

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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|                       | <b>Present</b>                                      |
| Parish Councillors:   | J Kennedy; N Pocklington; J Asquith; I Marr; C Gill |
| District Councillors: | J Noone   |
| County Councillor:    | A Wilkinson   |
| <b>Apologies:</b>     | J Weighell; R Ryde; C Les; M Barningham;            |

**Public Question Time Notes:**

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

**Question:**

**Q1):** Can the parish pass on to the Police a request for them to speak to a gentleman that walks / hitchhikes from Bedale to Northallerton every day and constantly walks out in front of traffic?

**Q2):** Also relating an issue was an incident concerning some youngster on the 5/1/20 whom appeared to be in a state from either drugs or alcohol?

**Answer**

**A1&2):** The Chair stated that both these items were not parish responsibility however concerns will be passed on to the police

**Question:**

**Q2):** Can the parish looking into the amount of dog fouling at the far end of Low Street in Leeming Bar and also Aiskew Bank?

**Action: Clerk to contact Dog Warden regarding Dog Fouling  
Police were present at the meeting regarding the issue from Q1 and Q2**

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

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| 110. | <b>Welcome and Apologies</b><br>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and noted the apologies.   |
| 111. | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>No declarations of interest received.   |
| 112. | <b>Clerk / Councillor Matters</b><br>The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr Kay Whittaker had resigned with immediate effect thus causing a vacancy.<br><br>The clerk stated that Hambleton had been informed and was awaiting their instructions. |
| 113. | <b>Minutes from all meetings dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b><br><b>Resolved:</b> One amendment to item 104 – The area should read Milburn Terrace not Milbank.<br><br>The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record.           |

| 114.                        | <p><b>Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="316 170 437 230">Item Ref</th> <th data-bbox="477 203 580 230">Person</th> <th data-bbox="735 185 836 212">Details</th> <th data-bbox="1134 185 1315 212">Action taken</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="316 203 437 293">19/20<br/>Public<br/>Question</td> <td data-bbox="477 203 580 264">Clerk</td> <td data-bbox="608 237 938 356">Check with YLCA and other parishes if Public liability is required for Litter picking groups</td> <td data-bbox="991 237 1453 510">Emailed 3.12.19<br/>See response from YLCA stating Ins required by group. A short discussion by the parish where it was confirmed that the Bedale Litter Group (BLP) had now got a Constitution and Public Liability.<br/>Members of the HUB will discuss with BLP arrangements.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  | Item Ref   | Person   | Details | Action taken | 19/20<br>Public<br>Question | Clerk | Check with YLCA and other parishes if Public liability is required for Litter picking groups | Emailed 3.12.19<br>See response from YLCA stating Ins required by group. A short discussion by the parish where it was confirmed that the Bedale Litter Group (BLP) had now got a Constitution and Public Liability.<br>Members of the HUB will discuss with BLP arrangements. |
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| 115.                        | <p><b>External Sector Reports</b></p> <p>1. <u>Police Report</u> - (See Report)<br/> The officer present gave a short verbal account of the written report. The Highlighted item from them was the present initiative of Operation Bright. The police are performing evening patrols in Bedale and surrounding villages and dropping leaflets into properties that appear to be in darkness and thus may be attractive to opportunist burglars.</p> <p>Q1): There are a lot of wine and beer bottles on the verges around Bedale and are the police cracking down on drivers and their passengers who are drinking and depositing the bottles on the verges?<br/> A1): The Police have over the Christmas period been cracking down on these incidents and have continued to do so. However, if an incident is seen please can you report it asap?</p> <p>Q2): There appears to be some concern on the situation regarding the bungalows on the Wilmot Farm that we were informed were going to be demolished. They appear to be again being used by some drug users and the fences are broken again.<br/> A2): The police are aware of this and also thought the buildings were to be demolished to alleviate the drug issue.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Clerk to write to Barratt Homes to seek action.</b></p> <p>2. <u>District Council Report</u><br/> Cllr JN reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cllr wanted to inform the parish of the situation around the Extra Care facility on Queen’s Anne Drive that had been refused planning permission</li> <li>The planning on the site in Leeming Bar by Wharfdale has yet to be admitted to the planning department. Obviously the parish will be contacted once that application has been registered. HDC will be looking at size and will closely monitor the development.</li> <li>Leaflets are being sent to Aiskew residents about the consultation of the development of the site next to Wilbert Farm. This is again in the early stages of development.<br/> A number of the parish councillors stated that again before this goes ahead HDC need to be looking at the infrastructure including GP Surgeries, Dentist, road and schools. The other issues was the type of houses being build and the lack of imagination that they are all exactly the same.</li> <li>The Parish also wanted to know if any thought had gone into the Parish having a plot of land to build a community building. JN stated he would find out who could help the parish with a Neighbourhood Plan.</li> </ol> <p><b>Action: JN to forward details of contact for Neighbourhood Plan to Clerk</b></p> |  |  |         |              |                             |       |  |  |

