

**MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021,
at 7.30 pm – conducted remotely.**

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chair), Adams, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Handford, Hill, Marshall, Stannard, Swales and Wills. Cllr Ireton. The Clerk Christine Downey. And one member of the public.

- 228 Apologies from members unable to attend.
228.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
None.
217.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence.
None.
- 229 Declaration of interests: -
229.1 To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
Cllr Stannard regarding item 236.1.3, planning application of near neighbour.
229.2 To approve dispensation requests.
None.
- 230 To Receive Comment & Concerns: Public Participation – to hear matters raised by members of the public or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consideration.
(NB: for non-agenda items Members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification).
None.
- 231 To Confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting on 7th December 2020. (Paper 2020/146)
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of 7th December 2020 are agreed and be signed.
- 232 To receive the Clerks Report (for information only). (Paper 2020/147)
Received.
- 233 To receive the Police Report and allow members to ask questions for information.
Received.
- 234 To receive a report from the Public Safety Officer and allow members to ask questions for information.
Apologies have been received from Craig Lyons who is unable to attend. He has requested to be advised of anything arising from the meeting that the council would like him to action.
Nothing arising.
- 235 To receive reports from Cllr and DCllrs for information.
Cllr Ireton confirmed that it is proposed to close Ingleton Police Station, to sell the building, and to move the police station into Bentham fire station. There may be a consultation on this proposal, unless consultation is not required. The closure is to save money by sharing one building, which is possible because there is now a joint Crime and Fire Commissioner.
The Cllr went on to report that he has spoken to a manger at NYCC regarding the

hedge that needs cutting at Butts Lane, that a work order has been placed, and the matter is therefore in hand.

A request was made for the CCLr to arrange for the pavements between Low Bentham and High Bentham to be gritted. The route is used by children walking to school and Low Bentham residents walking to High Bentham to shop. The CCLr will do his best to persuade NYCC to grit this stretch of pavement, but he did warn that NYCC are overloaded with requests for pavement gritting and it is not possible to fulfil all the requests. Nevertheless, he will pursue this matter with NYCC.

- 236 Planning: -
- 236.1 To consider and comment upon new planning applications
- 236.1.1 2020/22150/REM Seek to provide information to satisfy the following reserved matters in outline consent referenced 2017/18461/OUT granted 02 November 2017; access, layout, appearance of the building(s), landscaping and boundary treatments, and the scale of the development. At Land to The Rear of The Former National Westminster Bank, Station Road, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7LF.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.
- 236.1.2 2020/22205/FUL Retrospective change of use of land and building from agricultural to dog grooming business. At Tatterthorn Farm, Tatterthorn Lane, Ingleton, Carnforth, Lancaster, LA6 3DS.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.
- 236.1.3 2020/22292/FUL Proposed alterations and extension to 1 Greenhead Cottage to create three dwelling units. At 1 Green Head Cottages, Cross Lane, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7ES.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.
- 236.2 To receive correspondence on planning issues – if any. **None.**
- 236.3 To receive planning decisions – **see Clerks Report.**
- 237 Highway Matters: -
- 237.1 To agree a way forward regarding the sign post at Gale House Road junction. CCLr Ireton reported that if he is elected again and if community funds are made available again then he would be prepared to help finance the repair or replacement of this sign. But it remains to be seen what the situation is following the local government reorganisation.
RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate the estimated cost of the work required. Start with Ian Thompson at Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- 237.2 To consider and note Highway Matters for information – if any. (Councillors can comment on any minor Highways issues currently causing concern.
Pot hole at bottom of Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham, by The Green. Clerk to report.
Series of pot holes opposite entrance to Butterbergh. Lowcroft. Entrance is a mess, with tarmac gone, and the road is now more hole than street. Clerk to report.
Pot holes on Robin Lane, still there, no repairs carried out. Clerk to report.
Workers at former National Westminster Bank site parking in the one-hour spaces all day. Clerk to request parking enforcement agency to address this problem.
Car still parked permanently in a disabled bay. Clerk to report again.
- 238 To consider **the Register of Interest** and agree updates from members where necessary.
No updates received.
- 239 To receive the minutes from Open Spaces Committee meeting of 14th December 2020. (Paper 2020/148).
Received.

