

DATE: Monday 12th May 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard (Chair), Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Andrew Hallett, John Howe, David Ingram, and Pam Macklewain-Hallett
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public [MoP]

25.13	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
25.14	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mike Barningham and Emma Wells.
25.15	Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 th April 2025 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
25.16 25.161	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Community Award – The Council heard that Carrick’s Fish Ltd have accepted the offer of a Community Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting, when they will also give a short presentation on the history of the company.
25.17 25.171 25.172	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from external body meetings attended by Councillors – There was nothing to report for this item Report from North Yorkshire Council representative – NYC Cllr David Webster sent his apologies and a written report, which noted that NYC is looking to make further savings given that its budget shortfall is rising from £5m this year to £57m by 2027-28. He also noted that consultations are starting on the NYC Local Plan, which is to be produced by the end of 2026 and inform the county’s development until 2040. The threads running through the plan are aimed to be climate change and healthy communities, and the building targets per annum are now 4116 residential units, 8ha land for office use, and 420ha for industrial and storage use.
25.18	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 £1,780 (grass cutting and grounds maintenance including bench renovations); K. Catford £200 (PR for Market); Ian Smithson CPFA £160 (internal audit 2024-25); Rural Market Town Group £105+VAT (annual membership); Clerk £81.70 (travel expenses); North Yorkshire Council £70

	<p>(premises licence for Bedale Park); and Bedale Scouts £45.50 (radios for 2024 firework display).</p> <p>The Council noted and approved the following standing order/direct debit/credit card payments: North Yorkshire Council £57.38 (business rates for Market); LCC Communications £50.18+VAT, telephone/broadband); British Gas £106.97+VAT (electricity to Market and Bridge St toilet); Yorwaste £65.52 (waste collection for car boot sales); Rentokil Initial £240.63+VAT (pest control in Park); Adobe £130.74+VAT (Acrobat subscription); and Newton Newton £68+VAT (flags for VE Day 80). Receipts were noted of: £496.15 (Market stall rentals); £600 (car boot sale fees) £52,621 (North Yorkshire Council, precept #1 of 2); £1,676.90 (Bedale Banquet, contribution for fireworks); £359 (Joint Burial Committee, PAYE reconciliation); £20 (Bedale Park hire); £11.50 (Northern Powergrid, wayleaves); and £1,970.64 (HM Revenue and Customs, VAT 126 reclaim). The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £67,368.63</p>
25.19	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>There were no new planning applications to be considered, and no decisions made by principal authorities to note.</p>
25.20	<p>North Yorkshire Council re-districting</p> <p>The Council NOTED the Boundary Commission proposals for new NYC council constituencies ahead of the 2027 elections, noting that this parish would become part of a new constituency of Bedale and Aiskew, along with the parish councils of Aiskew and Leeming Bar, Crakehall, Langthorpe, Hackforth, and Ainderby Miers, and the parish meeting of Rand Grange. The Council did not consider it necessary to make a comment on this proposal.</p>
25.21	<p>Memorial bench</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve a request from residents that they fund the installation and initial upkeep costs of a bench on North End, adjacent to the Bedale Hall entrance ramp, in memory of Tibor Csóka, who sadly and prematurely died last year, with the Council owning and maintaining the bench subsequently.</p>
25.22	<p>Bedale Park hire fees</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to raise the fee for organisations using Bedale Park for public events from £30 to £50, while leaving hire for car parking at £20 and the annual licence for personal trainers at £50.</p>
25.23	<p>Play area renovation</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to commission in the Bedale Park younger children's play area: the replacement of the zipwire cable, chain and seat at a cost of £840+VAT; the replacement of two cradle seats to the toddler swing, at a cost of £575+VAT; and, significant renovation to the tube slide running down the mound, and its access steps, at a cost of £2,105+VAT.</p>

25.24	Bedale Fireworks <i>This item was taken after 25.15.</i> The Council heard a recommendation from the Fireworks Working Group to not have a bonfire at this year's event, on the grounds of public safety, increasing capacity, and allowing the Park grass to fallow, and RESOLVED to approve this recommendation as Council policy.
25.25 Item 11	Correspondence (background papers provided) Regarding the proposed naming for residential units at 1 Market Place, the Council suggested units 1-4 Drapers Court rather than the four separate names proposed, not least because there is already a Hird Avenue in town and having a Hird Court may cause confusion.
	Finally, the Council noted the resignation of Councillor John Noone from Bedale Town Council, acknowledging his contribution to the Council and the wider town over more than 30 years, and THANKED the former councillor for his service.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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