

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Barnes, De La Haye, Faichney, Heigh, Hey, Hurtley, Marshall, Reynolds, Stannard & Wills Also, the Clerk Mrs Burton and 3 parishioners, PC Hayes and Sgt Gill.

1. Apologies DCllr Camacho and CCllr Ireton

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adams declared an interest in planning application 08/2005/5970, Cllr Faichney in planning application 08/2005/5982 and Cllr Heigh in planning application 08/2005/5957. These were noted in the book.

3. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 5 December 2005 were proposed by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr Marshall and agreed.

4. Police Report

Both PC Hayes and Sgt Gill were present. There had been 26 incidents reported in December, many of which were related to the armed robbery on the Spar and enquiries are ongoing. Of the 11 crimes 5 have been detected. The 2 to be noted are the burglary on Robin Lane to get keys to a BMW and a bogus builder with high fees on Goodenber Road. Over all crime in the area is down 20% year on year, with a 42% detection rate. The new licensing laws have not caused any changes in Bentham. The problems of Wesley Place were discussed in the absence of a Lead Tenant, which will hopefully be resolved shortly.

5. Planning

5.1. Applications

5.1.1. 08/2005/5957 Partial separation of Dwelling along with Conversion of Garage and 'Granny flat' to form chiropody/podiatriy Surgery and Therapy practice at Bentham Lodge, Station Road, Bentham

RESOLVED: That this application be recommended for approval

5.1.2. 08/2005/5970 Stone built double garage with slate roof at Woodlands Farm, Back Lane, Wennington

RESOLVED: That this application be recommended for approval

5.1.3. 08/2005/5982 3 no. detached houses at Bridge House, Main Street, Low Bentham.

Council noted that this development was more sympathetic to the area, however the proximity to the existing buildings is something of an issue. Cllr Wills thought that a site visit would be useful to see if the buildings could be moved 'forward' away from the rear boundary wall and the existing residences, this was seconded by Cllr Marshall and agreed.

RESOLVED: That this application be recommended for a site visit to see if the proposed buildings can be moved away from the existing residences.

5.2. Decisions

5.2.1. 08/2005/5862 Land at field 3675 Mewith Lane, Bentham-Granted, with informative note regarding the public right of way

5.2.2. 08/2005/5834 Rear ground floor extension at Glenburn, 64 Robin Lane, Bentham – Granted

5.2.3. 08/2005/5857 Removal of conservatory, replacement with kitchen extension. Construction of new 2 storey extension to gable end at Far Sunnybank, Mewith, Bentham – Granted

5.2.4. 08/2005/5888 Side 2 storey extension and formation of gate in rear wall to provide access to rear garden at 1 Holme Park, Bentham – Granted

5.2.5. 08/2005/5889 Ground floor extension to rear, first floor extension over garage and front porch at 7 Harley Close. Low Bentham - Granted

5.3. Correspondence

5.3.1. Tweed Street Appeal - the Council's summary had missed the appeal deadline.

6. Highway Matters

6.1. Closure of C515 Wray Main Street

This road will be closed from 1 February to 14 March for drainage works.

6.2. Entry to King Street

The Chairman had received a letter regarding the parking on double yellow lines at the end of King Street which is blocking access. The residents request the reinstatement of the KEEP CLEAR at the end of the street

RESOLVED: That Stuart Marshall of NYCC Highways be asked to look at this.

6.3. Grass Verge on Tatterthorn

This has still not been put right and it is quite dangerous

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair the verge as a matter of urgency.

6.4. Disabled Bay, Main Street

Cllr Marshall commented that problems were still being encountered with larger vehicles.

RESOLVED: That Stuart Marshall of NYCC Highways be asked to look at this again, with a view to moving it further along the street.

6.5. Lairgill Priorities

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked for a progress report

6.6. Lowther Hill

Cllr Heigh reported that the potholes are getting very bad and asked that something be done before an accident occurs

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair the road edges as soon as possible

6.7. Wenning Avenue

The white lines at the end of Wenning Avenue need replacing. Currently cars are not stopping properly and causing a danger to traffic from Summerhill.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked replace the lines

6.8. Footpath to Lakeber Drive

Cllr Adams reported a hole in the footpath to Lakeber Drive which is dangerous.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair this.

7. Application for Premises License and Hearing - 11 January 2006

The hearing regarding the License application is on 11 January at 10am. Cllr Hurlley agreed to find out whether a representative from the Council needed to be present.

8. Precept Meeting

The Clerk asked for a little extra time to prepare the accounts for the precept meeting following her extended break.

