

DATE: Monday 14th October 2024
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs John Howe, (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, David Ingram, Christine Mollard, and John Noone
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public

24.66	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 24.73.
24.67	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Andrew Hallett, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and Emma Wells.
24.68	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 th September 2024 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.69 24.691	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Unadopted road between Emgate and Churchyard – the Council heard that Yorvik Homes had provided a quote of £11,686 for a full resurface of the road from Emgate to the Churchyard, and had offered to contribute £5000 towards this work. The Clerk has contacted the other stakeholders and is awaiting response; if the remaining costs are covered, the Council will commission the work, and apply to take adverse possession of the area on completion.
24.692	Footpath from Masham Road to Calvert Way The Council noted that there was no relevant update on this matter.
24.693	Heritage lampposts The Council noted that the new lampposts are not now to be installed by North Yorkshire Council this year, with this work likely to take place in early 2025. NYC will now re-install the timers which they had removed, in order to enable a full display of Christmas light motifs this year on North End / Market Place.
24.70 24.701	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors Cllrs Noone and Coates had attended that Rector’s Four-and-Twenty meeting and reported that the sale of Warwick House had been completed, creating additional funds for local causes. Cllrs Howe and Barningham had attended a meeting of Bedale Hall CIO, reporting that it is hoped the Hall’s downstairs toilets could be re-opened in October. Cllr Coates had attended a meeting of Bedale Scouts and Guides, reporting that they are in need of new volunteers to work alongside the existing dedicated group, and that they are fundraising towards a new storage facility. Cllr Mollard had attended a meeting of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and advised that all employers are now required to have a sexual harassment policy and display screen procedure. <i>ACTION: Clerk to draft these policies for adoption by the Council</i>

24.702	<p>Report from North Yorkshire Council</p> <p>NYC Cllr David Webster reported that North Yorkshire Council has raised objections to the number of new houses proposed for the area by the Government, and that the recent waste survey had concluded that the most likely proposal for countywide waste would be for each household to have one general waste bin and two recycle bins (one for cardboard and paper and the other for tins and bottles), with smaller bins available where required.</p>
24.71	<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; Kompan Ltd £23,216.73+VAT (new multiplay equipment at Southfields); WJPS Ltd £466+VAT (annual business IT support contract etc); K. Catford £200 (market promotion); Bedale Window Cleaning services £195 (watering market place plants and cleaning bandstand); TWC Group £94.90 +VAT (toilet rolls / hand tissue for Bedale Park toilets); Royal British Legion £50 (wreath for Remembrance Day service); Bedale Riverside Club £50 (catering for Remembrance Day); T. Brown £37.20 (stainless steel board for BTC noticeboard); and House and Home £5.63 +VAT (mortice key for toilet).</p> <p>The Council noted and approved credit card payments to: Instantprint £85.42+VAT (Installation board for Covid stone installation); and Safety Signs for less £38.74+VAT (“no dogs” signs for play area)</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £634.50 (Market stall rentals); £173.75 (tug of war); £300 (car boot sale fees); £20,805.34 (HM Revenue and Customs VAT126 reclaim); £25 (Xmas market stall fee); £514.74 (Opus Energy refund re Bridge Street toilets) and £35,345 (North Yorkshire Council, precept #2 of 2).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £55,878.41</p>
24.72	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/01758/FUL, for the demolition of the former bus garage and outbuilding on Sussex Street and the erection of six new dwellings on the site, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application, noting that the site has long been an eyesore in desperate need of renovation, and that the plans for development seem highly sympathetic to the history and vernacular of Bedale's architecture.</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/01780/FUL for a single storey rear extension at 106 South End; the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>Regarding ZB24/01824/CAT for works to a tree in a conservation area at Chantry Hall, North End, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB24/01187/LBC and ZB24/01192/FUL, listed building and general consent for internal alterations to enable change of use of basement and ground floor to classes E(a), E (C)i,ii and iii and E (e) uses and associated outbuilding to classes E(a), E (c) i,ii and iii uses and E(e) uses at 1 Market Place (former Yoredale Vets).</p>

24.73	<p>Bedale Youth Venue</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to make a grant to Bedale Youth Venue of £1,000 under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, noting that the Venue is of great benefit to children and families in the town, and minuting the intention to make similar awards in future years on request.</p>
24.74	<p>North Yorkshire Council Bedale area planning</p> <p>The Council noted that the process of updating the 2015 Bedale and Villages Community plan has begun, and that NYC is also creating development plans for 29 market towns including Bedale. The Council noted that the updated community plan should be clear on which subjects are the Town Council’s statutory responsibility, and which are at the discretion of the Community Forum and the communities within its area.</p>
24.75	<p>Banking hub</p> <p>The Council noted that the office of Kevin Hollinrake MP is intending to apply for the setting up of a banking hub within Bedale, and RESOLVED that this would be a useful addition to the town, particularly regarding the possibility of a 24-hour street facing cashpoint, and the ongoing offer of business and community banking advice of a sort which the Post Office cannot offer, notwithstanding their excellent work managing banking services since the closure of the town’s last bank branch, which the Council commended.</p>
24.76	<p>Unadopted road from Wycar to Bedale Hall</p> <p>The Council considered this matter and RESOLVED to consider managing a full resurface of this road, with contributions on the following “share” basis: Cascade Court 6, NY Police / NY Fire Service / Bedale Hall 4, independent businesses 2, other private dwellings 1. It was noted that most/all of the contributions should be received before the Council commits to the expenditure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for resurfacing</i></p> <p>In the short term, the Council RESOLVED to fill the potholes with gravel or similar compacted substance, to minimise the risk of pedestrian injury going to and from the Bonfire and Fireworks event.</p>
24.77	<p>Budget setting</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to meet informally on Monday 4th November at 7pm, to consider a draft budget for 2025-26 and put it forward for approval at November’s ordinary Council meeting</p>
24.78	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Council NOTED the correspondence as listed below</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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