

**DATE:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
**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, Mike Barningham, John Noone, and Emma Wells  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Four members of the public [MoP]

23.116	<b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b> and requests for dispensation There were none.
23.117	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence There were none.
23.118	<b>Minutes</b> of the Town Council meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 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.
23.119 23.1191 23.1192	<b>Updates from minutes</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>Mayoral Charity Dinner</b> – Cllr Coates reported that invitations had been sent out for this event and it has been shared on social media. Bookings for the Hall, catering and music are also confirmed. <b>NYC grant</b> – The Council noted that a North Yorkshire Council members discretionary grant for £2,900 has now been approved and received for work at the Wycar pump house and bollards. The Council thanked NYC Cllr David Webster for his support.
23.120 23.1201 23.1202 23.1203	<b>Reports of recent activity</b> <b>Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors</b> – Cllr Mollard reported that she had attended a Yorkshire Local Councils Association meeting regarding policy updates. <b>Report from North Yorkshire Council representative</b> – NYC Cllr Webster informed the Council that 78% of the savings made at NYC this year had been due to local government reorganisation, and that the proposed council tax rise for 2024-25 will be the maximum of 4.99%. He also reported a suggestion that the members discretionary grants could be halved for 2024-25, with match funding required for future bids. <b>Report from North Yorkshire Police</b> – PCSO Heather Lees introduced the report as previously circulated. In response to questions from Councillors about adding clear-up rates to the monthly report, with it being noted that GDPR concerns were not in fact an issue, she said that she would pursue this in the necessary quarters.
23.121	<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 (£1,400, grounds maintenance); Arborlutions Ltd (£1,175, tree work at Beckside / Ash Tree Estate); Tracsis Events (£851+VAT, traffic management for Xmas Market); Bedale Hall (£837.86, services and heating); CJ&D Tarran (£600+VAT, storage for Xmas lights and equipment); Bedale Skip

	<p>Hire (£246.40+VAT, bonfire clearance); Play Inspection Company (£220+VAT, annual inspections at Bedale Park and Southfields); TWC Group (158.69 +VAT, supplies for public toilets); JT Atkinson &amp; Sons (£135.81+VAT, bonfire sundries); and Bedale Window Cleaning (£45, bandstand service).</p> <p>The Council <b>NOTED</b> the following standing order/direct debit/credit card payments: North Yorkshire Council (£56, business rates for market); British Gas (£73.63+VAT, electricity for Market Place); LCC Communications (£50.72 +VAT, telephone and broadband); Yorwaste (£55.12+VAT, bonfire waste collection); British Gas (£45.81+VAT, Electricity for Bridge St toilets); Scottish Water (£129.06, Water for Bridge St toilets); and Information Commissioner's Office (£35, annual subscription re GDPR).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of: £503.50 (Market stall rentals); £30.00 (Bedale Park hire fees); and £2,327.00 (Bedale and Villages Community Forum Contribution to marquee hire). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £66,1821.18.</p>
<b>23.122</b>	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>The Council considered the following planning application: Regarding ZB23/02601/FUL for the formation of a new access through the garden wall between 8-10 North End, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that it objects to the application in its current form, noting the absence of a heritage statement, reference to the local conservation plan, or listed building consent application, and regarding the burgage walls behind the Market Place / North End as a key part of the town's heritage.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB23/002018/FUL for dropped kerb and related parking spaces at 10 Sussex Street; ZB23/02285/FUL for conversion of garage to dining room at 26 Mosquito Garth; and ZB23/02316/FUL for conversion of a garage to bedroom, en suite, and utility room at 110 South End.</p>
<b>23.123</b>	<p><b>Counter terrorism training</b></p> <p>The Council considered a request to cover the cost of room hire at Bedale Hall for North Yorkshire to deliver this training to local businesses and community organisations, at a cost not exceeding £80 and <b>RESOLVED</b> to decline the request.</p>
<b>23.124</b>	<p><b>Grit bin by Bedale Hall</b></p> <p>The Council considered commissioning a North Yorkshire Council grit bin to be placed by the Bedale Hall entrance for the benefit of people using the Hall, Hall car park, and TIC, at a cost of £50 to purchase and £75pa to refill, with a contribution likely to be available from Bedale Hall. Noting that a previous grit bin at this site had been removed, the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to research whether this could be replaced at NYC expense, and, if it could not, to commission a new bin and split the costs 50/50 with the Hall.</p>
<b>23.125</b>	<p><b>Car boot sales</b></p> <p>The Council conducted the random draw of the CBS dates at the Council meeting and the results were noted by staff. The staff will notify all applicants of the results and post the results on the Council's website.</p>
<b>23.126</b>	<p><b>Correspondence (background papers provided)</b></p>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**SIGNED:**

**(Chair)**

**DATE:**