> Nov / 2 Dec</li> <li>2. Christmas Tree collection w/c 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</li> <li>3. Restart collection of Green Bin w/c 17<sup>th</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020</li> <li>4. Information on the make a difference applications are on the Hambleton Website. There is £25K in the pot with 75% available for use on grants with a min of £1k.</li> <li>5. Polling cards should have been delivered with postal votes requiring to be registered by 5pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019</li> </ol> <p>3) <u>County Council Report</u>  Cllr CL stated on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Trading Standard links are now available via the NYCC website</li> </ol>
97.	<p><b>Local External Committee Reports</b></p> <p>1. <u>HUB</u>  A report had been received and copies provided for the meeting. A short verbal account of the report was given including details of the Christmas Tree events</p>

	<p>outside the Co-op with the Leeming Military Wives Choir and the Polar Express.</p> <p>2. <u>Bedale Hall.</u> The Chair gave a short verbal report on the recent meeting of the Bedale Hall Trustees Committee included nominating new Trustees, Chair, reports , Projects and dates for meetings. The parish was advised that it was very interesting and he was looking forward to the coming year for that committee.</p>
98.	<p><b>Strategic Plans by Hambleton District</b> <u>Industrial Estate Planning</u> The Chair stated there was no current change. Cllr MB stated that some of the timetable dates set had slipped slightly but it was going to be mid 2020 before any real planning details would be published.</p>
99.	<p><b>Business Plan 2019/20</b> Still on going. <b>Action: Clerk and JA to meet and put plan together for Jan 2020 meeting</b></p>
100.	<p><b>Bedale Hall</b> There is still a lot of issues around the Eccles Heddon Solicitors dragging their feet. However there has been some movement recently.</p>
101.	<p><b>Burial Account</b> There are continuing updates of accounts and changes to the AGAR.</p>
102.	<p><b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 19/02123/FUL Mason Gin – Change of Premise usage No Comment</li> <li>2. 19/021284/FUL Plot 1 Coneygarth Warehouse No Comment</li> <li>3. Broadacres site proposal Willow Drive Aiskew Proposal of 2 Houses within a site that is all bungalows</li> </ol> <p><b>Action: Comments to Broadacres – Why two houses are being built with an area that is all bungalows and is out of character for the area.</b></p>
103.	<p><b>Playgrounds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Freemans way (S106 money)</u> The Clerk confirmed that Lisa Wilson had confirmed any money that the PC was not being spent on Freemans Way Play Area could be transferred to Leeming Bar Play Area.  The Clerk stated that details had been provided to allocate the unclaimed funding towards improvements to the Leeming Bar Play Area in timely fashion (rather than having to taking the report back to Cabinet) I would need you to confirm the following in writing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freeman’s Way Play Area – project now complete and the remaining £16,533.98 is no longer required towards this project</li> <li>2. Restore and re-site the old milestone – project no longer required (delete project from action plan)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>3. Maintaining and restoring trees in public places – project no longer required OR project now Priority 2 not Priority 1</p> <p>4. Replace play equipment at Leeming Bar Play Area – project now Priority 1</p> <p>Lisa Wilson confirm that the above had to be approved and confirmed to her in writing and then she would update the Action Plan accordingly, re-issue the plan for confirmation that this is correct and then undertake the reallocation of the remaining £18,533.98 to the Leeming Bar Play Area.</p> <p>In terms of timescales are you confident that you would be able to spend the remaining funds by 24 March 2020 deadline?</p> <p><b>All Items confirmed and approved unanimously</b></p> <p><b>Action: 1. Contact Lisa and complete relevant documentation</b> <b>2. Clerk to obtain 3 quotations in respect of a Zip Wire to be installed on Leeming Bar Play Area</b></p> <p>2. <u>Kingfisher Play Area</u> The ROSPA Inspection had produced some serious faults of rotting wood on the climbing frame on the park. After inspection of the climbing unit there are three timbers that are showing severe signs of rot/decay. One of which is a 5m length timber which our providers are struggling to source, to replace these three timbers we estimate the cost to be around the £4,000 mark should we be able to find a 5m length timber. However, on inspecting the unit I also found that some of the timber uprights are rotting at ground level therefore spending this level of money on repairs will probably give only an extra year or two's life before requiring to replace.</p> <p><b>Action: 1. Clerk to arrange the damaged equipment to be dismantled</b> <b>2. Clerk to obtain three quotations for another piece of equipment to replace it.</b></p>
104.	<p><b>Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees</b></p> <p>1. <u>Hedge Leeming Bar Play Area</u> The hedge has recently been cut but really needs a hard prune during the winter. There is a lot of cuttings to remove. The Milbank side of the hedge is not to be cut due to wildlife hibernation. <b>Action: Contact Contractors to remove the debris.</b></p>
105.	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>1. <u>Leeming Bar Industrial estate road conditions (JK)</u> The Tender documents are taking longer than expected on the surface repairs for Portland and Plews Way. The road conditions are terrible and temporary repairs that have been done are already failing. <b>Action: Cllr AW will report to NYCC Highways Area2</b></p> <p>2. <u>Pedestrian crossing</u> The discussion was on way a crossing requested on the Northallerton Road. Highways have stated that they do feel it warrants a crossing and a suitable site could not be located <b>Action: Write to Highways and ask them to rethink</b></p> <p>3. <u>Land between Church and Cottages on Bedale Road</u> The land has been cleared and hard standing for 3 or 4 cars made. However there are issues about change of land use and road safety. Cllr JK stated that she had been informed that Highways / Planning were to send out an officer to inspect.</p>

