

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 5 March, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Bridgeman, Faraday, Handford, Pritchard, Stannard, Swales, Taylor Townson & Vendy. Also DCllrs Brockbank & Thompson, the clerk Mrs Burton, the coordinator Mrs Hawkins and 7 parishioners

177. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend

Cllr Marshall

178. To Receive & Record any member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to items on the agenda and to receive and decide members' requests for DPI dispensations

Cllrs Adams & Taylor declared an interest in items 185.1.2, .6 & .7, planning applications 2018/18920/VAR, 2018/18982/OUT & 2018/18983/OUT as friends of the applicants

179. To Receive Comment & Concerns

A Trustee from the Playing Fields Association updated the Council. There is an ongoing survey, compiled with assistance from Craven's Sports Development Officer, to find out what Bentham wants from the Playing Fields. The final revenue source – Bentham Beagles – is moving to the Golf Club at the end of March. She thanked the Council for its offer to clear the banking and said that the committee were looking at quotes for grass cutting. To cut costs they were also looking at demolishing the club house, but with asbestos problems enquiries were ongoing. Angus Fire are looking for the original deeds for the field, as it is understood that the area must remain a sports field.

180. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting on 5 February

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 5 February be signed

181. To Present a Cheque of the proceeds of sale of the 2018 Calendar to Friends Of Bentham School

A cheque for £1280 was presented to Amanda Forbes, Donna Townley & Jessica Marsh, members of FOB School by Cllr Pritchard, Chair of the Marketing Committee. Mrs Forbes thanked the Council

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

The clerk informed the Council that Craven were required to publish a Brownfield Register to provide information on land suitable for housing. She had asked Craven that the Council be notified of any sites deemed suitable for Permission in Principle.

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

PCSO Grace attended the meeting. A total of 36 incidents had been reported. There had been another attempted break in at Paxtons and heating oil had been stolen from the caravan park. Also there had been regular thefts of milk from Butterberg from 9 February to 2 March. She also reported that PC Andy McClurg, known to many, would be joining the Ingleton team

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

DCllr Brockbank said that, following the planning approval, work had already started on the Extracare Housing site. She reminded those present that the elections were in May so residents should ensure they were on the electoral role. The parties involved with flooding on Wesley Close had agreed to a site meeting which would be happening shortly. The proposal to increase council tax on second homes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park required unanimous support from all affected Councils and Richmond had not agreed so it was unlikely to happen. The further devolution of Yorkshire from Central Government was still on the cards. DCllr Brockbank congratulated the Playing Field Trustees on their attempts to reinvigorate the area.

DCllr Thompson confirmed that devolution to a 'One Yorkshire' combined authority would bring powers away from government back to a more local level. The Yorkshire authorities with the exception of Sheffield & Rotherham were all aligned to work together with an elected mayor. Infrastructure for transport was the big area that this would hopefully improve.

Further fly tipping on the lay-bys at Ridding Lane and Batty Farm was reported.

185. Planning

185.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications

185.1.1. 2017/18831/ADV 2no.illuminated entrance signs, 2no flag poles at Wenning Leisure Ltd, Bentham Golf Club, Robin Lane, High Bentham

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

185.1.2. 2018/18920/HH Erection of a barbeque hut at 5 Butterbergh, High Bentham

Cllrs Adams & Taylor left the room

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

185.1.3. 2018/18951/HH Proposed domestic extension to form garden room at Carr House, Burton Road, Low Bentham

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

185.1.4. 2018/18953/HH Replacement domestic outbuilding for utility & hobby use at Clay Barn, Bentham Moor Road, Burton in Lonsdale

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

185.1.5. 2018/18964/HH Extension to existing kitchen at Firsbank, Mewith Lane, Low Bentham

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

185.1.6. 2018/18982/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for the proposed development of 4no domestic dwellings on land off Springfield, High Bentham

Cllrs Adams & Taylor left the room. Council were reminded that this area was a filled sand quarry and agreed that this should be pointed out to the planners as the land, although put forward, had not been included in the draft Local Plan. Previous discussions between Cllrs & Stephen Brown (Planning Policy) had identified this as a potential entrance for a road through, but it was recognised that this was not a planning issue

RESOLVED: That the Council inform the planners of the fact that the area in question is a filled quarry

185.1.7. 2018/18983/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for proposed development for 1no domestic dwelling on land off Springfield, High Bentham

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

185.2. To Receive Planning Decisions

- If any (see Clerks Report)

185.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues

- If any (see Clerks Report)

186. Highways Matters

186.1. To Receive an update on Flooding issues in Bentham, if available

The Flood Risk Officer had agreed to attend a meeting with Cllrs later in March – date to be confirmed. The Victoria Institute had agreed to site a sand bag store on their land, and a specification had been provided by Environmental Health. Council considered this to be too large considering the space and access. It was agreed that the Institute would provide the dimensions of the space available and possible solutions could then be discussed

RESOLVED: That the clerk will inform Cllrs of the date of the meeting with the Flood Risk Officer

RESOLVED: That a solution to the sand bag store be discussed once the available dimensions are known.