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|      | <p>3) <u>County Council Report</u><br/> Cllr Aw stated on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The current initiative to recycle household items from the recycle centres via Frade (local re-use charity who have a shop on the Northallerton High Street).</li> <li>2. NYCC are conducting a Survey on the strategy of the Library 2020 to 2030 on their website</li> </ol>   |
| 116. | <p><b>Local External Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>HUB</u><br/> A written report had been received and copies provided for the meeting.</li> </ol>   |
| 117. | <p><b>Strategic Plans by Hambleton District</b><br/> <u>Industrial Estate Planning</u><br/> The Chair stated there was no current change.</p>   |
| 118. | <p><b>Business Plan 2019/20</b><br/> Still ongoing - but an updated version is ready for Councillors to comment on.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to forward to all Parish Councillors to comment on for next meeting</b></p>   |
| 119. | <p><b>Burial Account</b><br/> The Clerk confirmed the Precept that the Burial Board had set for 2020/21. The amount proposed was £4766 payable in May and November and has not increased.</p>   |
| 120. | <p><b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 19/02091/FUL - Gill – Repairs to fire damage building - <b>Granted</b></li> <li>2. 19/00181/NEWDEL - Mason Gill – Cert of Registration - <b>Granted</b></li> <li>3. 19/02184/FUL - Blake – Warehouse Construction Conygarth Way - <b>No Obs</b></li> <li>4. 19/02692 /FUL – Excelby Services – <b>DD</b></li> <li>5. 19/01839/FUL – Corner House Hotel – change of use from Pub to 5 flat – <b>Granted</b></li> <li>6. Application for Street Licence – No Objections raised</li> </ol>   |
| 121. | <p><b>Playgrounds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Freemans way (S106 money)</u><br/> The Clerk confirmed that Lisa Wilson had confirmed any money that a sum of £16466.02 had been transferred to Leeming Bar Play Area.</li> </ol> <p>The Clerk had obtained 4 quotations to tender for the Zip Wire that was to be purchased with the above money on Leeming Bar Play Area. Details had been circulated to all Councillors:<br/> (See Report for Full details)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Streetscape<br/> £18780.00</li> <li>2. Sovereign<br/> £20194.00</li> <li>3. Image<br/> £19164.00</li> <li>4. Play Fitness<br/> £19186.80</li> </ol> <p>The Clerk also advised that the Play Fitness had quoted for Steel rather than wood with a 25yr warranty. The Councillors decided that Streetscape should be given the opportunity to quote alongside Plat Fitness for the same specification.<br/> The Chair requested that he and Vice proceed with the project decisions of awarding contract due to time scale. <b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to Contact Streetscape to ask for further clarification on their quotation. Remaining Equipment on Freemans Play Area to be assessed.</b></p> |

