

DATE: Monday 11th November 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: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public

24.79	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.80	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Andrew Hallett, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, John Noone, and Emma Wells.
24.81	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 th October 2024 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.82	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
24.821	Unadopted road between Emgate and Churchyard – the Council heard that Northern Powergrid and Bedale Scouts and Guides have confirmed their contributions to the project, with a reply awaited from the Diocese of Leeds. It is anticipated that the resurfacing work will be completed in early 2025.
24.822	Footpath from Masham Road to Calvert Way – the Council agreed that it will add maintenance of this path and its small grass verges to its grounds maintenance scheme of works, effective from 1 st December 2024. Maintenance of hedges and trees on land bordering the path remains of course the legal responsibility of the owners of adjacent properties. It was agreed that this no longer needs to be a standing agenda item.
24.833	Bonfire and fireworks – Cllr Howe congratulated and thanked all those who had been involved in the successful bonfire and fireworks event. The Council heard that donations on the night had increased by £1,000 from 2023, with card machines proving increasingly useful. A financial reconciliation will be presented to the December meeting.
24.824	Remembrance Day parade and service – the Council heard that the parade and service had gone very well, with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and Kevin Hollinrake MP attending, and both sending thanks and approval of the number of families involved. Cllr Howe expressed the Council’s gratitude to Rev Simon Moor and all those involved in the organisation of this event.
24.83	Reports of recent activity
24.831	Reports from external body meetings attended by Councillors No items were brought to the Council’s attention.
24.832	Report from North Yorkshire Council member – NYC Cllr David Webster reported that 25% of the county’s population are over 65 compared to 18% nationally, with

	<p>implications including health impacts and unclaimed pension credit. He further reported that NYC aims to increase housing by 800 homes per annum, with sites in Scarborough and Craven identified as possible joint venture developments. In a budget update, it was noted that the NYC financial deficit next year is indicated to be £28.2 million, including increases to employer's national insurance contributions following the budget, and to the cost of social care for adults, and for children with special needs. This will be ameliorated by £11 million of income resulting from the budget's council tax increase payable for second homes. Finally, Cllr Webster noted that there is work to be completed around youth councillor engagement.</p>
24.84	<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); Reaction Fireworks £15,500+VAT (fireworks display); North Yorkshire Conveniences £700+VAT (portaloos for bonfire display); Bedale Skip Hire £256.80+VAT (Waste disposal for bonfire display); TJ & CB Services £150 (renovation of Market Place noticeboards); Initial Hygiene £41.01+VAT (service of Bridge St toilets); ECL Plastics £40 (collection boxes for bonfire display); and C. Clarke Graphics £16.97 (lettering for noticeboard).</p> <p>The Council noted and approved credit card payments to Instantprint of £156.03+VAT (Alfie's Park signage).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £640 (Market stall rentals); £100 (Xmas market stalls); £50 (Bedale Park hire fees); £20 (donation for bonfire and fireworks); £2,036.51 (VAT 126 reclaim); and £14,703.01 (Community Infrastructure Levy).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £42,558.84</p>
24.85	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>There were no new applications to consider.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB24/017810/FUL, for a single storey extension to rear of dwelling to form WC, utility and play room at The Greets, 106 South End; ZB24/01824/CAT, for works to trees in a conservation area at Chantry Hall, North End; and NY/2024/0035/FUL, alterations to existing stepped pedestrian access to form new ramped access to main school entrance at Mowbray School, Masham Road.</p>
24.86	<p>2025-26 budget</p> <p>The Council noted the draft budget from the meeting of 4th November, and RESOLVED to adopt it as the 2025-26 budget, with a precept requirement of £105,242 including the one-off payment for Becksid path renovation agreed as item 24.63.</p>
24.87	<p>Metal Detecting</p> <p>Following two requests, the Council considered issues regarding the potential exploration of Bedale Park by metal detectorists, and RESOLVED to not allow detecting on the Park. Reasons for this included but were not limited to the dangers of multiple detectorists asking for permission, and the difficulty of ensuring that disturbed grass surfaces are correctly restored.</p>

24.88	<p>Citizens Advice Noting that North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre helped 68 Bedale residents with 524 issues in 2023-24, the Council RESOLVED to make a £300 grant under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 towards the work of the organisation to the benefit of parishioners.</p>
24.89	<p>Speeding The Council noted a letter and petition circulated by “Cameras for North Yorkshire” and while not unsympathetic to the idea of increased speed monitoring on the county’s roads, RESOLVED not to add itself as a signatory, given the vague demands and sometimes intemperate language used.</p>
24.90	<p>Sexual harassment policy The Council considered the draft policy and RESOLVED to adopt it as circulated.</p>
24.91	<p>Correspondence As attached.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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