

## **BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2 October, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Bridgeman, Faraday, Handford, Marshall, Pritchard, Stannard, Swales, Townson & Vendy. Also Cllr Ireton, the clerk Mrs Burton, the coordinator Mrs Hawkins and 3 parishioners

85. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend  
Cllr Taylor
86. 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 Marshall & Swales declared a DPI in item 92.1.1, planning application 18440, as owners of holiday lets in the area. Cllr Adams declared a personal interest in item 99.2, electric & gas contract, as an employee of EDF.
87. To Receive Comment & Concerns - none
88. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting  
**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 4 September be signed**
89. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes  
A request to take part in the Bentham & Ingleton Transport survey had been received on 1 October. Cllrs were asked to respond as individuals before 27 October.
90. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information  
PC Parsons arrived at 8.05pm due to an accident on Bentham Road. She informed the meeting that there had been 41 reported incidents in Bentham during September including 5 crimes & 3 minor road traffic collisions. There had been a report of assault in a pub but the CCTV footage showed no evidence and the claim had been withdrawn. There had also been 2 assaults in one of the care homes. Criminal damage had been reported to a vehicle and one youth had been arrested for possession of a class B drug.
91. To Receive Reports from Cllr & DCllrs (for information only)  
Cllr Ireton said that concerns had been expressed about the 3-storey element of the plans for the Extracare Housing due to the elevated nature of the site. Meetings between the developer and the planners had made progress, and a meeting with the Extracare Group would occur later in the month.

*Cllr Adams then took the Highways section of the meeting so that Cllr Ireton could be involved prior to leaving for the Ingleton meeting at 7.50pm*

92. Planning
- 92.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
- 92.1.1. 2017/18440/FUL Construction of 2no. holiday lets & stable building for equestrian tourism on site of former agricultural building at Lane House Farm, Mewith Lane, High Bentham  
*Cllrs Marshall & Swales left the room*  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 92.1.2. 2017/18461/OUT Outline application for construction of 2no. semi-detached dwellings with all matters reserved on land at rear of former NatWest Bank, Station Road, High Bentham  
It was noted that access to the carpark had always been tight, particularly if vehicles are parked opposite.  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had concerns about access, but no objections if NYCC Highways were happy**
- 92.2. To Receive Planning Decisions  
- If any (see Clerks Report)
- 92.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues
- 92.3.1. To Receive a request for comment on the proposed name for the Toll Bar Gardens development of 'Wenning River Lodges'  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to the proposed name**
- 92.3.2. Others, if any (see Clerks Report)
93. Highways Matters
- 93.1. To Receive an update on the repair of the wall at Ellergill Lane  
Cllr Bridgeman confirmed that the wall had been repaired with assistance from the boys who caused the damage. The Council thanked her & Cllrs Faraday and Taylor for their assistance in this matter

## 93.2. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information

Highways have confirmed that gully clearance will start on 24 October.

An update on the Rose Garden confirming the lack of legal visibility for access was received.

**RESOLVED:** That NYCC Highways be invited to look at the parking problems in Low Bentham

It was requested that the potholes in the narrows at Lairgill be reported again as the depth makes them dangerous to cyclists.

Concern was expressed that the school, following a H&S audit, had closed the gates preventing parents from using the carpark during dropping off and collecting children. This has made parking extremely difficult

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Ireton will contact the Education Department regarding these changes and find out the rationale behind them

## 94. To Note the resignation of Cllr Stannard as a School Governor – noted

**RESOLVED:** That the Council wait to be asked to reappoint a Cllr as governor as mandatory Council Governors no longer exist

## 95. To Note the draft minutes of the Marketing Committee meeting on 28 September, and consider recommendations, if any

The committee was asked to re-look at the decision to not print an accommodation list in 2018 as it was understood to be a revenue stream for the Tourist Information Point. A letter of thanks should be sent to David Alder for his sales of the calendar over the period. The committee was also asked to co-ordinate their ideas for improvements to the Wenningdale Room with the Buildings Committee

## 95.1. To agree the Town Hall hire rates for 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the hire rates for the Town Hall remain unchanged for 2018

## 96. To Receive the notes of the Emergency Plan Template meeting on 18 September – received

An article is being prepared for Bentham News asking for volunteers to be involved with the plan.

## 97. To Consider a request for a wayleave over Council land for B4RN

Concern was expressed that the map received did not show sufficient information regarding entry point and depth of cable for the Council to make a firm agreement. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the Council agree in principle to the routing of ducting around the periphery of the Old School Playing Field at a depth of 18 inches, but that firm details regarding route and entry / exit points need to be agreed in writing before any digging starts, with a mapped route being confirmed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council's agreement in principle be given for B4RN to route ducting around the periphery of the old school playing field, but that a firm mapped route be agreed prior to any digging commencing.

