

DATE: Monday 17th April 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Judith Cockburn (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public [MoP]

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| 23.01 | Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none. |
| 23.02 | Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mike Barningham. |
| 23.03 | Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 th March 2023 The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair. |
| 23.04 | Vacancies – to consider filling by co-option the two vacant seats on the Council: The Council NOTED that one expression of interest had been received. <i>ACTION – All to consider suitable candidates for co-option at May’s meeting</i> |
| 23.05 23.051 23.052 | Updates from minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda: 23.051 Mayoral charity tea – Cllr Coates reported that 57 tickets had been sold to date, with a range of raffle prizes donated by local businesses. Many Councillors agreed to give their time on the morning of 29 th April to help set the event up. 23.052 Verges – The Council noted a number of positive comments from the public regarding the new posts to prevent inappropriate parking at South End. It was noted that that the damaged verges would be restored this year, and in response to a comment from a MoP the Council noted that the installation of further posts remained a possibility. |
| 23.06 23.061 23.062 23.063 23.064 | Reports of recent activity 23.061 Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors Cllr Mollard had attended a YLCA personnel meeting where policies on eye tests for screen users were discussed, and would pass details on to the Clerk. Cllr Coates had attended a YLCA online forum for Council Chairs and had found it a useful exercise. 23.062 Report from North Yorkshire Council NYC Cllr Webster noted that a Local Plan to cover the new authority was to be produced inside the next five years. The transition to the new Council on 1 st April had gone smoothly, with offices operating as usual and there no frontline staff redundancies immediately necessary. Cllr Webster confirmed that planning issues in Bedale would be the responsibility of the Richmond area committee of which he is Chair, but that it was unclear where Bedale’s planning would lie should the parliamentary constituency boundaries change. 23.063 No report was received from Bedale Youth Council. 23.064 No report was received from North Yorkshire Police. |

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| <p>23.07 23.071</p> <p>23.072</p> | <p>Financial matters:</p> <p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries; Ohana Marquees £3,827.04+VAT (hire of marquee for Bedale Hall Xmas Festival); Morgan’s £1,867.50 (grounds maintenance); WJPS £927.00+VAT (web hosting & IT support 2023-24); YLCA £787.00 (membership 2023-24); Dr Loo £650.00+VAT (hire of portaloos for Xmas Festival); Rentokil Initial £413.51+VAT (Calmic unit for Bridge St toilets); The Dales Centre / Bedale Community Library / Bedale Belles WI / Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary School £120.00 each (refunds for cancelled car boot sales); XLB Ltd £70.00 (tablecloths for Mayoral tea); North Yorkshire Council £70.00 (annual premises license for Bedale Park); and TWC Ltd £25.00+VAT (replacement soap dispenser for Bedale Park toilets)</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £54,706.92.</p> <p>Standing orders and direct debits</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following regular automatic payments for the year 2023-24: North Yorkshire Council (business rates for market / premises licence for Bedale Park); British Gas Lite (electricity supply to Market Place bollards) Opus Energy (electricity supply to Bridge St toilets); Scottish Water (water to Bridge St toilets); LCC Communications (office telephone and broadband); Yorwaste Ltd (car boot sale rubbish collection); Microsoft (Office 365 subscription); DropBox (subscription); and Information Commissioner’s Office (GDPR registration)</p> |
| <p>23.08</p> | <p>Planning matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>Regarding 23/00543/FUL, conversion of existing garage building to single dwelling with associated amenity at 4 Sussex St, DL8 2AJ; the Council RESOLVED that it objects to this application, on the grounds of the impact on adjacent properties, lack of amenity of the proposed new property, and inadequate parking provision between the new property and the existing dwelling at 4 Sussex Street</p> <p>Regarding 23/00626/FUL, for removal of ATM and signage, security measures and making good on the closure of Barclays Bank at 18a North End; the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application.</p> <p>Regarding 23/00653/IAN for change of use from commercial, business and service to four dwellings at 18 North End; the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application.</p> <p>The Council the NOTED the granting by Hambleton DC of: 23/00018/TPO at 105 South End; 23/00029/LBC at 3 Albert Row; 23/00214/MRC at 9 Firby Road; 23/00232/FUL at 4 Sussex Terrace; and 23/00309/LBC at 4 Mowbray Grange.</p> <p>Finally, the Council NOTED information regarding 23/00687/CAMP for a temporary holiday site for a maximum of 70 unites from 29th March 2024 to 07th April 2024 at Bedale Camping and Caravanning Site, Low Ash Bank.</p> |
| <p>23.09</p> | <p>Coronation bunting</p> <p>The Council heard from the Chair of Bedale and Villages Community Forum that the Forum would cover 50% of the cost of the bunting and installation, on the condition that the bunting would be available to community organisations in future. The Council agreed to this condition, thanked the Forum, and RESOLVED to purchase and install the union flag bunting at a cost of not more than £2,188.50.</p> |

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| 23.10 | Yorkshire Day Market The Council RESOLVED to make the Charter Market on Tuesday 1 st August 2023 free of charge to celebrate Yorkshire Day, noting that this would be the first time the free market would actually fall on Yorkshire Day. |
| 23.11 | Correspondence (background papers provided – see Appendix A) |

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

DATE:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 10th March – 12th April 2023
(Which is not addressed in the substance of the agenda)

1. From: **Mowbray School** Date: **13/03/2023**
Copy of letter to parents/staff about appropriate car parking
2. From: **Bedale Scouts and Guides** Date: **14/03/2023**
Thanking to council for the donation agreed at March's meeting.
3. From: **MoP** Date: **14/03/2023**
Enquiry re running a dance festival at Bedale Park
4. From: **Counter Context Ltd** Date: **16/03/2023**
Information regarding a proposed application for a discount food store by the A1(M) in Aiskew
5. From: **MoP x3** Date: **19-21/03/2023**
Thanking the Council for installing posts to prevent verge parking on South End
6. From: **MoP** Date: **24/03/2023**
Informing the Council, "for information only", that postal services "have become sporadic".
7. From: **Hambleton DC** Date: **28/03/2023**
Information about North Yorkshire Council "let's talk climate" campaign.
8. From: **Barclays plc** Date: **28/03/2023**
Confirming the opening of a Barclays "touch point" in Bedale Hall from 24th April
9. From: **Bedale and Villages Community Forum** Date: **29/03/2023**
Minutes of February meeting
10. From: **North Yorkshire County Council** Date: **29/03/2023**
Final briefing ahead of the institution of North Yorkshire Council on 1st April
11. From: **MoP x2** Date: **29/03/2023**
Coincidentally, two separate reports of overgrown hedges in Bedale
12. From: **Dovetail Interiors** Date: **31/03/2023**
Request to use Bridge St toilets for temporary storage while their shed roof is renewed [granted]
13. From: **MoP** Date: **11/04/2023**
Comment, with photos, about the condition of the wooden banking at Bedale Beck just upstream of the Harbour. [*Passed on to Environment Agency*]
14. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**
Enquiries re 2023 car boot sales