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To agree the Accounts for Payment.

Salaries and mileage allowance	December	2623.80
HMRC	PAYE // NIC	1668.22
The Multi Media Shop	Repair to Clerk's laptop	36.00
Myers Building Supplies	Galv round nails and timber – Heritage Trail repairs.	60.16
Stannah	Lift service.	189.77
Windsock Company	Rope for flag pole.	64.80
Barwise Country Hampers	Voucher re work at Wenning Ave (flooding).	100.00
B & C E Armstrongs	Two vouchers re work at Wenning Ave (flooding) / Christmas Trees / Christmas tree lights.	483.97
Craven DC	Trade Waste	108.03
Premier Credit Ltd	Insurance	330.27
NEST	Pension contribution	104.47
BT	Telephone TIP	44.28

RESOLVED: Approved – subject to correction of record of names on the gift vouchers.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Stannard and Faraday to authorise.

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To discuss matters at/near Wenning Avenue and agree a way forward regarding:

241.1

Sand Bag Store.

It was reported that Councillor Marshall has donated a sand bag store and that it is now in location. The council thanked Councillor Marshall for the store.

RESOLVED: Clerk to request new sand bags from Craven DC.

241.2

Erosion near the bridge.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to NYCC and The Environment Agency asking them both to liaise with each other and to resolve the problem now, rather than allowing it to worsen over the coming years.

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To receive items of correspondence for information – if any: **None.**

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To receive reports from Councillors who represent the council on to her bodies (for information only): **None.**

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Items for next meeting and minor items only.

Increased number of dogs being taken onto PHPF. Agenda item for next meeting.

Dogs being let loose to exercise in fields with sheep in them. Awareness initiative is needed. Could the Bentham News publish an article?

Planning: Concern was expressed regarding a caravan at XYZ, for which the council may not have seen a planning application. It was reported that the occupier was advised that they would need to obtain planning permission over twelve months ago.

Planning: Concern was expressed at the number of huts and activity at land at Linger off B6480. It was reported that planning permission was recently granted for glamping pods and associated site works.

Can the council identify any areas for the sowing of poppy seeds? Agenda item for next meeting.

Town Hall Clock, not telling the right time, and not ringing. Agenda item for next meeting.

Hand sanitisers for the High Street. Received. Installation to be chased up.

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Date of next meeting. 1st February **2021**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.22.

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 29 December 2020

- 1. Planning Decisions Received Since 30th November 2020 (Date of last clerk's report).**
 - 1.1. GRANTED**
 - 1.1.1. 2020/21827/FUL Construction of building to house dairy cattle at Ridding Lane Farm, Clapham Road, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AH.
 - 1.1.2. 2020/21987/FUL New agricultural entrance into a field at Land to South, Gill Head Farm, Robin Lane, High Bentham, Lancaster.
 - 1.1.3. 2020/22091/TPO Bentham Town Council: Crown Lift all trees in the play area up to a maximum of one third of their overall height.
 - 1.2. REFUSED - none**
 - 1.3. WITHDRAWN – none**
- 2. Highways information**
 - 2.1. Craig Lyon confirmed pot holes on the Bentham Road approaching Robin Lane reported 17/12/2020.
 - 2.2. Reply from Sharon Fox regarding repeated road closures to instal service at former school site in Low Bentham circulated 17/12/2020.
- 3. Items circulated by email**
 - 3.1. Colin Raffell – Cyber Insurance details 09/12
 - 3.2. United Utilities Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) update. Circulated 29/12
 - 3.3. Community First Yorkshire –**
 - 3.3.1.** Weekly updates
 - 3.3.2. Community Champions Neighbourhood Watch 09/12
 - 3.4. Craven District Council**
 - 3.4.1. Census 2021 - Parish & Town Councils: update
 - 3.4.2. Annual budget survey 17/12
 - 3.4.3. Community Grant Update - £1,000 available for community groups in Bentham Ward 18/12
 - 3.4.4. New North Yorkshire Citizens on Line project - Can you help us to support people to get online and improve their digital skills? 18/12
 - 3.4.5. Precept consultation 2021 / 2022 – circulated 18/12.
 - 3.5. **Lancaster City Council** – If any
 - 3.6. NALC**
 - 3.6.1. Chief Executives Bulletin 07/12; 14/12
 - 3.6.2. Newsletters
 - 3.6.3. NALC launches a new guide on community business 09/12
 - 3.6.4. Rebuilding Communities
 - 3.6.4.1. What will the future of play look like beyond COVID-19? 07/12
 - 3.7. NYCC**
 - 3.7.1. Budget Consultation Update to Parish Councils. Circulated 09/12
 - 3.7.2. Skipton and Ripon ACC 7th Jan 2021 Public Notice and Agenda. Circulated 29/12
 - 3.8. North Yorkshire Community Messaging – North Yorkshire Police**
 - 3.8.1. Weekly updates
 - 3.8.2. Police Report
 - 3.8.3. Scam Callers 03/12
 - 3.8.4. Ingleton Police Station Closure – email from Barbara parsons circulated 29/12
 - 3.8.5. Have your say on investment in police and fire and rescue in North Yorkshire and York, circulated 29/12
 - 3.8.6. DPD Phishing Scam 29/12
 - 3.9. Rural Services Network**
 - 3.9.1. Weekly updates
 - 3.9.2. The Rural Bulletin 01/12; 08/12; 29/12
 - 3.9.3. Funding Digest December. 02/12

