

DATE: Monday 8th June 2026
TIME: 7.00pm
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: Two members of the public

26.27	Declarations of interest in agenda items Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 26.35
26.28	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Craig Hoyland
26.29	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 th May 2026 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
26.30	Casual vacancy The Council heard that no candidates for co-option had yet come forward. It was noted that the Council is required to co-opt at the earliest opportunity, and that therefore all Councillors should consider possible candidates for co-option at July's meeting. The Clerk is available to discuss the role and responsibility with anyone interested.
26.31	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
26.311	Bedale Town Investment Plan – Notes of the first meeting held by North Yorkshire Council to discuss feedback from public surveying have now been circulated. The next meeting will take place on 22 nd June.
26.312	Christmas – The Council heard that planning is well underway for the Christmas meeting on 27-29 November, with decorations for Santa's grotto purchased at under the budget agreed at May's meeting. The Council AGREED that a Christmas meeting is not necessary prior to the July and August meetings, and that these will resume in September at the later time of 6.30pm.
26.32	Reports of recent activity
26.321	Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors Cllr Barningham attended a Bedale and Villages Community Forum meeting, which agreed a donation of £1,500 towards this year's Fireworks. The Council minuted its THANKS for this kind donation.
26.322	Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative NYC Cllr David Webster introduced the written report previously circulated, noting that 180,000 people had registered successfully for the new Household Waste Recycling scheme. He added that the Annual Meeting of NYC had elected Cllr David Chance from Whitby as Chair of the Council, with Cllr John Ritchie elected Vice Chair.
26.323	Report from North Yorkshire Police – PCSO Heather Lees introduced the March-May reports previously circulated, and responded to concerns raised about the levels of

	vandalism currently experienced on Council property, and the apparent non-functioning of the North End CCTV towards which the Council had paid a considerable sum of money.
26.33	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments:: staff salaries and PAYE; Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar, and Burrill Joint Burial Committee (£3,551.72, precept #1 of 2); Morgan's (£2,300, grasscutting and grounds maintenance); Arborlutions (£495, crown lifts at Burrill Road / Ash Tree Road); W Braithwaite and Sons (£441.67+VAT, Market Place planting); The Yorkshire Society (£250, membership); Bedale Window Cleaning (£165, bus shelter / bandstand cleaning); TWC Facilities (£143.75+VAT, supplies for public toilets); Bedale Hall CIO (£150, hall hire for Christmas weekend); NYC (£50+VAT, parking suspension for Sunday Market); and B&M (£18.33+VAT, storage boxes for Xmas materials). Credit card payments of £154.877+VAT (Adobe Systems) and £7 (HM Land Registry) were noted and approved, and the Council noted receipts of £230 (Market stall rentals), £300 (car boot sale fees), £300 (Park hire), and £960 (car boot sale sole trader fee for ice creams). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £43,558.78
26.34	Planning Matters Considering ZB26/00872/FUL for conversion of garage into habitable accommodation, and erection of new garage, at 5B North End, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. Considering ZB26/00935/CAT for felling of a tree within a conservation area due to disease at 17 Wycar, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council NOTED the granting by the principal authority of ZB26/00729/CAT for the felling of a tree within a conservation area at 5 South End, and for a Temporary Holiday Site at Bedale Camping and Caravanning Club for up to 60 units from 21-31 May 2027.
26.35	Bedale Hall There were no further developments to report, given that a time for this Council and Aiskew and Leeming Bar PC to meet had not yet been agreed.
26.36	Fish In response to request from a parishioner, the Council RESOLVED to ban the use of goldfish or other live animals as prizes or similar for events on Council land.
26.37	Bedale Park Fitness Equipment Noting the opinion of play area inspectors that the adult fitness equipment between the youth shelter and children's play area is at the end of its life and increasingly expensive to renovate, the Council RESOLVED to remove the four items at a cost of £820.
26.38	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

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