

**DATE:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs Amanda Coates (Chair), Mike Barningham, Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, Christine Mollard, and John Noone  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public [MoP]

23.102	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation Cllr Barningham declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 23.110 and 23.111
23.103	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Emma Wells
23.104	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
23.105 23.1051  23.1052	<b>Updates from minutes</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>Mayoral Charity Dinner</b> Cllr Coates reported that the event would be a three-course dinner with a drink on arrival, with a harpist playing during the dinner and further music afterwards. Costings are not yet confirmed. <b>Christmas market and lights switch-on</b> The Council noted that this event had been reasonably successful, despite a slow start with snow and ice overnight resulting in several stallholders, a band, the bellringers, and most of the motorcyclists not being able to attend. The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that those stall holders who did attend should be offered a free place at the market next year as a gesture of appreciation. The lights switch-on had been well attended and enjoyed, and the Council <b>THANKED</b> Martin Hall for his emergency work to ensure that Santa was able to attend after logistical problems between Lapland and Bedale during the day.
23.106 23.1061  23.1062	<b>Reports of recent activity</b> <b>Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors</b> Cllr Barningham reported that he had been re-elected as Chair of Bedale Hall CIO at its recent AGM. He further noted that work to restore the entrance to the Hall should begin in the new year, and that the recent volunteering event had enabled a number of organisations to recruit additional volunteers. <b>Report from North Yorkshire Council representative</b> NYC Cllr David Webster informed the Council that North Yorkshire planning department have revised their processes to better facilitate the calling-in of applications by Councillors than previously planned.

23.107	<p><b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b></p> <p>The Council noted the financial statement as circulated and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Christmas Festival/Market payments to Ohana Marquee Hire (£3,827.04+VAT), MB Audio Visual (£1,354+VAT), Platinum Medical (£320), and The Cherry Tones (£125); Bedale, Aiskew with Leeming Bar &amp; Burrill Joint Burial Committee (£3,068.11, precept); Gordon Walker (£1,320+VAT, novelties for sale at bonfire and fireworks event); North Yorkshire Council (£350+VAT, filling grit bins); W. Braithwaite and sons (£315+VAT, winter planting); Northdale (£330.26, winter planting), Bedale Window Cleaning (£180, bus shelter maintenance); North Yorkshire Scouts (£95, equipment hire for bonfire and fireworks); TWC Group (£113.88, hand towels for toilets), North Yorkshire Council; (£75, parking enforcement for bonfire and fireworks); Artisan Locksmiths, (£60, mending noticeboard); Bedale Scouts (£45.50, equipment hire for bonfire and fireworks); and Handcrafted in Wensleydale / Parklands Coffee Shop (£25 each, refund of Xmas Market stall fee).</p> <p>The Council <b>NOTED</b> the following standing order / direct debit / credit card payments: North Yorkshire Council (£56, business rates for market); Opus Energy (£39.75+VAT, electricity – Bridge St toilets); LCC Communications (£42.52 +VAT, telephone and broadband); Yorwaste (£55.45+VAT, car boot sale waste collection); and Festive Lights (£263.70+VAT, lights for new tree on roundabout).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £679 (Market stall rentals); £80 (Bedale Park hire fees); £150.00 (Xmas market stall rent); £12,533.28 (NYC Community Infrastructure Levy); £630.04 (NYC grass cutting contribution); £250.00 (Joint Burial Committee purchase of posts for churchyard); £7,378.55 (bonfire and fireworks event cash donations and purchases); £1,296.91 (bonfire and fireworks event card donations and purchases); £668.60 (bonfire and fireworks event food sales); and £100 (Barclays plc, apology for banking error).</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £70,817.34</p>
23.108	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>The Council considered the following planning applications:</p> <p>Regarding ZB23/02285/FUL for the conversion of a garage to a dining room at 26 Mosquito Garth, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it has no objection to this application, subject to the condition that two parking spaces remain available on the site.</p> <p>Regarding ZB23/02316/FUL for the conversion of a garage to bedroom, ensuite and utility room, and construction of an open porch, at 110 South End, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it supports this application.</p> <p>The Council <b>NOTED</b> the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB23/02059/FUL for the demolition of existing garage and construction of a single storey and new detached garage with store at 28 Masham Road, ZB23/02135/FUL for works to an existing single storey kitchen extension and outbuilding and construction of new corridor at 4 South End, and ZB23/02093/TPO for works to trees in Bedale Park.</p>
23.109	<p><b>Wycar pump house and bollards</b></p> <p>The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve work to the Wycar pump house to repair roof tiles, clean brickwork as required, and sand and repaint/varnish the woodwork, pump and trough, at the cost of £1,500, and the repainting of 70 posts and chains on Wycar / The Wynd at a cost of £1,400. It was noted that NYC Cllr Webster may be willing to support this work with a member’s discretionary grant.</p>

<b>23.110</b>	<b>Christmas Festival marquee</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a Section 137 grant of £1,500 to Bedale and Villages Community Forum towards the cost of marquee hire for this event.
<b>23.111</b>	<b>Bedale Youth Venue</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a Section 137 donation of £1,000 to Bedale Hall CIO towards the running costs of Bedale Youth Venue, now that it has re-opened.
<b>23.112</b>	<b>Citizens Advice</b> The Council noted the receipt of an annual update from Citizens Advice North Yorkshire, including the fact that they helped 81 parishioners in 2022-23, and <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a Section 137 donation of £300 towards CA's work within the town.
<b>23.113</b>	<b>Representatives to external bodies</b> The Council noted the updated constitutions adopted by Bedale Hall CIO and the Rector of Bedale's Four-and-Twenty Charity and nominated representatives as follows:
23.1131	The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approved Cllr Ingram as its representative to Bedale Hall CIO, alongside Cllr Howe
23.1132	<b>23.1132</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllrs Barningham, Coates, and Mollard as representatives to the Rector of Bedale's Four-and-Twenty Charity
<b>23.114</b>	<b>Illuminated address parade</b> The Council noted that RAF Leeming is unable to accommodate a freedom parade through Bedale in 2024, and briefly discussed possible dates for a 2025 event, while noting that this is basically in the hands of the Station.
<b>23.115</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**SIGNED:** (Chair)

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