

DATE: Monday 13th November 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, John Noone, and Emma Wells
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public [MoP]

23.87	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
23.88	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mike Barningham.
23.89	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 th October 2023 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
23.90 23.901 23.902 23.903	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Twinning There were no developments to report. Remembrance Day The Council noted that the Remembrance Day events had taken place successfully, and thanked all who had attended. The hard work of volunteers who had arranged the traffic management, at reasonably short notice following the withdrawal of support from NY Police, particularly Jonathan Poole, was gratefully acknowledged. Bonfire and fireworks The Council heard that the event was very well attended and extremely successful despite indifferent weather, with very positive feedback regarding the quality of the display and the organisation of the event. The Council thanked all of those who had helped to make the event successful on the evening, and Bedale Litter Busters, who had helped to clear the park the following morning. On behalf of the Bonfire Committee, Cllr Noone thanked Councillors for their support in delivering this event. Noting that Cllr Noone was stepping down as Chair of the Bonfire Committee after over 30 years of leading on this event, the Council heartily THANKED him for a good job well done in making Bedale's bonfire and fireworks one of the best events in the North East.
23.91 23.911 23.912	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors There was nothing to report. Report from North Yorkshire Council representative NYC Cllr David Webster informed the Council that NYC has been engaging with the public to determine their transport plan, survey responses to date indicating a low satisfaction with the current transport arrangements.

<p>23.92</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; Reaction Fireworks (£15,500+VAT, firework display on 4th November); Morgan’s (grass cutting and grounds maintenance); Vizsec UK (£2,313+VAT, CCTV for Bedale Park); M Preston Plumbing (£1,300+VAT, works at Bridge St accessible toilet); North Yorkshire Conveniences (£834+VAT, toilet hire for bonfire); Festive Lights (£750.11+VAT, purchase of lights for new Xmas tree at roundabout); TWC Group (£41.90+VAT, hand towels for toilets); Platinum Medical (£340, medical cover for bonfire and fireworks); Arborlutions (£645, tree work in Bedale Park); and Hedgehogs R Us (£157.50, hedgehog highways per item 23.83).</p> <p>The Council NOTED the following standing order / direct debit / credit card payments: North Yorkshire Council (£56, business rates for market); Opus Energy (£27.08+VAT, electricity – Bridge St toilets); LCC Communications (£46.92 +VAT, telephone/broadband); Yorwaste (£73.49+VAT, car boot sale waste collection) and Rentokil (£262.50+VAT, pest management at bin store and £906.00+VAT, installation of armour seal at bin).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £461 (Market stall rental); £30 (Bedale Park hire fees); £200 (Christmas market stall rents); £1,500 (Voneus Ltd, Xmas market stage sponsorship); £1,524 (Bedale Twinning Association closing balance); £1,000 (Bedale and Villages Community Forum donation re deer lighting); £1,000 (BVCF donation re bonfire and fireworks); £1,000 (Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council donation re bonfire and fireworks);and £460 (catering deposit for bonfire).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £84,997.57</p>
<p>23.93</p>	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>Regarding ZB23/02018/FUL for a dropped kerb and two parking spaces at 10 Sussex Street, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application.</p> <p>Regarding ZB23/02135/FUL for the part demolition of an existing single-storey kitchen extension, integration of existing outbuilding into the main house via a single-storey link, and creation of new kitchen, dining room and mezzanine within the former outbuilding, at 4 South End the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of ZB23/01511/FUL for change of use to a holiday let at 11b Market Place, ZB23/00830/FUL for a new dwelling within the grounds of 10 North End, and ZB23/01771/CLP for a certificate of lawfulness to merge 33 and 33a Ash Tree Close, and the refusal of ZB23/01665/FUL for a new dwelling in the grounds behind 4 Sussex Street.</p> <p>Regarding ZB23/01211/FUL for the retention of a small decked area for café outside seating at Institution, 42 Market Place, the Council NOTED with disappointment the refusal of this application, which it had supported. The Council disagreed with both reasons given for refusal, finding the decking both safer and more pleasing in terms of visual amenity than the previous arrangement of chairs on cobbles. The Council RESOLVED to write in support of an appeal should the owner choose to lodge one.</p>
<p>23.94</p>	<p>Budget 2024-25</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the budget recommendation, and precept requirement of £70,690, agreed at the full budget meeting of 30th October. It was NOTED that this is the first rise in precept in six years, the rise being £2.28 per elector.</p>

23.95	<p>Market</p> <p>The Council considered Market stall charges, in particular the differential between permanent and casual rates and the discount given for winter attendance, and RESOLVED to leave the regular rate unchanged but raise the casual rate to £16pw with effect from 1st January 2024 for existing traders and immediately for new ones. This would have the effect of making it financially beneficial to be a regular trader on 29 weeks' attendance a year rather than 34 weeks.</p> <p>The Council also RESOLVED to approve expenditure of up to £700 on publicity for the Market, including the production of banners and two days of press/PR support.</p>
23.96	<p>Bollards</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve a request from the Joint Burial Committee to purchase the wooden bollards which had to be removed from South End earlier this year, in order for them to be used at the Emgate end of the churchyard to prevent inappropriate parking, for a token charge of £250.</p>
23.86	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided)</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

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