3.10. YLCA

- 3.10.1.White Rose updates 07/12; 18/12
- 3.10.2.Training bulletin for Jan and Feb. Circulated 09/12.
- 3.10.3.Online raining opportunities with Nimble. Circulated 09/12
- 3.10.4.COUNCILLORS DISCUSSION FORUM SESSION THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2020 – 6.00PM – 7.00PM Free of Charge. Circulated 07/12.
- 3.10.5.CLIMATE EMERGENCY – FRIENDS OF EARTH (FoE) WEBINAR TRAINING SESSION – TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2020, 10.00AM – 11.00AM. Circulated 09/12.
- 3.10.6.CLIMATE EMERGENCY – FRIENDS OF/ EARTH (FoE) WEBINAR TRAINING SESSION – TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2021, 2.00PM – 3.00PM. Circulated 18/12.
- 3.10.7.Training Bulletin 24 December

POLICE REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL 31/12/2020

Hello

Please find your monthly police report for Bentham Town Council meeting
We have had 25 incidents reported between 05.12.20 to 31.12.20

Reports include – General Admin from other Police force enquiries, Contact from other agencies – in order, Suspect vehicle - checked in order, suspect object – checked in order, False Alarm sound,

2 incidents relating to Young person’s homes & school - joint partnership working with home & Police

4 incidents - Covid19 – Holiday lets/ licensing/gatherings

07.12.20 – ASB personal – online/text

10.12.20 – Crime Violence/ concern – joint partnership working

12.12.20 – Crime Violence

21.12.20 – Suspect incident

22.12.20 – Road Related offence – Op Spartan

22.12.20 - Suspect Circumstance – Online – checked in order

24.12.20 – Highway disruption – Tree down Low Bentham to Wennington

26.12.20 – Highway disruption – Parking – Low Bentham

28.12.20 – RTC – Slaidburn Road – 1 vehicle stuck on Ice

29.12.20 – RTC – Slaidburn Road – 1 vehicle stuck on Ice

30.12.20 – Crime Fraud

Please report & suspect incidents at the time on 101 or 999 if urgent.

Working to keep North Yorkshire a safe place to live, visit & work please visit
www.northyorkshire.police.uk

Useful site re Crime and policing in England which allows you to search re incident recorded in your area www.police.uk

You can also report safety issues under speed concerns on - www.roadwise.co.uk.

If anyone would like to sign up to Craven Community messaging then please visit -
www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org

Contact Information:

1 Ring 999 in an emergency or to report a crime in progress

2 Ring 101 to report incidents or provide information

3 Ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 to remain anonymous

4 E-mail SNACraven@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Kind Regards

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