## 98. To Receive responses from Bentham Auction Mart &amp; the Police regarding antisocial behaviour on a Wednesday

The police are continuing to mount regular patrols on a Wednesday evening, and encourage any problems to be reported on the 101 service

## 99. To Agree the Accounts for Payment

Argos	118.93	Goodenber Play Area	625.00
Stannah	172.84	Victoria Institute	2000.00
Kingsdale Projects	850.00	Youth Cafe	1500.00
Yorkshire Water	7.55	Playing Fields Assoc	850.00
Pyro Fire	900.00	Craven District Council	50.29
Cannon	21.85	BT	39.64
Horton Landscaping	921.24	Aviva	372.18
Thomas Graham	19.39	HMRC	247.00
HB Plumbing & Heating	85.99	NEST	21.16
		Salaries	2270.12

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts for payment are agreed

## 99.1. To receive the audited Annual Return for y/e 31 March 2017, note any comments and approve (paper 2017/10)

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual Return be approved, noting that the previous year's asset value had not been adjusted for the inclusion of the school field fencing

## 99.2. To consider quotes for the provision of gas &amp; electricity to the Town Hall as current contract ends 31 October (paper 2017/11)

It was agreed that the Council should fix for as long as possible, i.e. 36 months and that, as the difference between the quotes from the current supplier (SSE) and the next nearest was less than £20/year the Council should remain with SSE

**RESOLVED:** That the Council should remain with SSE, fixed for 36 months

## 100. To consider items of Correspondence

100.1. To note that nominations for the Craven Community Champions Awards are open until 29 October noted

100.2. To note that the YLCA Craven Branch meeting will be held on 7 October at 2pm at the Hellifield Institute, and agree attendance if any

**RESOLVED: That attendance is not required**

## 101. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)

Cllr Marshall reported that Collingwood & Longstaffe have engaged the NFU to update their H&S policies and procedures

Work on the Play Area is progressing, although hampered by the poor weather. The Open Spaces Committee will meet again shortly

Cllr Townson emphasised the need for responses to the Better Communities Transport Survey. He confirmed that the Extracare Group will meet with NYCC and the planner next week. He also said that the Dementia Friendly group had met 3 times and were implementing initiatives to raise awareness around the town.

Cllr Vandy confirmed that the Youth Café would be having a late start this season due to the lack of parent volunteers. The committee would be conducting a survey of youth requirements shortly as the start of a review of the service offered.

Cllr Swales had attended the Craven Area Committee meeting and said that the future for Castleberg looked bleak as 60% of people previously using the hospital were from outside N. Craven

## 102. Items for next meeting and minor items only

Cllr Vandy agreed to take forward the provision of CCTV in the Town Hall as Cllr Adams does not have the time currently

It was agreed to add the decline of the Main Street to the next agenda

Cllr Bridgeman asked for the Environment Agency to be informed of the erosion of the river bank close to The Ridding which may affect the B6480 if there are severe storms this winter. She also asked for the grass cutters to be chased regarding an area missed on Cross Lane

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45pm

**AGENDA ITEM 89)****CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 2 October 2017****1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting****1.1. GRANTED**

1.1.1. 2017/18161/VAR Varying condition 2 (revised internal arrangement, window & door positions), condition 5 (window & door colours) & condition 7 (velux roof lights) of previously approved 08/2012/12855 at Redundant Water Treatment Works Building, Mewith Lane, Bentham

1.1.2. 2017/18206/FUL Installation of a single 17.8m to tip KW6 wind turbine & associated structure at Oak Tree House, Oak Tree Farm, Low Bentham

**1.2. REFUSED**

1.2.1. none

**2. Planning Correspondence**

2.1. Bailrigg Garden Village Newsletter (LCC), 21/9

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

3.1. Letter to Yorkshire Housing regarding Grasmere Drive footpath sent 13/9

3.2. Letter re School Hill & antisocial behaviour sent to Auction Mart and Hoggs & Heifers 18/9

3.3. Letter to Co-Op regarding delivery vehicles sent 20/9

3.4. Craven Budget response sent 26/9

3.5. Section 106 response sent 26/9

**4. Items for Information – see information folder**

4.1. GP Discovery Day report, September 2017

4.2. Clerks & Councils Direct, Sep 17

4.3. YLCA Craven Branch Minutes 21/6/17 and JEB Minutes 22/4/17 & 15/7/17

4.4. Insurers lift report 18/9

4.5. British Red Cross funding request – Precept Grant forms sent

**5. Items circulated by email**

- 5.1. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest 4/9, 11/9, 18/9, 25/9
- 5.2. Rural Vulnerability Service –Fuel Poverty 13/9
- 5.3. Rural Spotlight – Economy 20/9, Heart of the Village 26/9
- 5.4. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, 6/9
- 5.5. North Yorkshire Now Sept 17
- 5.6. Fields in Trust Newsletter 8/9 &21/9
- 5.7. NALC CEO bulletin 15/9, 26/9
- 5.8. Locality, My Community 18/9
- 5.9. Community First Yorkshire News Sept 17
- 5.10. Craven & WW1 newsletter, Autumn 2017
- 5.11. Craven Area Committee meeting, Settle 21/9
- 5.12. Plunkett Foundation Inspiring Yorkshire 21/9
- 5.13. Bentham & Ingleton Transport Survey 1/10, **responses by 27 October**
- 5.14. White Rose Update 29/9

**6. Progress on Outstanding Matters**

- 6.1. Co-Option procedure – Clerks Forum request made 8/5, collation in progress
- 6.2. Street Lighting further discussed by Open Spaces, meeting with ENW to be arranged
- 6.3. Craven Area Committee requested to consider Bentham School Crossing, 18 January 2016
- 6.4. Replica VC Winners stone confirmed ordered 12/11/15. Delivery dates awaited
- 6.5. Flagpole – donor found, to be progressed
- 6.6. Grasmere Drive bench site location permissions received, costs received, CDC to consider