

DATE: Monday 15th May 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Mike Barningham, Dawn Culver (after item 23.15), Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public [MoP]

23.12	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation: There were none.
23.13	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence: None
23.14	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17 th April 2023 The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
23.15	Vacancies The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Dawn Culver to one of the vacant seats. Cllr Culver signed the acceptance of office and took her seat for the remainder of the meeting. It was noted that one vacancy remains and that best practice is for this to be filled at the earliest opportunity.
23.16 23.161 23.162	Updates from minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda: Mayoral charity tea – The Mayor thanked Councillors and attenders for their support, and Baroness Harris for her interesting and entertaining talk. Feedback has been entirely positive, and a profit of £735.10 will be distributed to beneficiary charities. Bedale Community Awards – The council heard that Sheila Tipton and Colin Tipton were willing to accept their awards at the Annual Parish Meeting on 6 th June. Cllr Noone reported that Tessa Harker and Vince Harker had stepped down from the Bonfire and Fireworks Group after many years of sterling work and recommended them for community awards. The Council thanked Mr and Mrs Harker and RESOLVED to offer them the awards in 2023 if they were available at short notice, or 2024 otherwise.
23.17 23.171	Reports of recent activity Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors Cllr Howe had attended a meeting regarding the church clock 150 th anniversary celebrations, and the Council heard that various funding sources had been approached to support the events. Cllr Noone had attended the AGM of the Rector's Four-and-Twenty which had appointed five new members, and is seeking to become constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
23.172	Report from North Yorkshire Council There was none, NYC Cllr David Webster having sent apologies.

<p>23.173</p>	<p>Report from North Yorkshire Police PCSO Heather Lees introduced the report as previously circulated. In response to questions from Councillors, she said that she would report back on how many of the reported incidents had been cleared up and/or resulted in prosecution or caution.</p>
<p>23.18</p>	<p>Financial matters: Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries; Joint Burial Committee (£3,068.11, precept); Bedale Hall CIO (£1,860, office rent / rooms for regular meetings); Artisan Corner (£1,200, food for Mayoral tea); Arborlutions (£950, tree maintenance); Rialtas Business Solutions (£250+VAT, software support 2023-24); Bedale Window Cleaning (£180, bus shelter cleaning); (Ian Smithson CPFA (£120, internal audit); Friends of Crakehall School (£120, refund for cancelled car boot sale), Morgan’s (£1530.00, for grass cutting), Zurich Municipal (£,2926.16, insurance 2023-24), and TWC Group (£94.90+VAT, toilet tissue and hand towels). Also, the Council formally APPROVED disbursements of £367.55 from the Mayoral tea proceeds to each of the Mayor’s charities. The Council’s cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £76,776.30</p>
<p>23.19</p>	<p>Planning matters The Council considered the following planning applications: Regarding ZB23/00816/FUL for change of use from retail to a domestic extension of the neighbouring property at 14 South End, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application; Regarding ZB23/00995/FUL for disabled adaptation to provide safe off road-parking, involving a new permeable vehicle hardstanding and a new vehicle access from the public road, at 2 South End Terrace, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application. The Council NOTED the granting by North Yorkshire Council of applications: 23/00411/FUL for garage conversion and extension to front elevation under existing canopy roof at 51 Iddison Drive 23/00626/FUL, for removal of ATM, signage, bank security measures and making good at the former Barclays Bank, 18a North End; and 22/00016/TPO2, a Tree Preservation Order at 33 South End.</p>
<p>23.20</p>	<p>Beckside The Council heard that following comments from residents, the Environment Agency had attended Bedale Beck and advised that the retaining banking boards installed by the Council in 2008 were in poor condition. Advice is being sought from two water and drainage specialist companies, but it is clear that remedial work will cost at least £50,000, plus a licence fee from the Environment Agency. Various restoration options and timescales will be researched, as well as potential sources of funding, and this matter will doubtless be on the agenda again in the near future. <i>ACTION: Clerk to progress</i></p>
<p>23.21</p>	<p>Memorial Bench The Council considered a request by Bedale and RAF Leeming Royal Air Force Association to fund the installation of a memorial bench at Beckside in memory of the late Warrant Officer Kevin Hamilton-Sturdy, and RESOLVED to approve this request.</p>

23.22	<p>Bridge Street Toilets</p> <p>Noting that there had been no complaints and few comments about the current closure of the Bridge Street women’s and men’s toilets, that vandalism remains a problem in the town, and that the public toilets in Bedale Park are increasingly well-used, the Council RESOLVED to keep the women’s and men’s Bridge Street toilets closed, and the disabled unit open, in both cases indefinitely with the decision to be revisited in May 2024 if Councillors wish.</p>
23.23	<p>Car Boot Sales</p> <p>In response to a number of comments from residents and car boot sale attenders, the Council RESOLVED to run car boot sales on Bank Holiday Mondays in 2024 on a trial basis. Applicants will be asked to indicate whether their organisation would be able to run a Monday sale.</p>
23.24	<p>Internal Audit</p> <p>It was NOTED that the internal audit had been received with no recommendations made.</p>
23.25	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Council NOTED the correspondence as listed below.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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