



**DATE:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Drawing Room, Bedale Hall  
**PRESENT:** Councillors John Howe (Chair for AM25.01), Christine Mollard (Chair thereafter) Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, David Ingram, Andy Hallett, and Pam Macklewain-Hallett  
**STAFF:** Nick Reed (Clerk, minutes), Christine Brown (Asst Clerk)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public (MoP)

<b>AM25.01</b>	<b>Election of a Chair of the Council</b> The Council <b>ELECTED</b> Cllr Christine Mollard as Mayor of Bedale, and Chair of the Town Council, and she duly signed the Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.
<b>AM25.02</b>	<b>Election of a Vice-Chair of the Council</b> The Council <b>ELECTED</b> Cllr Pam Macklewain-Hallett as Deputy Mayor, and Vice-Chair of the Town Council, and she duly signed the Acceptance of Office.
<b>AM25.03</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mike Barningham and Emma Wells.
<b>AM25.04</b>	<b>Council documents</b> 25.041 <b>Standing orders:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that these be re-approved and re-adopted. 25.042 <b>Financial regulations:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that these be re-approved and re-adopted. 25.043 <b>Asset register:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the updated register be approved and adopted. 25.044 <b>Equality and Diversity Policy:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the updated register be approved and adopted. 25.045 <b>Code of Conduct:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be re-approved and re-adopted. 25.046 <b>Model Publication Scheme:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be re-approved and re-adopted. 25.047 <b>Risk Management Policy:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be re-approved and re-adopted. 25.048 <b>Safeguarding Policy:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be re-approved and re-adopted. 25.049 <b>Joint Burial Committee Constitution:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be re-approved and re-adopted.
<b>AM25.05</b>	<b>Audit matters for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b> 25.051 <b>Approval of Annual Governance Statement.</b> This was read out and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the statement as submitted on the Annual Return. 25.052 <b>Approval of annual receipts and payments accounts.</b> These were considered and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve them. 25.053 <b>Approval of the Statement of Accounts of the Annual Return.</b> This was considered and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Statement of Accounts.

<b>AM.25.06</b> 25.061	<b>Town Council Committees</b> <b>Staffing Committee</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllrs Mollard (Chair), Coates, Culver, Howe, and Ingram to this sub-committee.
<b>AM25.07</b> 25.071 25.072 25.073 25.074 25.075 25.076 25.077	<b>Town Council working groups.</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint members to its internal working groups as follows: <b>Community Bonfire:</b> Cllrs Culver and Ingram <b>Christmas Lights:</b> Cllrs Howe and Mollard <b>Play Area Development:</b> Cllrs Barningham, Coates, and Mollard <b>Car Boot Sales:</b> Cllrs Hallett, Ingram, and Macklewain-Hallett <b>Emergency Planning:</b> Cllrs Barningham, Coates, Howe, and Macklewain-Hallett <b>Twinning:</b> Cllrs Coates, Howe, and Mollard <b>Litterbusters:</b> Cllrs Howe and Ingram
<b>AM25.08</b> 25.081 25.082 25.083 25.084 25.085 25.086 25.087	<b>Representatives to external bodies</b> The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint members to represent the council on external bodies, and report back to council as necessary, as follows: <b>Bedale, Aiskew, Leeming Bar and Burrill Joint Burial Authority:</b> Cllrs Ingram and Mollard, and Malcolm Young (parishioner appointed as voting member for BTC) <b>Board of the Rector's Four-and-Twenty Charity:</b> Cllrs Barningham, Coates, and Mollard <b>Yorkshire Local Councils Association:</b> Cllrs Howe and Mollard <b>Hambleton DC Bedale and Villages Community Forum:</b> Cllr Coates <b>Bedale Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation:</b> Cllrs Howe and Ingram <b>Bedale Tourist Information Centre:</b> Cllr Howe <b>North Yorkshire Council Safer Hambleton Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group:</b> Cllr Coates

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

**SIGNED:**

**(Chair)**

**DATE:**