

DATE: Monday 8th April 2024
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Mike Barningham, Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, Emma Wells, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett and Christine Mollard
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public [MoP]

24.01	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.02	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Noone.
24.03	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 th March 2024 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.04 24.041 24.042	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) 24.041 Unadopted road between Emgate and Churchyard – The Council heard that there were no further updates at this stage. 24.042 Parking on and around Masham Road – The Council heard that North Yorkshire Council had confirmed that that they do not wish to add double yellow lines to the junctions of Masham Rd with Ash Tree Rd and Calvert Way. The Council urged residents to report any and all illegal parking (e.g. too close to junctions, blocking the pavement, overlapping driveways) to the Police online or via 101.
24.05 24.051 24.052	Reports of recent activity 24.051 Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Barningham had attended a meeting of Bedale Hall CIO Board of Trustees where it was agreed that two external elevations of the Hall would be decorated. It was noted that money had been donated from the Rector’s Four and Twenty Fund to install an automatic door, and that it is hoped to get the foyer to a condition where at least the downstairs toilets and museum could be accessed. 24.052 Report from North Yorkshire Council representative NYC Cllr David Webster reported he had attended a seminar about equality and diversity, AI and digital switchover. He noted the upcoming York and North Yorkshire Mayoral elections to be held on 2 nd May, with six candidates standing for the post. <i>N.B. This item was taken at the end of the meeting to accommodate Cllr Webster</i>
24.06 24.061	Financial matters 24.061 Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Bedale Hall CIO (£2,220, Hall rent and meeting room hire for 2024-25); WJPS Ltd (£860.00 +VAT, web domain and email annual renewal);

24.062	<p>Morgan’s (£991.95, grass cutting and maintenance); Kayleigh Catford (£400, market promotion and research); Rialtas Ltd (£277+VAT, annual accounting software subscription); and House and Home (£5.12+VAT, sundries).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £250 (Market stall rentals); £50 (Bedale Park Hire Fees); £450 (car boot sale fees); £49.99 (Barclays plc interest).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted a being £48,552.24.</p> <p>Standing orders and direct debits</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following variable regular automatic payments for the year 2024-25: North Yorkshire Council (business rates for market); British Gas Lite (electricity supply to Market Place bollards and Bridge St toilets); Business Stream (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>
24.07	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>Regarding NY/2024/0035/FUL for conversion of stepped to ramped access to main entrance at Mowbray School, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application;</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/00517/FUL for replacement of four windows with new sliding sash windows in uPVC at Eccles Heddon Ltd, 5 South End, the Council RESOLVED that it objects to the application on the planning grounds of design / visual appearance / materials to be used, and of the effect of this work on a conservation area. This building is part of Bedale's historic centre, where few if any buildings nearby have uPVC windows, and the Town Council would like to see timber frames appropriately retained.</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/00521/FUL for a single storey extension and free-standing car port at 49 South End, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>There were no new planning decisions made by principal authorities to report.</p>
24.08	<p>Yorkshire Day Market</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to set the nearest Tuesday to 1st August as a free Yorkshire Day Market every year until further notice.</p>
24.09	<p>Markets</p> <p>Based on the research commissioned in December, the Council RESOLVED the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to make the bench nearest the pedestrian crossing on the south-west side of Market Place a “stop and chat” bench, and installing a plaque to that effect at a cost not exceeding £80; • to purchase of an A-board and graphic materials at a cost not exceeding £200; • and, to allow new Market traders to stand for four consecutive weeks at half price each week, as an introductory offer to encourage new traders.
24.10	<p>Calvert Way Park</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to rename this play area as “Alfie’s Park” in memory of Alfie Hutchinson, who lived nearby and used to enjoy playing there, and to install an aluminium name sign on site at a cost of not more than £100.</p>

24.11	<p>Bedale Litter Busters</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Bedale Litter Busters as a working group. The Council noted that this work can only be undertaken on roads with speed limits of 30mph or below, in order to adhere to the Council’s insurance policy.</p>
24.12	<p>Community awards and annual meeting – The Council RESOLVED to approve three candidates for Bedale Community Awards to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 11th June and, to show a 10-minute film of the 1952 “Pageant of Bedale” as part of the meeting.</p>
24.13	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided)</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

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