

DATE: Monday 10th August 2026
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard (Chair), Simon Austwick, Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, David Emison, Andrew Hallett, Craig Hoyland, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and Jack Smith-Eccles
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Joanne Thomson (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: One Member of the public

26.53	Declarations of interest in agenda items Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 26.562.
26.54	Apologies There were none, all Councillors being present.
26.55	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 th July 2026 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
26.56 26.561 26.562	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Christmas: The Council heard that advertising for the Christmas brochure has been successful, with many ads remaining unchanged, which will provide helpful continuity from year to year. Approximately £1,300 has been committed so far, which will at least cover the costs of printing. Bedale Hall: There were no developments to report regarding the issues of the Hall's lease and, hopefully, its eventual transfer to Bedale Hall CIO.
26.57	Report from North Yorkshire Council member The Council noted a written report from NYC Cllr David Webster.
26.58	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Arborlutions (£275, tree work at Ash Tree Close); TWC Facilities Ltd (£136.80+VAT, supplies for Park toilets); Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (£75.20, training); and North Yorkshire Council (£50+VAT, parking suspension for Sunday Market). The Council further noted credit card payments to Goole Town Council (£165, Yorkshire Day attendance) and Amazon (£8.99+VAT, Santa grotto decorations). Receipts were noted of: £360.50 (Market rents); £350 (car boot sale fees); £694.85 (North Yorkshire Council, grass cutting contribution); £50 (Real Markets, parking suspension); £57.56 (fireworks Crowdfunder); £100 (Snape PC, fireworks contribution); and £500 (Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC, Xmas weekend contribution). The Council minutes its THANKS to Snape and Aiskew and Leeming Bar PCs for these last two contributions. The cash book balance following these transactions was noted as being £33,685.00.

26.59	Planning Matters There were no new planning applications to discuss. The Council noted the granting by the principal authority of: ZB26/00679/LBC for listed building consent to repair the interior floorboards, walls and plaster at 15 Market Place; ZB26/00935/CAT to fell a tree in a conservation area at Throstle Nest Cottage, 17 Wycar; ZB26/00960/FUL to install 7 uPVC sliding sash windows to replace existing at 4 Cascade Court; and ZB26/01016/CAT to remove a purple leaf plum tree and Japanese maple at The Old Stables 5B North End, and the refusal of ZB26/00126/LBC and ZB26/00125/FUL for conversion and change of use from offices to residential apartments at Oak Tree House 35 North End. The Council further noted the withdrawal of ZB26/00129/LBC, listed building consent for replacement of a rear kitchen window at 2 Albert Row.
26.60	Charter Market Noting the success of the free Yorkshire Day Market, and the ongoing struggles of the weekly Charter Market following the retirements of several key traders, the Council discussed how best to set Market prices so as to maximise uptake while acknowledging that free markets can be seen as working against year-round stallholders. The Council RESOLVED to reduce stall fees for the weekly to £5 for permanent traders and £7 for casual traders, with an extra charge of £5pw for use of electricity. This schedule will be reviewed at November's meeting.
26.61	New Bench at Queen Anne's Drive – The Council RESOLVED to place a new bench at the corner of Firby Road and Queen Anne's Drive, for the benefit of Queen Anne's residents and parishioners on their way to the Firby Road Surgery, at a cost of no more than £700.
26.62	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

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