

DATE: Monday 13th April 2026
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard (Chair), Mike Barningham, Amanda Coates, David Emison, Andy Hallett, Craig Hoyland, David Ingram, and Pam Macklewain-Hallett
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Joanne Thomson (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public [MoP]

26.01	Declarations of interest in agenda items There were none.
26.02	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Emma Wells.
26.03	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 th March 2026 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
26.04	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
26.041	Bedale Town Investment Plan – The Council heard that the public consultation period has now ended. North Yorkshire Council is considering responses and what course of action to take next, and will be setting up a steering group including representation from the Town Council and Bedale and Villages Community Forum.
26.042	Christmas – The Council heard from the Christmas Working Group meeting which had immediately preceded this one. The “Christmas in Bedale” weekend is confirmed as Friday 27 th – Sunday 29 th November, with activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday – late night shopping with entertainment from Bedale High School pupils • Saturday – craft fairs, Santa’s grotto, children’s and family activities • Sunday – craft fairs, Santa’s grotto (TBC), outdoor Christmas market, Christmas lights switch on at 4.30pm, followed by Santa’s arrival. Planning is ongoing, with stakeholders including town centre businesses closely involved.
26.043	Bedale Community Award – The Council heard that John Noone has accepted the offer of a Community Award to be given at the Annual Parish Meeting. <i>[Clerk’s note: the APM is now confirmed as taking place at Bedale Sports Association on Tuesday 2nd June]</i>
26.05	Reports of recent activity
26.051	Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors There was nothing to report not covered elsewhere in these minutes
26.052	Reports from North Yorkshire Council representative Councillors noted the report circulated from NYC Cllr David Webster, including information that NYC is considering disposing of property including the former Hambleton Civic Centre in Northallerton, and Scarborough Town Hall. Cllr Webster also

	noted that the examination of the new draft North Yorkshire local plan will take place in 2028 and adoption in 2029.
26.06	Financial statement and approvals for payment
26.061	The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; E&P Electrics (£7,957.16+VAT, 2025 Xmas lights); WJPS Ltd (£1,151+VAT, website/email support); Yorkshire Local Councils Associations £906 (membership); Rialtas Ltd £306+VAT (annual support); Arborlutions £275 (replacing oak tree in Bedale Park); M. Preston Plumbing £198.56+VAT (new taps for Park toilets); Lewis Joinery £120+VAT (adjusting Park toilet doors); K. Catford £112.50 (Market / business support); Rural Market Town Group (£110.25+VAT, membership); YLCA (£73, training); and Homesmart Blinds (£43.50+VAT, new blinds for office).
26.062	The Council RESOLVED to approve the following regular automatic payments for the year 2026-27: North Yorkshire Council (business rates for market); British Gas Lite (electricity supply to Market Place bollards and Bridge St toilets); Business Stream (water to Bridge St toilets); LCC Communications (office telephone and broadband); Rentokil Initial (pest control in Bedale Park); Yorwaste Ltd (car boot sale rubbish collection); Microsoft (Office 365 subscription); DropBox (subscription); and Information Commissioner's Office (GDPR registration). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £20,142.70
26.07	Planning Matters Regarding ZB26/00428/FUL for a rear extension with internal alterations at "Wynd Croft", Masham Road, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. Regarding ZB26/00441/FUL for a two-storey extension and partial garage conversion at 49 Iddison Drive, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council also noted the following planning decisions APPROVED by the principal authority since March's meeting: ZB25/01816/ADV and ZB25/01817/LBC, permission including listed building consent for new signage and advertising at The Black Swan, 19 Market Place; ZB26/00096/FUL for a single storey rear extension at 17 South End; and ZB26/00203/FUL for new vehicular access, car port, and new boundary fence at School Bungalow, Firby Road.
26.08	Market traders The council RESOLVED to approve the charges and conditions for market traders, with no change necessary from last year.
26.09	Bedale Hall The Council heard that the Chair and Clerk had met with their counterparts from Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council, and then both councils had met with Bedale Hall CIO, to progress this issue. All three parties are agreed that: the lease should have been assigned from the Councils to the CIO in 2022, and that this should be done as soon as possible; but that this would only be acceptable to the CIO if NYC were able to make a financial contribution such that the longstanding foyer roof issues could be concluded. Actions agreed between the three parties are: both Councils to write to NYC Property requesting to surrender the lease; and Bedale Hall CIO to write to NYC requesting support for the repair works from the £4 million of Section 106 monies available.

<p>26.10</p>	<p>Appointments Following the resignation of Cllr Dawn Culver, The Council RESOLVED to appoint Cllr David Emison to the management committee of Bedale Hall CIO, and Cllr Craig Hoyland to the Council’s Fireworks Working Group.</p>
<p>26.11</p>	<p>CiLCA The Council RESOLVED to approve the Clerk’s enrolment onto the Certificate in Local Council Administration course for 2026-27 at a cost of £450 (enrolment) plus £720 (mentoring from Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Training Partnership, which is compulsory. The Council further RESOLVED to approve the signing of the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Training Partnership Learning and Confidentiality Agreement by the Chair.</p>
<p>26.12</p>	<p>Correspondence (background papers provided)</p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SIGNED:

(Chair)

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