

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 6 March 2006, at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Barnes, De La Haye, Faichney, Heigh, Hey, Hurtley, Marshall, , Stannard, Wills & DCllr Camacho. Also, the Clerk Mrs Burton and 5 parishioners, & a reporter from the Craven Herald

1. Apologies Cllr Reynolds & CCllr Ireton

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Heigh, Marshall and Wills declared an interest in planning application 08/2006/6134. Cllrs Marshall, Heigh, Wills and Adams declared an interest in planning application 08/2006/6141. Cllr Heigh also declared an interest in item 6.2. These were noted in the book.

3. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 6 February 2006 were proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Adams and agreed.

4. Police Report

There were no police present but PC Hayes had sent a short report. The youths having bonfires in the woods behind St Margarets in half term have been identified and letters sent to their parents. Crime figures for the period 1 March 05 to 28 February 06 are 124 compared to 121 the previous year, with a 51% detection rate (up from 44%).

5. Planning

5.1. Applications

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| 5.1.1. | 08/2006/6085 | Revisions to Plot D to Provide Garage at Harley Bank, Off Main Street, Low Bentham |
| | <u>RESOLVED:</u> | That this application be recommended for approval |
| 5.1.2. | 08/2006/6101 | To demolish existing flat roofed, single storey extension replacing it with 2 storey mono pitched slate roofed extension at 3 Greenfoot Cottages, Greenfoot Lane Low Bentham |
| | <u>RESOLVED:</u> | That this application be recommended for approval |
| 5.1.3. | 08/2006/6134 | Demolition of redundant farm buildings, extension of dwelling, conversion of stone barns into 3 no. dwellings and erection of new garages. Renewal of planning application 08/2000/812 at Todhill Farm, Bentham |
| | <u>RESOLVED:</u> | That this application be recommended for approval |
| 5.1.4. | 08/2006/6141 | New Dwelling, Lairgill House, Mount Pleasant, Bentham |
| | <u>RESOLVED:</u> | That this application be recommended for approval |

5.2. Decisions

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| 5.2.1. | 08/2005/5615 | Detached dwelling (additional property at new housing development) at Harley Bank, Bentham Road, Low Bentham - GRANTED |
| 5.2.2. | 08/2005/5652 | Erection of 9 Dwellings at land off Goodenber Road, Bentham - GRANTED |
| 5.2.3. | 08/2005/5982 | 3No Detached Houses at Bridge House, Main Street, Low Bentham - GRANTED |
| 5.2.4. | 08/2006/6055 | Change of use from Community Centre to warehouse at 1 King Street, Bentham - GRANTED |

5.3. Correspondence

- 5.3.1. appeal Decision - Ingleton Nursery, Four Lane Ends - Dismissed (Old Decision)

6. Highway Matters

6.1. National Grid - new pipeline

A new gas pipeline that will run from Easington to Nether Kellet, is to be built over the next 3 years. The Pannal to Nether Kellet section will be constructed from April 2006. Pipes will be stored locally and deliveries will occur between February and May which may increase the number of HGVs in the area.

6.2. Summerhill Footpath

A letter from Mr Wilshaw of Summerhill was read requesting some work to be done on the footpath.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the letter be sent to NYCC Highways asking for their attention to the problem

6.3. NYCC Response

An email in response to the Council requests for the last two months was read, detailing the work that will be done shortly. Cllr Wills agreed to supply NYCC with the quote for the work on Tatterthorn Road. Cllr Marshall queried the explanation about the bollard at Punch Bowl Cottage. It was agreed that a request should be made for part of it to be painted white, and also to ask why it is alright to block the pavement to prams etc there if not in the Main Street

RESOLVED: That Cllr Wills will provide quotation details to NYCC Highways

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be contacted again regarding the bollard at Punch Bowl Cottage

6.4. Matters Raised at the Meeting

6.4.1. Cllr Marshall said that the surface at the end of Tatterthorn Road on the B6480 needs attention, as does a manhole cover just down from Bellbank.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair the surfaces

6.4.2. Cllr Hey asked about salting the pavements in the Main Street as it had been very slippery after the snow

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked about a salt box

6.4.3. Cllr Hey also commented that Mewith Lane was getting dangerously narrow in places with steep drops away from the road edges. Also water is still crossing the road at Green Smithy cottage, producing dangerous conditions in frost.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to look at these as soon as possible

6.4.4. Cllr Heigh told the meeting that another pothole has appeared at the end of Wenning Avenue, despite it being repaired recently. It could be further problems with the drain that collapsed higher up Station Road and needs attention

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair this properly this time

6.4.5. Cllr Adams said that there were 3 large potholes in Lakeber Drive, and that the road surface around the manhole cover on Lakeber Drive, between Banks Way and Lakeber Avenue was disappearing.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair these as soon as possible

6.4.6. Cllr Adams also said that there were some dangerously large potholes on Green Lane

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair these as soon as possible

6.4.7. Cllr Faichney pointed out that there were loose kerb stones near the Sun Dial in Low Bentham

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to repair these as soon as possible

6.4.8. The problem street lights on Summerhill and outside the Everglades have still not been fixed.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Street Lighting be asked to repair these as soon as possible

6.4.9. Cllr Wills agreed to provide a list of road signs that have gone missing recently for NYCCs attention.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Wills provide a list of missing signs to be passed to NYCC Highways for their attention

7. Low Bentham Playing Field

The annual inspection of the playground equipment has highlighted several defects. A decision needs to be taken as to whether these can be repaired or should be removed. Cllr Hurlley agreed to look at the equipment and report to the next meeting

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hurlley look at the equipment and report on its condition.