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|      | <p>2. <u>Kingfisher Play Area</u><br/>The Clerk advised that all four companies who had quoted for the Leeming Bar equipment had also produced draft quotations for new equipment to be placed on Kingfisher Play Area, Councillors to comment and discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>3. <u>Mattison Play Area</u><br/>The fence at the back of the Play area has been damaged by the building company (Les Race). They had repaired the fence with some white fencing with nails in. This has been made safe but needs to be repaired properly. An email has been sent with no response.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to forward letter requesting fence is repaired.</b></p> <p>4. <u>Inspection</u><br/>Clerk to arrange for companies to tender along with other Contracts for Grass cutting and Hedges</p>   |
| 122. | <p><b>Allotments</b><br/>The Clerk requested confirmation of prices that should be levied for the allotments for the period 2020/2021.<br/>After a short discussion no changes were agreed. Clerk to complete annual returns.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>  |
| 123. | <p><b>Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees</b></p> <p>1. The Chair stated that a sub-committee had has agreed sorted the terms of the Contract for the Cutting of the Grass Verges. The initial contract will run April to Feb and thereafter March to Feb (This is a better period for cutting the grass).<br/>The Information will be put on Facebook and in the D&amp;S<br/>The contract for Hedges and Play Inspection will also be done at the same time.</p>   |
| 124. | <p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>1. <u>Leeming Bar Industrial estate road conditions (JK)</u><br/>Cllr AW confirmed that a contractor had been appointed and dates set to do a complete resurface of Portland Way and Plews Way.</p> <p>2. <u>Pedestrian crossing</u><br/>No further response about request.</p> <p>3. <u>Land between Church and Cottages on Bedale Road</u><br/>There appears to be continued discussion between Planning at HDC and Highways from NYCC regarding this piece of land and action required.<br/><b>Action: Clerk to email Cllr AW to move this forward</b></p> <p>4. <u>Roughly Bank</u><br/>Continued discussions between interested parties. This should be resolved when other work completed in that area.</p> <p>5. <u>Lease Road</u><br/>On-going discussions are continuing</p> <p>6. <u>Aiskew Signage</u><br/>The signs have been ordered and will start to be put in place very soon</p> <p>7. <u>Street Lamp on Aiskew Bank</u><br/>This continues to be ongoing as HDC are awaiting work to be completed be the electricity board.<br/><b>Action: Clerk to chase because the bank is so dark it is dangerous at night.</b></p> <p>8. <u>Dog Fouling on Kingfisher Park</u><br/>The Clerk stated that the Dog Warden had been to put up new signs and had collected any dog fouling.<br/><b>Action: Clerk requested to contact Dog Warden to do Aiskew Bank</b></p> |

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|   | <p>9. <u>Water on Bedale Road</u><br/>Highways had been contacted about the standing water on Bedale Road in Aiskew. The response was that they are aware of this issue and have scheduled drainage the work for this site during 2020/2021. Dates are not yet available for the exact schedule of work.</p> <p>10. <u>Cycle Paths</u><br/>An initiative was raised regarding the possibility of NYCC investing in a cycle path from Leeming Bar all the way through to Northallerton. The meeting was informed that NYCC continue to want to promote these issues and the parish feels that this would be a real investment for the county.<br/>The councillors stated that there is ample verges either side of the main road to allow this proposal to go ahead.<br/><b>Action: Clerk to forward proposal to Cllr AW</b></p> |
| 125.  | <p><b>WJPS</b><br/>The Councillors decided that they needed further information regarding cost ofv renewing the contract before they could agree.<br/><b>Action: Clerk to contact WJPS for information and add to next agenda</b></p>   |
| 126.  | <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><br/>Current Barclays account is £71198.80</li> <li>2. <u>Payments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerks Wages</li> <li>• HMRC</li> <li>• Streetscape removal of Climbing Frame from Kingfisher Play Area</li> <li>• Rent for use of Parish Hall</li> <li>• Land and Farm Invoices</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |
| 127.  | <p><b>Correspondence / Information / Other Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ROSPA Order confirmation</li> <li>2. Hambleton District Rural Partnership Minutes</li> <li>3. St Augustine's Church<br/>The Church has been boarded up for safety reasons.</li> <li>4. CCTV Cameras<br/>These are now in place outside the Co-Op in Leeming Bar and are working.</li> </ol>   |
| 128.  | <p><b>AOB / Urgent Matter</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Polar Express Parking</u><br/>A Councillor wanted to bring to the parish's attention that the parking on Leases road must be resolved for the Polar Express Event for next year. The feeling was that better liaison was required between the parish and Wenesleydale Railway,<br/><b>Action: Clerk to try and arrange meeting</b></li> </ol>  |
| <p>Agenda items<br/>for 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 should be sent to the Clerk by 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020</p> <p><b>Meeting Closed at 8.40pm</b></p> |   |

Signed:.....

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