

DATE: Monday 13th May 2024
TIME: 7.30pm (following the Annual Meeting)
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs John Howe, (Chair), Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, David Ingram, Christine Mollard, Mike Barningham and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public [MoP]

24.14	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.15	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Andrew Hallett, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and Emma Wells.
24.16	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8 th April 2024 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.17 24.171	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Unadopted road between Emgate and Churchyard: The Council noted that since potential financial contributions have been offered by the Diocese of Leeds, Bedale Scouts and Guides, and Northern PowerGrid, we are in a position to ask companies willing to patch the road pro bono if they could potentially upgrade this offer to a full resurfacing with the above consortium and residents covering the extra cost. <i>Action: Clerk to progress</i>
24.172	Parking on North End near church The Council noted that North Yorkshire Council Highways has put out for consultation a parking restriction on and in front of the grassed island by St Gregory's Church, as requested by the Town Council. The consultation period for this proposed scheme ends on Monday 20 th May.
24.18 24.181 24.182	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors There were no specific matters to report back from external meetings. Report from District/County Councillors <i>Clerk's note: this item was taken early.</i> NYC Cllr David Webster reported that the county's roads were in the worst state that the Highways department has seen, due to a particularly wet winter and underinvestment due to ongoing cost savings. However, less grit had been required this year, and a number of bridges had been repaired. A staffing restructure has been carried out within tiers 1-4 of NYC, and further restructure will be taking place as the new body settles in. Currently vacancies will not be replaced, and savings will be achieved by updating service plans. It was anticipated that the restructure should be completed within this financial year. Finally, Cllr Webster noted that David Skaith had been elected as the inaugural Mayor of York and North Yorkshire.

<p>24.19</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Bedale, Aiskew with Leeming Bar, and Burrill Joint Burial Committee £3,221.52 (precept); Zurich Municipal £2,880.70 (insurance 2024-25); Morgan’s £1,350 (grasscutting and grounds maintenance); M. Preston £1,055.38+VAT (plumbing at Bridge St disabled toilet); Coxon Brothers £800+VAT (inspection of gullies and clearance of standing water at Bedale Park); Aspect CPM £457.50+VAT (traffic cones for market / remembrance day / etc); Bedale Window Cleaning £225 (bus shelter and bandstand cleaning); Cllr Coates £154.80 (Mayoral expenses); TWC Group £125.90+VAT (toilet rolls / hand tissue for Bedale Park toilets); Ian Smithson CPFA £120.00 (internal audit of 2023-24 papers); Rural Services Network £100+VAT (Rural Market Towns Group annual membership); Artisan Locksmiths £85 (new lock for Bedale Park toilet door); House and Home £38.98+VAT (sundries); Ryman £16.65+VAT (stationery).</p> <p>The Council noted and approved credit card payments to: Viking Direct £306.91+VAT (printer ink and stationery) and Newton Newton £36+VAT (peace flag for D-Day 80). Receipts were noted of: £722 (Market stall rentals); £1,200 (car boot sale fees); £20,000 (North Yorkshire Council “make a difference” grant re skate park); £49,321.80 (NYC re UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant for skate park); £12,533.28 (NYC community infrastructure levy); and £1,610.83 (HM Revenue and Customs VAT126 reclaim).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £153,827.22</p>
<p>24.20</p>	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/004689/MRC, a revised application for variation of conditions from the 2013 permission granted, at the Co-operative Group, Market Chambers, 14 Market Place, the Council RESOLVED the following:</p> <p>Regarding conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 9 concerning opening hours, restriction on overnight deliveries, and tidying up the existing permissions, the Council continues to have no objection to these variations, nor to the removal of condition 5.</p> <p>Regarding condition 6, the Council does not agree that this is covered by the amended condition 2, which discusses the timings but not the weight of deliveries. The Council wishes to see a weight limit retained, and is open to suggestions about what the weight limit may be. It is a concern that the Co-op has been in breach of its planning conditions for some years by using 26-tonne lorries for deliveries, some before 7am.</p> <p>Regarding condition 8 (bicycle parking), the Council has no objection to its removal.</p> <p>The Council was also concerned about condition 7 of the 2013 application, noting that the Co-op is currently in breach of this by advertising a one-hour parking limit rather than the two hours specified, and the Council is therefore surprised this issue is not addressed within the current application. The Co-op's submission that the one hour limit is imposed upon them by their parking management company is seen as exacerbating rather than excusing the breach of conditions, and the Council would expect to see this condition addressed in a further amended application.</p> <p>The Town Council wished to place on record its appreciation of the Co-op as a presence within the community, but that it would however expect the Co-op as good neighbours to adhere to their licensing conditions.</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/00845/FUL, for conversion of half a garage to an internal utility room at 10 Mosquito Garth the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB24/00517/FUL for the new UPVC sash windows (UPVC) to front elevation at 5 South End; ZB24/00521/FUL for a</p>

	<p>single storey garden room extension and free-standing car port at 49 South End; ZB23/01122/FUL for the demolition of existing building and erection of eight new dwellings at 18 Sussex Street (former Bedale Health Clinic); and ZB24/00435/MRC for variation of condition to allow an attached garage at “Greystones”, 10 North End. The Council also NOTED information received of two events at Bedale Camping and Caravanning Site, Burrill Road: ZB24/00670/CAMP, a temporary holiday site for up to 100 units from 17th April to 14th May 2025; and ZB24/00758/CAMP, a temporary holiday site for up to 100 units from 23rd May to 1st June 2025.</p>
24.21	<p>D-Day The Council noted that the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day is set for 6th June at the Bedale Park bandstand, with a 1940s swing band playing either side of the International Tribute and beacon lighting at 9.30pm. The Council RESOLVED to agree to the offer from St Gregory’s Church to host a Civic Service of Remembrance at 4pm on Sunday 9th June, and thanked the Rector for suggesting and arranging this.</p>
24.22	<p>Bedale and Villages Community Plan The Council noted that Bedale and Villages Community Forum are looking to revise their community plan from 2016 and considered the progress of that plan and what input the Town Council would wish to submit to the revision process in terms of recent developments (e.g. illuminated address) and future aspirations. The Council RESOLVED that the most urgent capital project in the parish is the reinforcement and regeneration of the Beckside banking, pathways and associated infrastructure, with other priorities including securing and resurfacing the path from Emgate to the churchyard, establishing a “20’s Plenty” zone throughout the town except the two main roads, and further investigating a cycle link between Bedale Park and the Sports Association.</p>
24.23	<p>Tolbooth Stone Noting that North Yorkshire Council have asked the applicant of planning permission ZB23/01122/FUL (see 24.20 above) make available to the Town Council the historic stonework used in the current building and previously part of the Bedale tollbooth and school. The Council RESOLVED to seek to have this stone relocated to the relief road roundabout to form a backdrop to the deer sculpture.</p>
24.24	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided) The Council noted items 4 and 6, requests for information regarding a potential solar array at Lord’s Lane. The Clerk reported that the company concerned has been in touch and is currently at the investigation stage; they will contact Bedale, and Exelby Leeming and Londonderry, Councils about their plans if and when a planning application is under consideration.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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