186.2. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information

Cllrs were meeting with David Cairns regarding parking at Crowtrees on 6 March

The gullies on Station Road had still not been cleaned. The clerk confirmed that the new Highways Officer for the area was Nicky Goodman, but that she had been unable to contact her before the meeting. It was agreed that Yorkshire Water needed to provide an update on the 10 day (& counting) closure of Mount Pleasant. The state of the NYCC end of Eskew Lane needs reporting as a large part has been washed away in the bad weather.

RESOLVED: That a meeting with Nicky Goodman be arranged as soon as possible

RESOLVED: That Yorkshire Water be asked to provide an update on the Mount Pleasant closure

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be informed of the state of Eskew Lane

187. To Note that the Council Elections will be held on Thursday 3 May 2018, and to consider the date of the May Council meeting

It was noted that, with the Bank Holiday, the agenda would need to be posted before the election date so all candidates would need to be informed. This was quite legal. Following some discussion it was decided to move the May meeting

RESOLVED: That the May Council meeting be held on 14 May

188. To Note the draft minutes of the Marketing Committee meeting on 19 February, and consider any recommendations – noted

There was some discussion around the decision to not produce a 2020 calendar. It was suggested that a review should occur after the 2019 calendar and a decision be taken at that point

RESOLVED: That the production of a 2020 calendar should be reviewed after the 2019 one

189. To Note the draft minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 12 February, and consider any recommendations – noted
The costings for phase 1 of the street lighting project, Wenning Avenue, are currently £22705, but local tenders are being sought for the groundworks which may reduce this. Phase 2, Duke Street & Grasmere Close, has been surveyed but costings have not yet been received from NYCC Street Lighting
190. To Receive an update on the installation of the Low Bentham Play Area and expected completion
The installation is now complete, although the snagging is still to do. The completion paperwork has not yet been received from the contractor and the risk assessment needs to be completed before the area can be insured and opened. A retention will be held back
RESOLVED: That HAGS be asked to provide the completion paperwork and attend to the snagging list
RESOLVED: That the Council produce the relevant Risk Assessment
RESOLVED: That the Play Area be insured as soon as possible
- 190.1. To discuss the opening of the play area and agree a way forward
Relatives of Philip Harvey have been contacted to attend the opening. It is hoped to unveil the new 'PH' installation on that date and the new options should be available to the committee in the coming week
RESOLVED: That the official opening be held at 11am on 28 April
191. To Receive update on the World War 1 Commemoration preparations - received
- 191.1. To agree invitations for the VC stone dedication
The Council agreed a list of official invitees from associated organisations, regiments etc who should be sent proper invites. Others were welcome to attend but would not be officially invited.
RESOLVED: That official invites be sent to the agreed list. Others were welcome to attend
192. To Agree the Accounts for Payment
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| Yorkshire Water | 52.02 | BT | 301.34 |
| Thomas Graham | 22.22 | Aviva | 372.18 |
| Howsons | 288.00 | Craven District Council | 82.79 |
| Clearglass Cleaning | 100.00 | NEST | 20.32 |
| 1&1 Internet | 39.56 | Salaries | 2270.12 |
- RESOLVED:** That the accounts for payment are agreed
- 192.1. To Further Consider a quote for the repair to the front of the Town Hall
Two quotes for scaffolding had been received and the lower one, at £800 plus permit plus VAT was agreed
RESOLVED: That the work on the Town Hall be approved at a total cost of £5055 plus scaffold permit and VAT
193. To consider items of Correspondence
- 193.1. To consider a request for information on plans for local electric charging points
The clerk had contacted both Craven DC and NYCC as such points would need to be in carparks or kerb-side and the Council does not own suitable land. No response had been received from NYCC and Craven had said that they were at the early stages of consideration but any recommendations in the report, when written, would need to be approved by the District Council.
RESOLVED: DCllr Brockbank agreed to keep the Council informed of any progress
- 193.2. To consider NALC's request for comments regarding the recently issued DEFRA consultation on proposals to tackle crime and poor performance in the waste sector and the introduction of a new fixed penalty for the waste duty of care, and to agree a response if any.
The Council discussed its thoughts on fly tipping and agreed to respond to the questions asked by NALC
RESOLVED: That the clerk produce a response for NALC from the discussion on fly tipping
- 193.3. To receive an invitation to the Parishes Liaison Meeting at Craven DC Offices on 21 March at 6.30pm, and agree attendance if any
RESOLVED: That Cllr Adams will attempt to attend
194. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
Cllr Taylor reported confirmed that the Refugee Group were organising another weekend visit to the area but that the date was to be agreed.
Cllr Swales had attended a Craven Area Committee meeting and had copies of the reports if anyone was interested.

