

DATE: Monday 13th July 2026
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard (Chair), Simon Austwick (after item 26.42) Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, David Emison, Andrew Hallett, Craig Hoyland, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and Jack Smith-Eccles (after item 26.42)
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Joanne Thomson (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public

26.39	Declarations of interest in agenda items Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 26.47
26.40	Apologies There were none, all Councillors being present.
26.41	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8 th June 2026 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
26.42	Casual vacancy The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Simon Austwick and Jack Smith-Eccles to fill the casual vacancies caused by the resignations of Dawn Culver and Emma Wells. Cllrs Austwick and Smith-Eccles signed their acceptance of office forms and took their seats for the remainder of the meeting.
26.43 26.431 26.432	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Bedale Town Investment Plan: The Council heard that a second stakeholder meeting was held on 22 nd June, with participants prioritising potential projects and how they would wish the town to feel. The next step is for North Yorkshire Council to write a first draft of the Plan based on these discussions and public consultation. Christmas: The Council heard that planning is well underway for the Christmas weekend on 27-29 November, with booklet advertising being well taken up, a booking system for Santa's grotto is underway, Bedale High School providing entertainment and a marquee for the Friday late night shopping. Timers have finally been installed by North Yorkshire Council in all town centre lampposts, and a contractor is being sought to set the lights up. Primary schools have also been enthusiastic to take part in the weekend.
26.44 26.441 26.442	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors None to report. The Council RESOLVED to remove this as a standing agenda item, as significant developments from external bodies would lead to agenda items in any case. Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative Councillors noted the report circulated by NYC Cllr David Webster.

26.45	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Morgan's (£1,500, grass cutting and Becksides strimming); Northdale (£320+VAT, summer planting); W Braithwaite & Son (£204.17+VAT, summer planting); £93.75 (K. Catford, business and Market liaison; £50 (North Yorkshire Council, Sunday Market parking suspension); and £24.35+VAT (JT Atkinson Ltd, grab rail for Park toilet). The payment of £2,799.85 to Clear Councils Ltd for annual insurance, necessarily agreed between meeting, was noted and approved, and credit card payments were noted for: £279.97 (various companies, Xmas Weekend decorations); £119.93+VAT (Viking Direct, stationery); £21 (North Yorkshire Council, Temporary Event Notice for Xmas Market); and £1.55 (Post Office, postage). The Council noted income of: £560 (Bedale Park hire - overflow car parking); £450 (car boot sale fees); £240 (car boot sale food trader); £220 (Market stall rents); and donations towards the Fireworks display from Bedale and Villages Community Forum (£1,500 for 2025 event), Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council (£1,300), and Bedale Golf Club (£250). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £33,201.85
26.46	Planning Matters Considering ZB26/00960/FUL to replace timber sash windows with uPVC at 8 Cascade Court, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council NOTED the granting by the principal authority of: ZB26/00618/FUL for change of use as 15 Market Place (former Serendipitea); ZB26/00639/CLP for new concrete yard finish at Lowlands Grange; and ZB26:00872/FUL for conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at 5B North End.
26.47	Bedale Hall There were no further developments to report, given that a time for this Council and Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC to meet has not yet been agreed.
26.48	Speed limit / crossing patrol at Mowbray School The council RESOLVED to support the school's campaign for a 20mph limit on the relevant part of Masham Road during drop-off and pick-up times, and for a school crossing patrol to be present at these times. Councillors also noted feedback from residents frustrated at legal but perceived anti-social parking, and the possibility of a pelican crossing being added, and these comments will be added in correspondence on this matter with North Yorkshire Council and any other interested parties.
26.49	Market Place parking Noting correspondence and feedback from parishioners, the Council RESOLVED to support and advocate for the parking spaces on Market Place / North End to be re-marked with fewer but wider spaces, ideally 2.6m against the current 2.4m The Council further RESOLVED to support and advocate that the cobbles on the west side of North End be brought into line with the rest of the town centre as a two-hour disc parking zone with resident permits available. It was further suggested that a period of free parking could be offered within the Bridge Street and Auction Mart car parks. <i>ACTION – Clerk to progress all these ideas with North Yorkshire Council</i>

26.50	2027 car boot sales The Council RESOLVED to support recommendations from the Car Boot Sale Working Group on next year's documents and the status of two local organisations. The deadline for applications will be 30 th November.
26.51	Litter picking The Council noted that due to volunteer demand, litter picks on the first Sunday of each month will recommence in August, still as a Town Council Working Group, covered by the Council's insurance, and monitored by the Council's caretaker / litterpicker.
26.52	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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