

DATE: Monday 13th October 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard, (Chair), Mike Barningham, Andy Hallett, David Ingram, and Pam Macklewain-Hallett
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

25.68	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 25.75.
25.69	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Craig Hoyland, John Howe, and Emma Wells.
25.70	Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8 th September 2025 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
25.71 25.711	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Bedale Park Play Area: the Council heard that a meeting of the play area working group had taken place following the failure of the tube slide. Three options are suggested for consultation with the public: like-for-like replacement; retaining a lower grassed mound, with a piece of play equipment at the top and a slide; and removal of the mound with new play equipment installed in its place.
25.72 25.721	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Coates, Hallett, Mollard, and Macklewain-Hallett had attended the RAF Leeming 85 th anniversary salute in Bedale Park. Cllrs Barningham and Ingram had attended a meeting of Bedale Hall CIO at which it was noted that the Bedale Library Committee had renewed their lease, that their new heating system had been installed, and that the Hall had replaced communal area lighting with LEDs.
25.722	Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative: NYC Cllr David Webster reported that the Director for Children's Services, Sir Stuart Carlton has retired, with his post temporarily filled by Pete Thorpe. He added that a capital investment report is underway regarding leisure facilities, including major repairs to Richmond Swimming Pool, and that the need has been demonstrated for 2,500 affordable housing units per year across North Yorkshire. The 8,000 second homes across the county support community housing by £4 million p.a.

25.723	<p>Report from North Yorkshire Police</p> <p>The Council NOTED the reports circulated for July-September, and asked again if clear-up and prosecution rates could be added to the information given.</p>
25.73	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement circulated and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Morgan's £3,595 (grass cutting, grounds maintenance, annual hedge work); PKF Littlejohn LLP £840+VAT, (external audit fee 2024-25); WJPS Ltd £529+VAT (annual IT support); Bedale Window Cleaning £525 (Market Place plant watering, bus shelter and bandstand cleaning); Bedale Hall CIO £393.98 (office heating); Alverton Press £130+VAT (Market rent books); Society of Local Council Clerks £148.00 (membership for Asst Clerk); Northdale £33.33+VAT (geraniums in market place planters); and T. Brown £8.23+VAT (sundries for Bedale Park toilet repairs)</p> <p>There were no credit card payments to approve.</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £587.50 (market stall rentals); £450 (car boot sale fees); £378.60 (Joint Burial Committee, Employers NI) and £52,621 (North Yorkshire Council, precept #2 of 2).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £75,316.17.</p>
25.74	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Regarding ZB25/018787/ADV for three non-illuminated signs on the A684 at Bedale roundabout, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p>
25.75	<p>Bedale Hall</p> <p>The Council noted that it, along with Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council, remain technically leaseholders of Bedale Hall, despite a Hambleton District Council cabinet minute of June 2022 to transfer the lease to Bedale Hall CIO. The Council RESOLVED to reaffirm: that it does not want, or in any practical sense have, any lease holding power over Bedale Hall; that it will sign any surrender of lease document necessary to recognise this situation; and that it will neither instruct lawyers nor pay fees regarding this matter.</p>
25.76	<p>Sussex Street / Market Place junction</p> <p>Following a request from a parishioner, the Council RESOLVED to advocate for a zebra crossing on Sussex Street, at or near to the junction with Market Place / South End.</p>
25.77	<p>Rand Grange Parish</p> <p>Noting that the parish meeting of Rand Grange, adjacent to Bedale to the north, has not met for many years, and that the current North Yorkshire Council</p>

	community governance review recommends that the parish be merged with Bedale, the Council RESOLVED to respond agreeing with this recommendation.
25.78	Memorial bench The Council RESOLVED to approve a request from the family of Freja Nicholson that they fund the installation and initial upkeep costs of a bench on Bedale Park in her memory, with the Council owning and maintaining the bench subsequently.
25.79	Historic stones The Council noted that the stones from the national school / tollbooth have now been collected and RESOLVED to approve a budget of up to £5,000 for their installation as a dry-stone wall / artwork behind the deer sculpture at Bedale roundabout.
25.80	Budget setting The Council RESOLVED to meet and consider a draft budget for 2026-27 for approval on Monday 3 rd November at 7pm
25.81	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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