



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Precept Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021, at 7.00 pm – conducted remotely.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chair), Adams, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Handford, Marshall, Swales and Wills. The Clerk Christine Downey. DCllr Brockbank. One member of the public.

- 246 Apologies from members unable to attend: -
246.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance.
Cllr Stannard.
246.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.
None.
- 247 Declaration of interest: -
247.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members code of conduct or members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.
Please refer to the individual grant applications for the councillor's declarations of interests, item 251.
247.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.
None.
- 248 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 further consultation.
(NB: for non-agenda items members of the council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purpose of clarification).
None.
- 249 To consider the projected assessment for 2021/2022, based on accounts for 2020/2021 to end of December, and make any necessary changes
RESOLVED: To decrease budget for training expenditure from £1,000 to £750.
RESOLVED: To decrease budget for expenditure on town hall maintenance from £7,000 to £3,500.
- 250 To consider any potential special projects
RESOLVED: That the special projects budget be set for £3,300 for the work arising from the Fire Risk Assessment recommendations.
- 250.1 Replace a further 13 benches in the parish.
RESOLVED: To include £3,500 in budget out of reserves, and replace as many benches as that sum allows in 2021/2022. (Expected to be six).
- 250.2 Ballroom – sanding wooden floor and recoating.
RESOLVED: Not to proceed with this as a special project in 2021/2022.
RESOLVED: To carry forward for consideration as a special project in 2022/2023.
- 250.3 Lower Hall – sanding wooden floor and recoating.
RESOLVED: Not to proceed with this as a special project in 2021/2022.
RESOLVED: To carry forward for consideration as a special project in 2022/2023.
- 250.4 Work from Fire Risk Assessment recommendations.
RESOLVED: To set the special project budget at £3,300.
- 250.5 Replacement street lights project – six old lamps in town centre.
RESOLVED: To include £5,000 in budget out of reserves, and replace as many street lights as that sum allows in 2021/2022. (Expected to be two).



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- 250.6 Tree work at Philip Harvey Playing Field.
RESOLVED: Not to proceed with this as a special project in 2021/2022.
RESOLVED: To reconsider the position regarding the necessity for tree removal after the tree crowning work has been completed.

- 250.7 Any other special projects
None.

251 To consider and decide upon Grant applications

RESOLVED: That the grant budget be set at £10,725 and the following grants be awarded to the applicants: -

Organisation	Interest declared by	Amount awarded	Conditions
A White Knight IT		nil	-
Bentham Allotment Association.	Cllr Bridgeman Cllr Taylor (This section of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Adams)	nil	-
Bentham Christmas Lights Committee	-	£500	-
Bentham Community Bonfire.	-	£500	Award will only be made if the bonfire goes ahead in 2021.
Bentham Playing Fields Association	-	£5,000	The Town Council resolved to complete the grass cutting and collection for the playing field at a total capped cost of £5,000 for the year.
Bentham Youth Cafe	-	nil	-
Carnival Bentham	-	nil	-
Collingwood & Longstaffe Charity	Cllr Marshall	nil	-
Community Link Cafe	Cllr Bridgeman Cllr Faraday	£600	-
Enable Disability	-	nil	-
Goodenber Play Area Association	Cllr Adams	£3,000	-
Lancaster & Skipton Users Group (LASRUG)	Cllr Adams	£150	-
Low Bentham Victoria Institute	Cllr Bridgeman Cllr Faraday	£875	-
Settle Area Swimming Pool	Cllr Adams	nil	-
Stepping Stones Baby and Toddler Group	Cllr Faraday.	£100	-
TOTAL		£10,725	



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- 252 To consider minor items
None.
- 253 To agree the precept for 2021/2022 and sign the request for payment
RESOLVED: That the precept for 2021/2022 be set at £104,263.78. The Band D equivalent charge will remain at £85.55. The request for payment to be signed by Cllrs Taylor, Adams and Marshall, and the Clerk.
- 254 To adopt the budget for 2021/2022
RESOLVED: That the budget for 2021/2022 be adopted.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.28.