

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 4 August 2008, at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Barrington, Burton, Faichney, Heigh, Hurtley, Marshall, Stannard, Taylor & Wills. Also the Clerk, Mrs Burton, DCllr Camacho & 1 parishioner.

61. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Apologies were received from Cllr Barnes & CCllr Ireton

62. To Receive Declarations of Interest from members present
- none.

63. To Receive Comment & Concerns
- none.

64. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 7 July were proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Wills and agreed.

65. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see the end of these minutes

A couple of further items for information had been added since publication. Cllr Wills had received a quote for the repair and re-fitting of the Egerton crossroads sign post which the clerk agreed to pass on to Highways. Cllr Wills was questioned about the Flood Risk report and promised that it would be available shortly.

66. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information

PC Hayes attended and reported that Bentham had been quiet recently with only 2 reports of minor damage. The meeting was informed that a local drug dealer had been sentenced to 2.5 years probation but also had £8K of assets confiscated. The graffiti perpetrator had pleaded guilty and was now living in Blackpool. In the period since 1 April to 1 August there had been 48 reported crimes of which 35% had been detected.

67. To Receive Reports from CCllr & DCllrs (for information only)

DCllr Camacho reported that the problems on Banks Rise / Way had reduced since one resident had been given notice to quit and had moved on. DCllr Camacho had also been on walks with the Community Police Officer.

Craven was looking into the reported budget deficit of £430K and a report is expected in September.

In response to Bentham Council's questions about waste collection and recycling following the recent proposals from Lancashire County Council DCllr Camacho explained that Craven struggled as it was only responsible for collecting the waste whilst NYCC disposed of it, it also had a very small population which meant a limited recycling budget. The kerbside collection scheme will be expanded as soon as possible, but food waste and commercial waste is a problem because of the cost implications.

DCllr Barrington said that she & DCllr Camacho would be available at the Burton shop on 20 September. Surgeries were not working as people were not attending, so the DCllrs were looking at ways of getting out to see more people at other events. The FOB Gateway Project (Station Road Car-Park) will be discussed at a meeting on 24 September.

68. Planning

68.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications

68.1.1. 08/2008/8765 Detached garage at 17 Pye Busk Close, High Bentham.

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

68.2. To Receive Planning Decisions

- If any (see Clerks Report)

68.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues

- If any (see Clerks Report)

68.4. To Receive the Notice of appeal for Gill Farm Wennington and to consider a response Council noted that the date for the local enquiry has yet to be set.

69. Highways Matters

69.1. To receive notification of the Closure of Mount Pleasant 'in the narrows' from 17 August for 5 days for sewer repair. - received

69.2. To receive an update on the meeting with Highways regarding Parking on Main Street and possible improvements, on 30 July.

Cllrs Adams, Burton, Marshall & Wills and the clerk had met with Mr Cairns of NYCC Highways. Various possible solutions to the congestion problems in Bentham had been discussed. Mr Cairns had agreed to produce drawings that looked at moving the parking on Main Street below the cross roads to the other side. These would be presented at the September Council meeting for discussion and possible further consultation with businesses and other interested parties before further steps are taken.

69.3. To note the meeting with Yorkshire Housing & NYCC Highways re Hillside Road will be held on 5 August.

Cllrs Barrington, Stannard & Wills agreed to attend. The clerk confirmed that the residents had been informed.

69.4. To Consider and Note Highway Matters

A large hole has developed near the dipping shed on Tatterthorn Road.

RESOLVED: That this problem be reported to NYCC Highways for their attention.

70. To note the minutes of the Cemetery Meeting and adopt a Procedure for Memorial Testing (paper 2008/13).

The recent Cemetery meeting had been held to propose a procedure for testing the safety of memorials in the Cemetery on Butts Lane. The proposed procedure was discussed and agreed. Notices alerting visitors to the Cemetery of the impending test will be placed on the cemetery gates and in Bentham News.

RESOLVED: That the proposed procedure for testing memorial safety be adopted. That adverts of the impending test be placed in Bentham News and on the Cemetery gates.

