

DATE: Monday 8th September 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard, (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, Craig Hoyland, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and Emma Wells
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk, minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: one member of the public [MoP]

25.57	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
25.58	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Ingram.
25.59	Minutes of the ordinary Town Council meeting held on 11 th August 2025 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
25.60 25.601	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Historic stonework – The Council heard that the stones at the former Health Centre on Sussex Street (formerly from the National School and Tollbooth), which had been in danger of being removed by a sub-contractor to the developer of that site, have now correctly been salvaged for the Council to re-use. The stones have been uplifted and stored by a local builder, and plans / costings are being sought for their being re-used as an artistic drystone wall behind the deer sculpture.
25.61 25.611	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from meetings attended by Councillors: Many Councillors had attended events commemorating the 80 th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the second World War – a wreath laying at St Gregory’s churchyard and service at Bedale Methodist Church. Cllr Barningham had attended the 50 th anniversary celebration at Bedale Athletic and Sports Association, at which the Council had been thanked for its support over the years, and the Council NOTED the achievement of BASA in “surviving and thriving” over that time.
25.612	Report from North Yorkshire Council representative: NYC Cllr David Webster reported that there are 260 households in North Yorkshire in temporary accommodation, with at one point in August 571 children in care. Benefits processing has improved from nine days to two, and the issuing of education health care plans has also improved. There has been a drop in service standards in collection of street refuse, due to staff illness and turnover, and difficulties in

	staff recruitment and development. Urgent action has been taken to improve recruitment, with agency staff and re-allocation of resources between depots deployed in the short term.
25.62	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 £1,600+VAT (new computers, software and licensing); CM Builds £750+VAT (collection and storage of historic stonework); Arborlutions £485 (tree work at Southfields / Harbour View); K. Catford £200 (Market support); TWC Facilities £94.90+VAT (supplies for public toilet); JT Atkinson £14.25+VAT (barrier tape for play area); and House & Home £5.08+VAT (sundries). The Council noted and approved a credit card payment to: Viking Direct £115.30 (stationery). Receipts were noted of £417.50 (Market stall rents) and £200 (car boot sale fee). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £38,605.39.
25.63	Planning matters There were neither any new applications to consider, nor any decisions to note.
25.64	Bedale Museum The Council NOTED with approval that the Museum is hoping to re-open in 2026, and to run various “by appointment” events before then (e.g. with schools and at the Christmas Fair). This being of clear benefit to the town and its inhabitants, the Council RESOLVED to award the Museum up to £500 for start-up costs, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
25.65	Bedale Christmas Festival The Council RESOLVED to make a grant to the Bedale and Villages Community Forum of £1,500 towards marquee hire for this event, under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, noting that the Festival is of benefit to residents of the town, both in and of itself and as a visitor attraction.
24.66	Bedale Youth Venue The Council RESOLVED to make a grant to Bedale Youth Venue of £1,300 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.
25.67	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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