

DATE: Monday 10th November 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Andy Hallett, Craig Hoyland, David Ingram, and Pam Macklewain-Hallett
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: No others

25.82	Declarations of interest in agenda items There were none
25.83	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Emma Wells
25.84	Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13 th October 2025 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
25.85 25.851	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Remembrance Day: the Council RESOLVED to approve formally the Remembrance Day related payments, necessarily agreed between meetings, of £50 to the Royal British Legion for a Town Council wreath, and £50 to Bedale Riverside Club for refreshments following the Remembrance Day parade. The Council minuted its THANKS to Bedale Scouts and Guides for their help in organising and managing the parade.
25.86 25.861 25.862	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Hallett and Macklewain-Hallett had attended a North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison Meeting covering resilience to major incidents and parish liaison, devolution and community rights, and reported that this offered helpful advice in the preparation of the Emergency Plan. Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative The Council NOTED the written report circulated by NYC Cllr David Webster.
C25.87	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Reaction Fireworks £15,500+VAT (Firework display); Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar, and Burrill Joint Burial Committee £3,382.59 (precept #2 of 2); North Yorkshire Conveniences £720+VAT

	(portaloos for Fireworks); Platinum Medical £340.00 +VAT (medical cover for Fireworks); Northdale £286.31+VAT (winter planting); Yorkshire Local Councils Associations £210.00 (training); The Cherry Tones £150 (entertainment for Fireworks); Bedale Skip Hire £140+VAT (skip for Fireworks evening waste); TWC Facilities £101.85+VAT (supplies for toilets); North Yorkshire Council £80.00 (parking services for Fireworks); North Yorkshire Scouts £79.00 (equipment hire for Fireworks); Bedale Scouts £75.00 (equipment hire for Fireworks); and K. Catford £75.00 (market PR support). There were no credit card payments to note. Receipts were noted of: £470 (Market stall rents); £100 (Bedale Park hire); £900 (Fireworks catering fees); £1,250 (memorial bench installation); and £1,704.65 (HM Revenue and Customs, VAT 126 reclaim). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £52,792.74.
25.88	Planning Matters Regarding ZB25/01639/MRC for variation of condition regarding use of external parking spaces at Hanson's, 7 North End, the Council RESOLVED that while it has no objection to the principle of the variation, it objects to the application as constituted and would like to see the catering unit removed from the parking spaces during the winter months when outside catering is not taking place. Regarding ZB25/01715/ADV and ZB25/01716/LBC for permission and listed building consent for new signage, renovated lighting, and external redecoration at The Three Coopers, 2 Emgate, the Council RESOLVED that it supports these applications. Regarding ZB25/01816/ADV and ZB25/01817/LBC for permission and listed building consent for signage on and around the Old Black Swan, 19 Market Place, the Council RESOLVED that it supports these applications. Regarding ZB25/01831/FUL for a single storey rear extension at 32 Brookside Close, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application. Regarding ZB25/01836/CLP for new concrete finish replacing older hard standing in poor condition at Lowlands Grange Farm, the Council RESOLVED that it supports this application. Regarding ZB25/01859/FUL and ZB25/01860/LBC for permission and listed building consent for the alteration of internal openings and doorways to form separate office and residential units at Robin Jessop Ltd, 4-6 North End, the Council RESOLVED that it supports these applications. The Council NOTED the granting by North Yorkshire Council of ZB25/01605/FUL, for first floor extension over existing garage at 21 Hird Avenue.
25.89	2026-27 budget The Council RESOLVED to approve the budget and precept requirement for 2026-27, as proposed following the budget meeting on 3rd November.

25.90	Beckside bench The Council RESOLVED to replace the picnic bench at Beckside, removed following vandalism earlier this year, at a cost of £595.
25.91	Fireworks evening: The Council heard from the Fireworks Working Group that the event on 1 st November had gone smoothly, with the display well received and attendances at roughly the same high level as in 2024. Not having a bonfire generated a few comments on the night but did not seem to affect most people's enjoyment of the evening. It was noted that public donations were down by £2,500 on last year's admittedly record-setting figure, due presumably to less people carrying spare cash, and the Council suggested that pubs, restaurants, etc be approached for small donations, and that opportunities for individuals to donate in advance be better advertised.
25.92	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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