8. Town Hall Refurbishment

8.1. Tourist Information

The minutes of the meeting with Bentham Development Trust and members of the Tourist Information volunteers were accepted and Cllr Marshall proposed that the proposals made by that meeting were resolved. This was seconded by Cllr Stannard and agreed.

RESOLVED: That the TIP move into the front office of the Town Hall from the beginning of April for £500 rent in the first year.

RESOLVED: That the TIP be charged rent quarterly

RESOLVED: That Ms Barrington apply to Craven for a grant to kit out the new space, and that equipment be bought through the Council who can reclaim the VAT

8.2. Stannah Maintenance

The free maintenance on the lift finishes on 16 March. The various service options were discussed. Cllr Stannard proposed that, in view of the age of the lift, the Council should take out the Standard Cover. This was seconded by Cllr Marshall and agreed.

RESOLVED:

11. Accounts for payment

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

Mopps	330.00	C Louth	74.88
E On Energy	42.83	R Green	414.02
Post Office	42.00	J Burton	617.74
Fattorinis	39.10	British Telecom	236.33
HCS Ltd	57.40	Viking Stationery	119.84
Hash Browns	779.00	Yorkshire Water	55.69
Falon Nameplates Ltd	83.43	Jhai ltd	2291.25
Toobys	74.99		

A letter from jhai Ltd was received confirming that the building control was complete for the refurbishment. It was agreed that the architect should be contacted for a complete set of plans, and services drawing to be stamped and certified, and that all certificates should be forwarded to the Council

RESOLVED: That certificates and plans be requested from the architect

12. Correspondence

12.1. Carparking - Bentham Traders

A proposed letter from Bentham Traders to Craven District Council was considered. Cllr Wills said that he thought free parking would come to an end in Bentham in the future, bringing the town in line with everywhere else. However the town needs better parking before this can happen. Cllr Marshall reiterated previous comments that the parking problems in Bentham are caused by locals, not visitors, but that housing development with inadequate parking was not helping. The Council agreed to approve the letter if the comment regarding carparks being 'always' full was modified and to send a letter in support.

RESOLVED: That the Traders letter be approved with minor alterations and a supporting letter be sent.

12.2. Shaping Places & Spaces - Local Development Framework - received

12.3. Area Forum Meetings & Notes, Spring 2006 - received

12.4. Rural Community Council Membership

RESOLVED: That membership is of no advantage currently

12.5. High Bentham Public Convenience - received

12.6. Standards Committee, Parish Representative - received

Any Cllr interested should contact the Clerk

12.7. Chairmans Civic Dinner, 24 March - received

12.8. Route to Sustainable Market Towns Seminar - received

12.9. Foundation Housing Reply

The THYNC tenants on Wesley Place are to be re- housed and the house let to a family.

12.10. Library Theatre Touring Company

This could be used as a fund raising activity, and also offered to the local schools. The Clerk should get more information and possible dates.

RESOLVED: That further details should be sought

12.11. Memorial Testing, Craven Bereavement Services

Copies should be circulated to the churches for their information

RESOLVED: That copies be circulated to the local churches.

12.12. Craven Rural Housing Enabler - Local Needs Survey - received

13. CCllr & DCllrs Reports

DCllr Camacho announced that Craven had achieved 99% of its target for E enabled transactions.

14. Reports from other bodies

Cllr Adams had attended the Goodenber Road Play Area coffee morning which had been successful. He also reported that 600 people had attended the Pantomime.

Cllr Wills had captained the Council team in the Agricultural Society Quiz and they had come second.

Cllr Heigh had attended a Playfields Meeting. The third phase is now on schedule. The committee have a name of one of the persistent dog foulers.

15. Items For Information

15.1. Inforegio News December 2005

15.2. Scrutiny News, February 2006

15.3. Recycling Collection Dates

15.4. White Rose Update, February 2006

15.5. Country Air

- 15.6. Newsletter for V. Organisations & Community Groups
- 15.7. The Playing Field
- 15.8. YLCA Joint Executive Meeting Minutes
- 15.9. Calor Village of the year
- 15.10. Minerals & Waster Development Framework Consultation
- 15.11. North West Roadworks, March - May 2006
- 15.12. Craven Harrogate & Rural District Public Health Report 2005

16. AOB - minor items only

Cllr De La Haye proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Hey for organising the Council Social at the Coach House and to Cllr Hurlley for providing the wine.

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the SLCC seminar in Easingwold

Cllr Hurlley had followed up the complaint against DCllr Butcher and his comments about Bentham Auction Mart, and has been informed that there is no case to answer.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm