

DATE: Monday 12th June 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public [MoP]

23.26	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
23.27	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mike Barningham, Cllr John Noone and Cllr David Ingram
23.28	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 th May 2023 The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
23.29	Vacancies The Council noted that there has not yet been interest in the vacant seat. <i>Action: All to consider suitable candidates for co-option at July's meeting</i>
23.30 23.301	Updates from minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Police Reports: The Council heard that NY Police are unwilling to provide information on the number of incidents reported which lead to a prosecution, conviction or caution, on the grounds that collating this information would take excess police time and might compromise GDPR regulations. The Council did not accept this explanation and asked the Clerk to contact NY Police to discuss how this could be resolved. <i>Action: Clerk to progress</i>
23.31 23.311	Reports of recent activity Reports from meetings attended by Town Councillors Cllrs Howe and Coates had attended a meeting regarding the church clock 150 th anniversary celebrations, and the Council heard that Bedale businesspeople and residents remained highly supportive of this project.
23.312	Report from North Yorkshire Council NYC Cllr Webster reported that he had attended a seminar covering environmental health, Trading Standards, 20s Plenty, staffing, flood risks and YorBus, which is to cease operating due to the unacceptable cost per journey.
23.32	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; HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE qtr 4); E&P Electrics

	<p>(£1,650+VAT, installation of coronation bunting); Morgan's (£1055, grasscutting and grounds maintenance); TWC Group (£88.54, soap dispenser removal); House and Home (£54.92, certificate frames and litter pickers); YLCA (£50, staff training); and Bedale Window Cleaning (£45, bandstand cleaning).</p> <p>Receipt was NOTED of £12,533.28, NYC Community Infrastructure Levy) and £10,000 (National Lottery, Awards 4 All grant re Southfields play area)</p> <p>The Council's cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £79,653.60.</p>
23.33	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning application: Regarding ZB23/01122/FUL for demolition of existing building and erection of 8 dwellings and associated works at 18 Sussex Street (former Bedale Health Clinic); the Council RESOLVED that it opposes the development in its present form, which is considered unimaginative and lacking in character, especially considering the position of the development at the entrance to Bedale. The Council also notes that the existing health centre incorporates stone from 'The National School for Boys, Girls and Infants' which stood on the site from 1846 and which itself incorporated stone from the tollbooth demolished to accommodate that school. The Council would very much like to see that stone incorporated into the design for any new buildings on that site, ideally with some explanation as to the history of the site and its importance within the town.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of NY/2022/0277/FUL, for NY/2022/0277/FUL, for an extension to the existing games practice building at Mowbray School, Masham Road.</p>
23.34	<p>Joint Burial Committee</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the revision of clause 8.2 of the JBC constitution to read as follows: "The exclusive right of burial remains in the name of the next of kin or executor of the estate, until its expiry 100 years from the date of purchase. However, if the next of kin or executor of the estate cannot or will not accept long-term responsibility for the memorial, then a one-off fee, to be agreed at that time, will be paid to the JBC, before the memorial can be erected. In the passage of time where there is no longer a person responsible for the headstone and plot, the JBC will take responsibility for the safety and care of the headstone and plot. The JBC Clerk will make every effort to establish and record the process of seeking ownership of graves."</p>
23.35	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Council NOTED the correspondence as listed below, and congratulated Bedale Litter Busters on their well-deserved selection as part of the final four for the BBC Radio York 2023 Make a Difference Awards.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

DATE:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 15th May– 12th June 2023

(Which is not addressed in the substance of the agenda)

1. From: **MoP x4** Date: **various**
Comments about grass cutting in Bedale
2. From: **MoP** Date: **12/05/2023**
Comment about absence of cash machine in Bedale
3. From: **MoP** Date: **16/05/2023**
Request for information re Park facilities for a potential school trip
4. From: **MoP** Date: **17/05/2023**
Comment about being woken early by bunting removal
5. From: **Bedale Litter Busters** Date: **19/05/2023**
News that the Litter Busters have made the final four of the BBC Radio York Make a Difference Awards, with the winner announced on 15th September
6. From: **Scouts and Guides** Date: **25/05/2023**
Requesting loan of SumUp machines for Festival
7. From: **Bedale and Villages Community Forum** Date: **26/05/2023**
Minutes of May meeting
8. From: **MoP** Date: **31/05/2023**
Information about a water leak on South End [*now fixed*]
9. From: **MoP** (*one of those from item 1*) Date: **01/06/2023**
Thanking the Council for improved grass cutting
10. From: **Yorkshire Society** Date: **02/06/2023**
Newsletter and information about Yorkshire Day Civic Celebration
11. From: **MoP** Date: **02/06/2023**
Comments by various means about an incident at the car boot sale on 27th May
12. From: **MoP** Date: **02/06/2023**
Query about the condition of play equipment at Southfields
13. From: **MoP** Date: **03/06/2023**
Report of nettles at Bedale Park play area [*now dealt with*]
14. From: **NYC Richmond Area Constituency Committee** Date: **05/06/2023**
Agenda and papers for meeting on 12th June
15. From: **MoP** Date: **08/06/2023**
Positive comment about condition of the ladies' toilets in Bedale Parl
16. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**
Enquiries re 2023 car boot sales