	<p>4. <u>Roughly Bank</u> The Chair state this is being used as a rat run to the service station by locals and lorries. A number of Councillors thought that a stopping up order had been made on the bank when the A1 was being upgraded. This was checked last year and was not the case. However other ways to try and resolve this must be available to Highways. <b>Action: Cllr AW Contact Highways and check issue that could be resolved after the PSPO. HDC consultation?</b></p> <p>5. <u>Lease Road</u> Cllr JK stated an elderly gentleman was aggressively challenged for being on the road by Leases Hall by two men, he did not want to speak to the Police for fear of reprisal. Discussion on the road which is complicated issue with Highways England being involved. The need to establish ownership and if the road is now privately owned. <b>Action: Cllr AW will request information from Highways regarding the current situation.</b></p> <p>6. <u>Aiskew Signage</u> The PC had said yes to all three signs and no action on any of these being erected. <b>Action: Cllr AW to progress</b></p> <p>7. <u>Street Lamp on Aiskew Bank</u> The lamp is a Hambleton DC lamp that is not working. There is a serious issue of safety because lighting is so poor on that bank. There is also an issue with the hedges that make it almost impossible to walk along. <b>Action: Clerk to contact Hambleton to get the issue resolved. Clerk to write to Highways requesting they issue letters about the hedges.</b></p> <p>8. <u>Dog pooh on Kingfisher Park</u> Cllr JA stated that there is a real issue with owners not picking up their dog pooh on the park. After discuss the opinion was that there was a byelaw that prevented dog walkers letting their dogs off the lead and poohing on the play area. <b>Action: Clerk to investigate and if correct get signs that are to be placed on the park</b></p>
106.	<p><b>Financial Matters - To consider and make payments on the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Monthly details</u> Current Barclays account is £75572.90</li> <li>2. <u>Payments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerks Wages</li> <li>• HMRC</li> <li>• Hub Donation</li> <li>• Bedale Bonfire Donation</li> <li>• Streetscape removal of Zip Wire</li> <li>• ROSPA Inspection</li> <li>• Rent for use of Parish Hall</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <u>VAT Training</u> Completed</li> <li>4. <u>Funding request</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Tree donation (TB resolved)</li> <li>• Assistance with Litter Pickers Equipment (£100)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

107.	<b>Correspondence</b> 1. <u>PC Website</u> Not available on 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec for maintenance work
108.	<b>AOB / Urgent Matter</b>
Agenda items for 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 should be sent to the Clerk by 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  <b>Meeting Closed at 8.30pm</b>	

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

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