

**DATE:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Howe, (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, David Ingram, and Christine Mollard  
**STAFF:** Christine Brown (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Four members of the public

24.56	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.57	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Andrew Hallett, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, John Noone, and Emma Wells.
24.58	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.59 24.591 24.592 24.593	<b>Updates from minutes</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>24.591 Unadopted road between Emgate and Churchyard:</b> The Council NOTED that discussions are ongoing with Jorvik Homes and this matter should be reviewed at the next meeting. <b>24.592 Footpath from Masham Road to Calvert Way:</b> The Council NOTED that discussions are ongoing with North Yorkshire Council about footpath ownership, and one-off / ongoing maintenance, and this should remain a standing agenda item until resolved. <b>24.593 CCLA Investment Management Ltd:</b> The Council NOTED that the updated mandate for the Council's account, approved as item 24.51 in August, has been accepted
24.60 24.601 24.602 24.603	<b>Reports of recent activity</b> <b>24.601 Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors</b> The Council noted that the recent BBC Breakfast programme featuring Bedale Library was a great success and excellent publicity for the Library and the town. The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to write to the Library to congratulate them on this feature and thank their volunteers for hard work and ongoing commitment to the community. <i><b>ACTION: Clerk to prepare letter</b></i> <b>24.602 Reports from North Yorkshire Council member</b> NYC Cllr David Webster informed the Council that despite cost saving measures NYC still estimates a deficit of £48 million by 2026-27. NYC will encourage a house building programme with the aim of 50% annual increase in new houses in North Yorkshire. The Council also noted that Bedale will remain a part of Richmondshire constituency planning area, despite having moved to the Thirsk and Malton parliamentary constituency. <b>24.603 Report from North Yorkshire Police</b> <i>n.b. This item was taken first on the agenda for the convenience of the officer attending.</i> PC Paul Mushens introduced the report, noting that there had been a spike in violent activity in July. This was attributable to two individuals who have been identified and

	<p>action taken against them. It was also noted that July football events, and associated increased alcohol consumption, had led to an increase in criminal behaviour generally. PC Mushens also informed the Council that there had also been recent local criminal activity relating to theft of vehicles using keyless technology; in particular, Land Rover and Range Rover cars. It is recommended that this type of key should be kept in a Faraday bag.</p>
<b>24.61</b>	<p><b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b></p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Coxon Brothers £4,821.35+VAT (drainage at Southfields); North Yorkshire Council £2391.39+VAT (electricity to roundabout); Morgan's £2,105 (grass cutting and grounds maintenance); Darren Garside £195.00 (tree work at beckside); Society of Local Council Clerks £148.00 (membership – Asst Clerk); TWC Group £94.90 +VAT (toilet rolls / hand tissue for Bedale Park toilets); YLCA £70.20 (training and development); and JT Atkinson &amp; Sons Ltd £68.24+VAT (equipment for bonfire display).</p> <p>The Council noted and approved a credit card payment to British Rope and Twine Ltd for £184.99+VAT (Tug of War rope)</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £392 (Market stall rentals); £200 (food trader); £300 (car boot sale fees); and £1,250 (memorial bench in Bedale Park).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £29,973.96</p>
<b>24.62</b>	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>There were no new planning applications to consider.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB24/01324/FUL, single storey rear extension of roof space to form bedroom with three roof windows at 31 South End; and ZB24/00469/MRC, application to vary opening hours at Co-operative Group, 14 Market Place.</p>
<b>24.63</b>	<p><b>Beckside Path</b></p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to commission work to underpin the wooden footway on Bedale Beck (between Harbour Rise and Brookside Avenue) with heavy-duty gabions, at a cost of £22,903. In the interests of making the path safe before the winter, this would be taken from reserves and funded by a one-off additional levy on the 2025-26 precept.</p>
<b>24.64</b>	<p><b>Tree work</b></p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to commission the removal of three dead/dying hawthorn bushes at Southfields public open space, at a cost of £385</p>
<b>24.65</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Council NOTED the correspondence as listed below.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

**SIGNED:** (Chair)

**DATE:**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 6<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
(Which is not addressed in the substance of the agenda)

1. From: **MoP** Date: **10/08/2024**  
Request for information about resident parking permits
2. From: **RAF Leeming** Date: **12/08/2024**  
Information about additional flying
3. From: **Community First Responders** Date: **12/08/2024**  
Request for banner on Park railings (granted after consultation)
4. From: **MoP x several** Date: **12-31/08/2024**  
Comments about the state of the boardwalk area at Beckside between Harbour Rise and Brookside Avenue
5. From: **MoP** Date: **12/08/2024**  
Information about a dead tree at the Beck (Aiskew side but overhanging Beckside path)
6. From: **MoP** Date: **12/08/2024**  
Complaint about Co-op delivery lorries arriving too early
7. From: **MoP** Date: **21/08/2024**  
Request for information about car parks
8. From: **MoP x 3** Date: **28-30/08/2024**  
Request for information re potential change of use on holiday let property for sale
9. From: **MoP** Date: **28/08/2024**  
Comment about cherrypicker parked in disabled bay overnight
10. From: **MoP** Date: **29/08/2024**  
Comment about bees nest in Bedale Park
11. From: **MoP** Date: **06/08/2024**  
Request for information about planning status (business class) of a former shop on Market Place
12. From: **MoP** Date: **31/08/2024**  
Comment about lack of 24-hour cash machine in Bedale
13. From: **MoP** Date: **06/09/2024**  
Comment about overgrown trees by Wycar pump house
14. From: **MoP x many** Date: **various**  
Questions about car boot sales