

DATE: Monday 12th February 2024
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, and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public [MoP]

23.127	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
23.128	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies from Cllr Mike Barningham were received and accepted
23.129	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 th January 2024 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
23.130 23.1301	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Grit bin – The Council heard that North Yorkshire Council is not aware of having managed a grit bin on North End, although Councillors remember having seen one. Per item 23.124 the Council will now offer to split the cost of a new bin and grit with Bedale Hall CIO. <i>ACTION: Councillors to send photographic evidence of former bin, if any, to Clerk</i>
23.131 23.1311	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors Cllr Howe reported he had attended a meeting of Bedale Hall Management Committee and confirmed that the Tourist Information Centre would re-open on 13 th February, on Tuesdays and Saturdays only until Easter. Cllrs Mollard and Ingram had attended a meeting of the Joint Burial Committee and noted that the Committee had received a letter of interest in the purchase of land near the Church from a utility/broadband company, although it is not thought that the Committee or the Diocese would be interested in selling. Cllr Noone reported that he had formally handed over his Bonfire Committee responsibilities, with the Committee now to be chaired by Paul Hodgson.
23.1312	Report from North Yorkshire Council representative There was none, NYC Cllr David Webster having given his apologies for absence.
23.132	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Morgan’s (£1,522.35, grasscutting and grounds maintenance plus Xmas trees); Arborlutions (£575, tree surgery in Bedale Park to

	<p>improve CCTV lines of sight); Society of Local Council Clerks (£238, membership for Clerk); and North Yorkshire Council (£147.04+VAT, street cleaning after Xmas Market). The Council NOTED the following standing order/direct debit/credit card payments: North Yorkshire Council (£56, business rates for market); British Gas (£79.47+VAT, electricity – Market Place); LCC Communications (£39.12 +VAT, telephone and broadband); British Gas (£44.21+VAT, Electricity – Bridge St Toilets); Rentokil initial (218.25+VAT, pest control in Bedale Park); SurveyMonkey (£320+VAT, annual subscription); Association of Local Council Clerks (£50, membership for Clerk) and Jati Ltd (470.83+VAT, purchase of memorial bench).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £218 (Market stall rentals); £30 (Bedale Park hire fees); £300 (car boot sale fees); £303 (tickets for Mayoral dinner); £2900 (NYC members discretionary grant); and £7,348.46 (HMRC, VAT126 reclaim q3).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £71,184.79.</p>
23.133	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>There were neither any new planning applications to consider, nor any principal authority decisions to report.</p>
23.134	<p>Safeguarding policy</p> <p>The Council considered a safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults while engaged in activities associated with the Town Council, based on the draft policy circulated to Councillors. With a number of minor issues being raised, the Council AGREED to consider an updated draft at March’s meeting.</p>
23.135	<p>Parking on grassed island between North End and St Gregory’s Church</p> <p>The Council noted correspondence on this matter from parishioners and from NYC Highways, and RESOLVED to reiterate its policy that double yellow lines in front of the grassed areas of the island would be the most straightforward way to prevent parking on the grass. However, the Council further RESOLVED that it would be likely to cover the costs of installing bollards or planters on the island, should NYC consider that approach to be better.</p>
23.136	<p>Unadopted road between Emgate and Churchyard</p> <p>The Council noted updated information on the ownership, access status, condition, and potential improvement of the road leading from Emgate to St Gregory’s churchyard via the Scout and Guide hut and rear access to Emgate properties. The Clerk, along with the Joint Burial Committee Clerk, had met representatives from Northern Powergrid and the Diocese of Leeds on site, and both organisations had been open to contributing towards the improvement of the surface. Further information, including the cost of patching or resurfacing the road and how this might be split between stakeholders, will be forthcoming in due course.</p>
23.137	<p>Community awards and annual meeting</p> <p>The Council agreed to consider for March’s meeting suitable candidate/s for Bedale Community Awards to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in June, and any organisation/s who might be invited to give a presentation at the event. The Council</p>

	further RESOLVED that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting should be Tuesday 11 th June, subject to the agreement of the 2024-25 Chair of the Council.
23.138	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided)</p> <p>Grit Bin on Brookside - the Council noted this is still awaiting installation by NYC Highways department.</p> <p>NYC street cleaner – Cllr Culver noted the particular “beyond the call of duty” effort she recently observed from the street cleaner in dealing with dog waste on Market Place. It was agreed that a letter of thanks and recognition of effort should be sent to NYC.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

DATE:

Not Yet Approved