

**DATE:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**TIME:** 7.15pm, following the Annual Town Council Meeting  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs Christine Mollard (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, David Emison, Andy Hallett, David Ingram, and Pam Macklewain-Hallett  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk), Joanne Thomson (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** No others

26.13	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 26.22.
26.14	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies were received.
26.15	<b>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
26.16	<b>Casual vacancy</b> The Council heard that no candidates for co-option had come forward. It was noted that the Council is required to co-opt at the earliest opportunity, that all Councillors should consider possible candidates, and that the Clerk is available to discuss the role and responsibility with anyone interested.
26.17 26.171	<b>Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)</b> <b>Bedale Town Investment Plan</b> – The Council heard that the first meeting of the TIP steering group will be held at 10am on 19 <sup>th</sup> May. The Town Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllrs Coates and Macklewain-Hallett, and the Clerk, to the steering group.
26.18 26.181 26.182	<b>Reports of recent activity</b> <b>Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors</b> There was nothing to report not covered elsewhere in these minutes <b>Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative</b> The Council noted the written report from NYC Cllr David Webster, which mentioned that rejuvenating work is to be carried out in the area of the relief road roundabout, and on Grange Road, Pasture Drive, Meadow Grove, Pinewood Grove, and Beechwood Close. Cllr Webster also reported that two new care and support hubs are proposed at Harrogate and Scarborough for people living with dementia, and placed on record that he supports the request from Bedale Hall CIO for funding to be considered from Community Infrastructure Levy money being held by NYC (see item 26.22).
26.19	<b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b> The Council noted the financial statement and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Morgan's (£2,300, grass cutting and grounds maintenance including bench renovations); M Preston Plumbing (£299.05+VAT, replacement taps in Park toilets); Cllr Mollard (£283.85, Mayoral expenses); Ian Smithson

	<p>CPFA (£180, internal audit); K. Catford (£93.75, Market / business PR); North Yorkshire Council (£70, premises licence for Bedale Park, and £60, Sunday Market parking suspension); and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (£37.60, training)</p> <p>Receipts were notes of: £320 (Market stall rents); £750 (car boot sale fees); £20 (Park hire); £11.50 (Northern Powergrid wayleaves agreement); £240 (car boot sale refreshment fees); £1,573.37 (HMRC Vat126 reclaim); and £49,755.50 (North Yorkshire Council, precept #1 of 2).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £54,754.81.</p>
<b>26.20</b>	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>Regarding ZB26/00618/FUL for change of use from class E to sui generis at (former) Serendipitea, 15 Market Place; and ZB26/00619/LBC for repainting the front of the building and refurbishing window frames, and ZB26/00679/LBC, repairing interior floorboards and cover with vinyl flooring, listed building consent applications at the same address, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to any of these applications. Regarding ZB26/00729/CAT for removal of a cypress tree behind 5 South End, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>The Council also noted the approval by the principal authority of: ZB25/01152/FUL and ZB25/01153/LBC for various external and internal work at 8 North End including listed building consent; and ZB26/00428/FUL for an extension and internal alterations at “Wynd Croft”, Masham Road.</p>
<b>26.21</b>	<p><b>Oak trees</b></p> <p>The Council considered a request from a parishioner to plant and maintain, at their own cost, five oak tree saplings on spaces managed by the Council – two near the deer sculpture, two at Burrill Road (verge before the open space), and one at Southfields open space. The Council RESOLVED to support this request.</p>
<b>26.22</b>	<p><b>Bedale Hall</b></p> <p>The Council heard that Bedale Hall is engaged in communication with North Yorkshire Council about the possibility of using Community Infrastructure Levy monies to make good the Hall entrance ceiling, interior and improvements, which would be necessary in order for Bedale Hall CIO to accept assignation of the building’s lease. The Council has also been contacted by Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council with a view to setting up a working group to discuss the lease.</p>
<b>26.23</b>	<p><b>Christmas</b></p> <p>The Council noted progress towards the 2026 Christmas events taking place on 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November, and RESOLVED to set a budget of up to £500 for dressing a Santa’s grotto in the Bedale Room at Bedale Hall, most of the materials to be re-useable in future years.</p>
<b>26.24</b>	<p><b>Litterbusters</b></p> <p>The Council noted the winding up of the Bedale Litterbusters in its current form, and, further noting that the Litterbusters are technically a Working Group of the Town Council, RESOLVED to offer to take on administration of this work, including purchase and distribution of equipment, organisation of litter picks, maintenance of Market Place planters and red phone boxes. The Clerk will discuss this further with outgoing Litterbusters volunteers.</p>

<b>26.25</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> The Council noted that, due to participant availability, the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at the alternative venue of Bedale Sports Association, who are kindly providing the facility free of charge.
<b>26.26</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**SIGNED:**

**(Chair)**

**DATE:**

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