RESOLVED: That the precept meeting be held on 17 January 2006 in the Lower Hall at 7.30pm

9. Town Hall Refurbishment

9.1. Snagging list/ Hopleys letter of 29 November 2005

Cllrs Wills and Stannard had met with Hopleys. There are still some items for discussion, particularly the detectors under the stage and the blow plaster on the stairs. Cllr Adams is arranging a further meeting for Friday 13 January when these issues will hopefully be resolved.

9.2. Payment to Hopleys

RESOLVED: That payment will not be made until the snagging list is complete to Council's satisfaction

9.3. Town Hall Notice Boards

These should be sorted in the next couple of weeks.

9.4. The Clock!

The Clock in the Lower Hall is now up, thanks to Bateman Marshall & Walter Tooby

RESOLVED: That letters of thanks be sent

9.5. Minutes of the last meeting

These were proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Faichney and agreed.

9.6. Opening Dinner

RESOLVED: That this be discussed at the next Town Hall meeting

9.7. Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: That this be held on 30 January at 7.30pm

10. Accounts for payment

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr Marshall and accepted.

Mopps	330.00	C Louth	74.88
E On Energy	42.83	R Green	395.06
Andrews	94.53	J Burton	550.00
British Gas	583.65	PAYE	134.90
Cannon	14.21	Bentham Traders	150.00

11. Correspondence

11.1. Children's Play Seminar Invitation - received

11.2. Society of Local Council Clerks Regional Conference invitation - received

11.3. Office of the Deputy PM- Standards of conduct in English Local Govt: - received

11.4. Craven Primary Care Trust-Statutory Consultation on a new PCT covering N.Yorkshire and York - received

11.5. NYCC- Review of Contracted Bus Services

This may affect the 581 route and the Taxi Bus.

11.6. Craven Area Committee Meeting – 12 January 2006 - received

11.7. Letter from Louise Neill

This Bentham resident was writing to complain about the cancellation of the event on New Year's Eve. Cllr Adams explained that although the Council had initially cancelled the event, following the meeting with Mrs Ellis and further discussions with the organisers it had been agreed that the event could proceed, although the music would need to be turned down after midnight and the event would need to finish at 2am due to the on going problems with the Council's license application. On application for the Temporary Event Notice Craven had insisted upon the use of licensed doormen as the event would continue after 1am, at this point the organisers had cancelled. He emphasised that this is Central Govt Legislation which we have to adhere to.

RESOLVED: That a reply should be sent outlining the facts.

- 11.8. Standards Committee – Parish Representative - received
- 11.9. YLCA Craven Branch Meeting – 19 January 2006 - received
- 11.10. Letter from Mrs Ellis - received

12. CCllr & DCllrs Reports - none

13. Reports from other bodies

Cllr De La Haye had been to a Bentham Development Trust meeting at which David Lloyd had suggested that he should come and talk to the Council about the work of the Trust.

RESOLVED: That Mr Lloyd be invited to address the next Council meeting

It had also been suggested that a subcommittee of Council, Tourist Information and Trust members be set up to look at ways of getting the TIP into the Town Hall

RESOLVED: That this should be put on the agenda for the next Town Hall meeting

A rat infestation on Millholme Drive was discussed, with the Council suggesting that David Curry should be contacted if the resident continues to have problems.

Cllr Marshall reported that the Longstaff / Collingwood cottages are all occupied and that external refurbishment will be done in the spring.

Cllr Adams had attended the Schools meeting in the Town Hall which had been a well attended and positive event.

14. Town Council Social Event - provisionally 17 February at the Coach House

15. Items For Information

- 15.1. November Crime Figures
- 15.2. White Rose Update, December 2005
- 15.3. North Yorkshire CJB
- 15.4. North West Traffic Info & Roadworks
- 15.5. Craven Area Committee Newsletter, December 2005
- 15.6. InfoRegio News, October 2005
- 15.7. The Newsletter – Craven Voluntary Organisations & Community Groups 12/2005
- 15.8. North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Submission Statement of Community Involvement.

16. AOB - minor items only

Cllr Marshall asked about the Grass Cutting - the Clerk agreed to chase the 2006/7 price

Cllrs Heigh and Faichney reported problems with street lights on Summerhill and outside the Everglades which were long standing. The Clerk agreed to contact NYCC.

Cllr Adams had been asked about the Blood Service returning to the Town Hall. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and should be pursued.

Cllr Barnes asked if the Council were aware of the Clay Pigeon shooting taking place at the Punch Bowl. It was agreed that this should be monitored for problems with noise.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.22pm