



DATE: 8th December 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: The Drawing Room, Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale DL8 1AA

To the members of the Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Bedale Town Council for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Signed:  Date: 2nd December 2025

Nick Reed, Clerk to the Council

- 25.93** **Declarations of interest in agenda Items** and requests for dispensations
- 25.94** **Apologies** and consideration of reasons for absence
- 25.95** **Minutes** of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th November 2025
- 25.96** **Casual vacancy** – to consider filling by co-option the vacant Council seat created by the resignation of Cllr John Howe, and to consider suitable Councillors to fill Cllr Howe's places on the Staffing Committee and Christmas Lights / Emergency Planning / Twinning / Litterbusters Working Groups, and his roles representing the Council at Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, Bedale Hall CIO, and Bedale Tourist Information Centre
- 25.97** **Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)**
 - 25.971** **VJ Day memorial bench** – noting that a bespoke VJ Day memorial bench would cost over £1,800, to consider revising the resolution made under agenda item 25.55 such that purchase is of a teak bench with a memorial plaque, to remain within the agreed £600 budget
 - 25.972** **Interpretation boards** – to note the offer by North Yorkshire Council to replace the interpretation boards around town with like-for-like boards
- 25.98** **Reports of recent activity**
 - 25.981** **Reports of relevant activity from meetings attended by Councillors**
 - 25.982** **Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative**
- 25.99** **Financial statement and approvals for payment** – to receive a financial statement and approve payments including: staff salaries and PAYE; Generation (UK) Ltd £459.99+VAT (fencing for fireworks); and W. Braithwaite & Sons £290+VAT (winter planting)

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- 25.100 Planning matters** – to include: ZB25/01951/MPN for change of use from agriculture to commercial class E at Floodbridge Farm; and ZB25/02054/CAT for the felling of two cypress trees in a conservation area at “Holly Trees”, Wycar
Also, to note planning decisions made by principal authorities since November’s meeting
- 25.101 Bedale Town Improvement Plan** – to receive a presentation by Lisa Wilson, Locality Lead for North Yorkshire Council, about setting the terms of engagement for the Town Improvement Plan over the next 5-10 years
- 25.102 Vibrant Market Towns** – noting that the application process is open for round 3 of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Vibrant Market Towns fund, to consider leading a consortium application for up to £100,000, with partners including Bedale and Villages Community Forum, Bedale Museum, Bedale Tourist Information Centre, and town centre businesses, to improve public spaces, increase dwell and spend times, and deliver town centre events including the Fireworks display and Christmas Festival; and to employ a consultant / fundraiser for four days’ work to deliver the application itself at a cost of £750
- 25.103 Sunday Markets** – to consider allowing Real Markets Yorkshire to run monthly Sunday markets on the town centre cobbles from April 2026, under the Market Charter
- 25.104 Christmas Lights switch-on** – to receive a report back from this event
- 24.105 Correspondence** (background papers provided)

Members of the public may speak on any matter at the discretion of the Chair of the meeting