71. To receive an update on progress of New School for Bentham

Bernadette Jones was unable to attend either the August or September Council meetings but had offered to come to the October meeting. Council agreed to ask if she could attend a separate meeting at an earlier date, otherwise to accept the offer of October 6.

RESOLVED: That Ms Jones be asked for an earlier date to discuss the new school if possible, otherwise her offer of 6 October be accepted.

72. To receive an update on the Website development

It was agreed that the Council part of the website was working well. Cllr Stannard asked for volunteers to get involved loading information. The Tourist Information part requires input of content – why should people come to Bentham? The TIP Committee has been looking at various related aspects and it was agreed that this should be further discussed at the next TIP meeting. The Town Hall part also needs developing and should be discussed at the next Town Hall meeting

RESOLVED: That Cllr Adams & the clerk, plus any other interested Cllrs, be taught to upload information.

RESOLVED: That website development be added to the next TIP & Town Hall Marketing agendas.

73. To receive an update on the progress with Craven Property Services

An update on the Cleveland Square Lease, Legion Hut land and Garage sites had been received from Bess Martin. Cleveland Square lease is with Property Management awaiting a Schedule of

Condition before Legal can complete the lease. Agreement on a right of way for the Legion Hut was completed at the end of June so progress can now be made with the transfer. Housing have now decided that they are interested in the garage sites and discussions are continuing. Council noted that the renewal of Cleveland Square lease was now well into it's third year of negotiations, and that it is over 12 months since it was agreed that Council take over the Legion Hut land to protect it from development. This kind of delay is really unacceptable. It also noted that the whole point of meeting with Craven was to protect the garage sites from development and keep them as parking areas for High Bentham – a process that is obviously now being ignored.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Leader of the Council as for assistance in resolving these issues in a timely manner.

74. To Agree the Accounts for Payment

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Barrington.

Grasscare 1055.85 J Burton 760.75
Clearglass Cleaning 90.00 R Green 481.02
Andrews 110.96 C Louth 89.60
EOn 56.02 Norwich Union 259.48
Craven District Council 104.00 Viking Direct 103.45
Falon Nameplates 67.97 W Dowbiggin 105.00
Mopps 440.62 P Howard 122.50
Toobys 8.95 Phone Coop 6.44
B & CE Armstrong 9.99 AOL 14.99
British Gas 663.83

74.1. To note the minutes of the Budget Review Meeting

The meeting had agreed that the accounts were in order to the end of June
It was agreed that the bank reconciliation was correct at 30 June 2008, and was as follows:

Bank Statement Plus O/s Receipts Less O/s Cheques Balance
Current 323.79 0.00 2220.87 -1897.08
Deposit 11079.79 11079.79
Market 416.43 416.43
LBPF Current 261.37 261.37
LBPF Deposit 4877.89 4877.89
TI Current 219.17 15.00 160.94 73.23
TI Deposit 3263.65 3263.65

Suggestions were made for the Town Hall budget to be reviewed in the light of increasing energy costs.

RESOLVED: That the accounts were correct to the end of June 2008.

75. To consider items of Correspondence

75.1. To receive copy letters from Craven District Council regarding access to Lairgill properties from the rear

- received

75.2. To consider a request from NYCC for Parish Representatives on the Craven Area Committee

- due to the fact that these meetings are held during the day no Cllr could volunteer

75.3. To consider a request from the Safer Craven Community Partnership for a North Craven representative to attend Executive Meetings

RESOLVED: That Cllr Marshall be put forward as the North Craven representative

75.4. To agree a Council representative for the Induction & Institution of Rvd Clive Burgess on Monday 1 September 2009 at St John's, Low Bentham.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Heigh represent the Council at the induction of Rvd Burgess.

75.5. To consider a request from Mencap for a donation

RESOLVED: That Mencap be asked to reapply at Precept time

75.6. To receive the draft Library & Information Service Strategy 2008-2023 for comment.

RESOLVED: That the clerk précis the document.