The Youth Café has seen a large increase in numbers attending, but is still only open one night a week until more volunteers can be found.

195. Items for next meeting and minor items only

That possible installation of cameras to catch dog fouling be discussed

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

AGENDA ITEM 182)

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 5 March 2018

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting

1.1. GRANTED

- 1.1.1. 2017/18715/FUL Residential development for extra care housing comprising 64 apartments & 8 bungalows including associated parking, landscaping & formation of new access off Robin Lane at former High Bentham Community Primary School, Robin Lane, High Bentham
- 1.1.2. 2017/18716/FUL Erection of L-shaped stable block, consisting of 2 stables & small feed area on land adjacent to Green Smithy, Mewith, Bentham
- 1.1.3. 2017/18792/FUL Change of use of land for siting of 8 holiday lodges at Bentham Golf Club, Robin Lane, High Bentham
- 1.1.4. 2017/18815/HH Removal of ground floor bay window at rear & erection of single storey dual pitch roofed rear extension at 34 Goodenber Road, High Bentham
- 1.1.5. 2018/18898/FUL Conversion of former water treatment works to residential building at High Bentham former WTW, Mewith Lane, High Bentham

1.2. REFUSED

- 1.2.1. 2017/18828/LBC Replacement windows in front elevation at Little Clifford, Clifford Hall, Burton in Lonsdale.

2. Planning Correspondence

- 2.1. 08/2017/18102 Conversion of underground reservoir to dwelling at Millers Green, Mewith – refusal is being appealed
- 2.2. Lancaster District Local Plan 2011-2031, Publication Stage – representation closes 6 April
- 2.3. LCC Employment & Skills supplementary planning document consultation until 26 March

3. Information Regarding Items Discussed at last Council Meeting (if not on agenda)

- 3.1. Crow Trees site meeting with NYCC Highways requested 6/2
- 3.2. Dementia Friendly Councils interest registered with YLCA 6/2
- 3.3. Brain Tumour Research contacted 6/2 for more information
- 3.4. Local Plan representations sent 12/2
- 3.5. Castleberg representation sent 19/2

4. Items for Information – see information folder

- 4.1. Julian Smith MP surgeries Feb-June, (also noticeboard)
- 4.2. Julian Smith Update (also noticeboard)
- 4.3. Blood donation session Ingleton 16 March (also noticeboard)
- 4.4. Craven Trust annual report
- 4.5. Clerks & Councils Direct, March 18
- 4.6. Waste Collection catch up – following bad weather, will prioritise green bins

5. Items circulated by email

- 5.1. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest 5/2, 12/2, 19/2, 26/2
- 5.2. Rural Vulnerability Service, Broadband 14/2, Fuel Poverty 28/2
- 5.3. Rural Opportunities Bulletin 7/2
- 5.4. Rural Health & Social Care Spotlight, 21/2
- 5.5. Locality Newsletter, 27/2
- 5.6. Fields in Trust newsletter 14/2
- 5.7. North Yorkshire Now 5/2
- 5.8. NALC Bulletin 5/2, 2/3
- 5.9. Policing in Craven webcast 27/2
- 5.10. YLCA Elections advice note
- 5.11. Community First Yorkshire Rural News 28/2
- 5.12. Bowland Bulletin March 18
- 5.13. White Rose Classic 24/6/18 – Cycle Race

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 6.1. Photos of Church Beck etc provided to NYCC Flood Risk Management team 16/1
- 6.2. Craven asked about Low Bentham sandbag store 11 December, passed to NYCC Flood Risk team 15/12
- 6.3. Street Lighting further discussed by Open Spaces, progressing with NYCC Street Lighting
- 6.4. Craven Area Committee requested to consider Bentham School Crossing, 18 January 2016
- 6.5. Flagpole – donor found, to be progressed
- 6.6. Grasmere Drive bench site location permissions received, costs received, CDC to consider