

DATE: Monday 14th July 2025
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Drawing Room, Bedale Hall
PRESENT: Cllrs Christine Mollard, (Chair), Amanda Coates, Dawn Culver, Emma Wells, Andy Hallett, John Howe, Craig Hoyland, Pam Macklewain-Hallett, and Emma Wells
STAFF: Nick Reed (Clerk), Christine Brown (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

25.37	Declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation There were none.
25.38	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mike Barningham and David Ingram.
25.39	Minutes of the ordinary Town Council meeting held on 9th June 2025 The Council RESOLVED to approve these as a true record of the meeting, and they were signed as such by the Chair.
25.40	Updates from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) There were none to report.
25.41 25.411 25.422	Reports of recent activity Reports of activity from meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Coates and Mollard had attended an event arranged by the Twinning Working Group, to welcome guests from Azay sur-Cher. The event was well received, and the group hopes to further strengthen the relationship between the towns, after a period of relatively little activity. Report from North Yorkshire Council representative: NYC Cllr David Webster reported that a meeting about community safety and CCTV had taken place and noted that crime figures were at an all-time low. He also reported that concerns had been raised with traffic division regarding the removal of signs after work has been completed.
25.42	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council noted the financial statement and RESOLVED to approve the following payments: staff salaries and PAYE; Bedale, Aiskew & Leeming Bar, and Burrill Joint Burial Committee £3,382.59 (precept #1 of 2); The Sprouted Kitchen £475 (venue and catering for Twinning Working Group reception); Bedale Hall CIO

	£80 (adjustment in office rent / meeting room hire); TWC Facilities £153.70+VAT (supplies for public toilet); W Braithwaite & Sons £191.67+VAT (planting); Bedale Window Cleaning Services £195 (bus shelter cleaning / plant watering); K. Catford £150 (market publicity and support); Northdale £310.69+VAT (planting); Festive Lights £53.28+VAT (replacement cables for Xmas shop lights); and Artisan Locksmiths £30 (removal and replacement of lock on Bedale Park). The Council noted and approved credit card payments to: Dropbox £95.88 (annual subscription); Bradford City Council £330 (Yorkshire Day reception tickets); and Post Office Counters £87 (stamps). Receipts were noted of: £509 (Market stall rentals); £50 (Park hire); £110 (Yorkshire Day reception tickets); and £98.85 (Fireworks collection boxes 2024). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £51,081.01
25.43	Planning Matters Regarding ZB25/00855/FUL, for extension and internal alterations at 6 Masham Road, the Council noted that, should the application remain as it is at present, it would object to it on the grounds of scale and potential overlooking. However, understanding the applicant and their immediate neighbours to be in discussion about a revised application, the Council RESOLVED to make no comment until the situation becomes clearer. Regarding ZB25/01114/CLP for a lawful development certificate regarding a proposed extension at 65 Stapleton Close, the Council RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. Regarding ZB25/01007/LBC, listed building consent for two heaters and balanced flue outlets in the external wall at Bedale Hall, ZB25/01119/FUL for a roof to cover existing livestock yard at Bridge Grange Farm, and ZB25/01187/CAT for removal of ash trees at Greendale Court, the Council RESOLVED that it supports these applications. Regarding ZB25/01211/DPN to determine whether prior approval is needed for the demolition of the former Bedale Health Clinic, 18 Sussex Street, the Council RESOLVED that it has no comment on this application, given that it appears only to confirm permission already granted under application ZB23/01122/FUL. The Council did wish to note that, per the conditions attached to the 2023 planning permission, the historic school / tollbooth stone currently embedded within the health centre should be retained and offered to the Town Council if and when demolition takes place The Council NOTED the approval by North Yorkshire Council of: ZB25/00235/LBC and ZB24/02356/FUL, change of use from commercial showroom and office to residential unit including listed building consent for internal alterations to partition walls; and ZB25/00950/ADV, advertisement consent for external non-illuminated canopy sign and non-illuminated sign adjacent to Firby Road at Bedale Leisure Centre.

25.44	Activity infrastructure in Bedale Park The Council RESOLVED to approve to investigate, alongside relevant residents and community organisations, the feasibility / cost of an “active track” around the perimeter of Bedale Park, and a “pump track” for younger children to learn/improve cycle skills at the west side of the Park between the track and the Golf Club boundary. The capital cost of such facilities would be funded externally, with the Council assuming management and maintenance responsibility on installation, but the Council RESOLVED to act as lead organisation on funding applications and offer staff support for them.
25.45	Computers Given the age of the existing machines and that neither one is compatible with Windows 11, the Council RESOLVED to approve the purchase of new desktop and laptop computers for the office, at a cost not exceeding £1,500.
25.46	Correspondence (background papers provided)

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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