75.7. To receive a letter of introduction from John Sutcliffe, Craven's new Waste Minimisation & Recycling Officer.

RESOLVED: That Mr Sutcliffe be invited to the next Council meeting.

76. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)

Cllr Wills asked for the Council's support for LASRUG in their quest for access from the proposed car park on Station Road to the Station

Cllr Marshall reported that the TIP was running well under the new Coordinators and there had been 1150 visitors to the end of July. Volunteer numbers are up, and then end of season meal will be held at the beginning of November. He did ask for volunteers to man the TIP on August Bank Holiday Monday.

He added that he had attended the Station Building opening ceremony and that the Little Red Bus and Youth Café teams should be congratulated on the building and he hoped that it would be well used.

Cllr Adams informed the Council that the replacement of equipment at Goodenber Play Area is being timetabled for the winter months.

He had also attended a Traders meeting, and Bentham Traders would like to re-start the joint meetings with Council. Cllrs Wills and Burton volunteered to attend with Cllr Adams.

77. Items for next meeting and minor items only

Cllr Burton asked for an update on the enforcement action at Fourlands

Cllr Wills provided the clerk with the first estimate for the provision of a trash gate on Ellergill beck at Stonegate.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm

AGENDA ITEM 65)

CLERK' S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 4 August 2008.

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting

1.1. GRANTED

1.1.1. 08/2008/8653 Two storey side extension at 8 Goodenber Crescent, Bentham.

1.1.2. 08/2007/8673 Proposed alterations & extension to existing dwelling at Orchard Corner, Clifford Hall, Burton in Lonsdale

1.1.3. 08/2008/8694 Replacement windows at St Boniface Church, 31 Robin Lane, Bentham.

1.1.4. 08/2008/8702 Installation of river flow monitoring station at Rose Cottages, Mill Lane, Low Bentham.

1.2. REFUSED - none

2. Planning Correspondence - none

3. Information Received Regarding Items Discussed at last Council Meeting

3.1. Main Street Parking – meeting 30 July, see agenda item

3.2. Hillside Road – meeting arranged with Yorkshire Housing and NYCC Highways for 5 August.

3.3. Cleveland Square – permission to clamp vehicles has been sought from Craven Property Services (10/7/08), a reply is awaited.

3.4. Goodenber Road drain – passed to inspector for action 28/7/08

3.5. Missing road signs Dumb Tom / Tatterthorn / Nutgill – passed to inspector for action 28/7/08

4. Items for Information – see information folder

- 4.1. NW Journey Planner, Planned Roadworks June-August 2008.
- 4.2. Kompan Seminar Programme 2008
- 4.3. Advice on Community Grants, Craven Leaflet
- 4.4. YLCA Update from Yorkshire & Humber Assembly
- 4.5. InfoRegio News, June 2008
- 4.6. InfoRegio News, July 2008.
- 4.7. InfoRegio Report, Growing Regions

5. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 5.1. Church Beck – response from Graham Tarn received showing work in hand
- 5.2. The uneven kerb at the Victoria Institute has been investigated and repairs instructed (email 24/6/08)
- 5.3. A permanent solution for Dumb Tom triangle is still under consideration (email 9/7/08)
- 5.4. The Egerton Road sign is at Ingleton Depot awaiting repair (email 10/6/08)
- 5.5. Dales View amenity area – letter sent 19 May.
- 5.6. Railings outside HSBC to be considered, but 2008 budget for signs/lines ‘already spent’.
- 5.7. Request for consideration of land to rent for allotments – holding letter received from Kiddes 22/4/08
- 5.8. Flood risk assessment on Station Road – information still awaited from Cllr Wills.
- 5.9. Cleveland Square Lease – solicitor sent chasing letter 7 May, holding email from CDC 10/7/08 (see agenda item 2008/73)
- 5.10. Legion Hut Land – holding email received 10/7/08 (see agenda item 2008/73)
- 5.11. Garage Sites – holding email received 10/7/08 (see agenda item 2008/73)