

DATE: Monday 14th April 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs John Howe (Chair), Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, and Emma Wells
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public [MoP]

25.01	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
25.02	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mike Barningham and John Noone. At this point the Council paused the meeting to observe a one-minute silence in memory of both the late Chris Nattrass, former Mayor of Bedale, and the late Cllr Bob White, Mayor of Richmond.
25.03	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 th March 2025 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
25.04 25.041 25.042	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Christmas 2025 – The Council noted that the working group had met and agreed that the road closure for the market and lights switch-on 29 th November would be from mid-afternoon only, rather than all day or from lunchtime. Heritage lighting / Christmas lights The Council noted confirmation from North Yorkshire Council that the new streetlighting columns will be installed in 2025-26, and that these will be fitted at NYC expense with timers for Christmas lighting motifs, including those on Bridge Street.
25.05 25.051 25.052	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors – Cllr Mollard reported that that she had attended a Yorkshire Local Councils Associations personnel meeting, which advocated for all parish councillor to attend their “Off to a Flying Start” introductory training sessions. Report from North Yorkshire Council representative – The Council noted the written report provided by NYC Cllr Webster, in which he noted that he had attended a meeting of the Nosterfield Strategic Management Committee which had considered 30 year plans for gravel extraction, nature and heritage, land and site management, and biodiversity net gain. Cllr Webster also reported that following “controversy” over home to school transport, this topic would be the subject of an extraordinary meeting ahead of the NYC Annual General Meeting on 21 st May.

25.053	Report from North Yorkshire Police – The January-March crime reports circulated by NYP were noted.
25.06 25.061	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; WJPS Ltd £909+VAT (web support, hosting and email, annual subscription); Yorkshire Local Councils Associations £857 (annual membership); Morgan’s £850 (grounds maintenance); Rialtas Business Solutions £294+VAT (accounting software annual support and maintenance); YLCA £140 (regional training day); TWC Facilities £94.90+ VAT (supplies public toilets); and Bedale Window Cleaning £45 (bandstand cleaning). The Council noted and approved credit card payments to Viking Direct (£148.36+VAT, stationery) and National Association of Local Councils (£35+VAT, training). Receipts were noted of: £210.05 (Market stall rentals); £600 (car boot sale fees); and £61.38 (Barclays Bank, interest) The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £40,430.61
25.062	2025-26 standing orders and direct debits The Council RESOLVED to approve the following regular automatic payments for the year 2025-26: North Yorkshire Council (business rates for market); British Gas Lite (electricity supply to Market Place bollards and Bridge St toilets); Business Stream (water to Bridge St toilets); LCC Communications (office telephone and broadband); Rentokil Initial (pest control in Bedale Park); Yorwaste Ltd (car boot sale rubbish collection); Microsoft (Office 365 subscription); DropBox (subscription); and Information Commissioner’s Office (GDPR registration).
25.07	Planning Matters There were no new planning applications to be considered. The Council NOTED the granting by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB24/02475/FUL for installation of solar panels on south facing roof at Chantry Hall, North End; ZB25/00235/CAT to fell a tree in a Conservation area at Bumblebee House, Wycar; and ZB25/00250/FUL for construction of single-story extension to existing bungalow at 33 Pasture Drive. The Council also NOTED the refusal by NYC of: ZB24/02475/FUL for installation of an air source heat pump at 14 Peirse Close; and ZB25/00171/FUL for a two-storey side extension at 52 Iddison Drive.
25.08	Market fees The Council considered the charges and conditions for market traders, noting that the Market Superintendent and Clerk were not suggesting any changes in these, and RESOLVED to retain the fees and conditions for a further year.
25.09	Financial Regulations and Standing Orders The Council RESOLVED to adopt updated Financial Regulations based on National Association of Local Councils model regulations, which have been updated to reflect The Procurement Act 2023 and the Procurement Regulations 2024, and further RESOLVED to adopt updated Standing Orders reflecting these same changes, and also a revised section on how the Council should react to Code of Conduct breaches.

25.10	Volunteer Fair The Council NOTED this event taking place at Bedale Hall on 26th April.
25.11	Annual Parish Meeting The Council considered suitable candidate/s for Bedale Community Awards to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 3rd June, and RESOLVED to offer an award to a deserving recipient.
25.12	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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