

**DATE:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Howe, (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Andrew Hallett, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett and Christine Mollard  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public [MoP]

24.123	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.124	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Dawn Culver, John Noone, and Emma Wells.
24.125	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
24.126 24.1261	<b>Updates from minutes</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>VE Day 80</b> -The Council noted developments towards the commemoration/celebration of this event on the evening of Thursday 8th May. The event will be held in Bedale Park and will include entertainment, food and drink stalls, and lighting of a beacon. The ballroom at Bedale Hall has been pencilled in as a wet-weather alternative.
24.127 24.1271	<b>Reports of recent activity</b> <b>Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors</b> – Cllrs Ingram and Mollard had attended a meeting of the Joint Burial Committee, where it was reported that new war graves signage is to be installed in the cemetery. Cllrs Barningham and Coates had attended a meeting of the Board of the Rector’s Four-and-Twenty Charity, which had awarded grants to Bedale AFC, Crakehall School, and Bedale High School.
24.1272	<b>Report from North Yorkshire Council member</b> – NYC Cllr David Webster reported that a Council Tax rise of 4.99% for 2025-26 has been approved, and the policy of charging double council tax for second home properties has been implemented; it is anticipated that the latter decision will raise £42.4 million over the next four years to support affordable homes. The locality budget will be halved in the new financial year, £5 million has been used from reserves to fund the 2025-26 budget, leaving reserve funds at £60 million. The Council thanked Cllr Webster for this, and his previous informative reports, and requested that he provide a written report for any future Council meetings he is unable to attend in person.
24.128	<b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b> The Council noted the financial statement and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Bedale Hall CIO £345.14 (office heating); K. Catford £175 (PR support for Market); House and Home £8.99 +VAT (materials for maintenance of heritage boards) and YLCA £26.30 (training). The Council noted and approved credit card payments to: Viking Direct (£148.36 +VAT, stationery) and National Association of Local Councils (£35.00 +VAT, training).

	<p>Receipts were noted of £196.80 (market stall rents); £1,200 (car boot sale fees); £4,170 (NYC grant); and Bedale and Villages Community Forum £2,327.04 (marquee hire contribution). The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being <b>£56,210.60</b>.</p>
<b>24.129</b>	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:  Regarding ZB24/02356/FUL and ZB25/00235/LBC for listed building consent and change of use from commercial to dwelling, involving internal partition wall alterations and the relocation of a roof light, at The Forge, Amen House, North End, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that while not objecting to the application, it wished to comment that there is little amenity space or parking available at this site to support a four-bedroomed property.  Regarding ZB25/00171/FUL for a two-storey extension at 52 Iddison Drive the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it has no objection to this application.  Regarding ZB25/00250 for a single storey extension to bungalow at 33 Pasture Drive, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it has no objection to this application  Regarding ZB25/00325/CAT, for the felling of a tree within a conservation area at Bumblebee House ,Wycar, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it has no objection to this application  The Council NOTED the granting by North Yorkshire Council of ZB25/00009/LBC, listed building consent for internal works at 1 Market Place.</p>
<b>24.130</b>	<p><b>Christmas 2025</b></p> <p>Following on from agenda item 24.119, the Council noted that the Christmas Working Group's subsequent meeting with other interested parties has not yet been able to take place due to availability issues. The Council further noted the letter received from town centre businesses, to consider the nature and timings of the Council's Christmas event on Saturday 29th November, and bearing this in mind the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to restrict the road closure to the later afternoon, to support the Bedale Band and lights switch-on.</p>
<b>24.131</b>	<p><b>Bedale Scouts and Guides Community Festival</b></p> <p>The Council considered a request for a grant under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, for up to £920 towards hiring play equipment for this event, and, considering that this would be to the benefit of many residents, <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve this request.</p>
<b>24.132</b>	<p><b>Pavement licence</b></p> <p>The Council considered noted North Yorkshire Council's licensing department's consultation regarding the application for a pavement licence at Number 34 Coffee and Gifts, Market Place and agreed the application was reasonable, subject to ensuring the furniture did not impede wheelchair access on the street.</p>
<b>24.133</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> (background papers provided)  The correspondence (as attached) was NOTED.</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

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