

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1 October, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Marshall, Stannard, Swales & Wills. Also, the clerk Mrs Burton, the coordinator Mrs Jennings and 4 parishioners

90. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllrs Adams, Barnes & Taylor
91. 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.
Cllr Marshall declared an interest in item 98.1, as the landowner.
92. To Receive Comment & Concerns
The landlord of the Black Bull outlined concerns regarding the use of the carpark by non-pub users and the increased amount of dog fouling and fly tipping that was happening, plus the abusive behaviour of some users when challenged. He confirmed that no one other than the Black Bull had right of access, although some properties have drying rights and access for rubbish removal. Cllrs asked a few questions for clarification and the Chairman confirmed that the subject would be discussed later on the agenda.
93. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 3 & 10 September be signed
94. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
95. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information – none available
96. To Receive Reports from CCllr & DCllrs (for information only) -none present
97. Planning
- 97.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
- 97.1.1. 2018/19655/LBC Listed building consent for provision of a replacement waiting shelter, refurbishment of existing waiting shelter, provision of single TVM & CCTV at Bentham Station, Station Road, Bentham
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application
- 97.1.2. 2018/19667/VAR Variation of conditions 2, 7, 8 & 13 on previously approved 08/2002/2534 at Scarfes Barn, Mewith Lane, Low Bentham
The Council asked that the Planning Department be informed that it was difficult to comment on this application as, despite access to the original decision notice, it was not clear what the variation of conditions were. It was agreed that the use of render on a stone barn would be inappropriate if that was indeed one of the variations,
RESOLVED: That the Planning Department be asked to ensure that requested variations in conditions were made clearer on future applications
RESOLVED: That the use of render on a stone barn is inappropriate
- 97.1.3. 2018/19706/HH Addition of ensuite to first floor level within barn together with access from main bedroom at Calf Cop Farm, Burton Road, Low Bentham
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application
- 97.1.4. 2018/19707/LBC Listed building consent for addition of ensuite to first floor level within barn together with access from main bedroom at Calf Cop Farm, Burton Road, Low Bentham
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application
- 97.2. To Receive Planning Decisions
- If any (see Clerks Report)
- 97.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues
- If any (see Clerks Report)
98. Highways Matters
- 98.1. To Receive the Footpath Diversion Order 2018 for footpath numbers 05.5/22, 05.5/33 & 05.5/88, Riverside Caravan Park
Cllr Marshall declared an interest as land owner. The Council received the Diversion Order
- 98.2. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information – none

99. To Note the draft minutes of the Open Spaces Committee on 17 September - noted
Comments were made regarding the netball posts that were originally discussed. It was agreed to check the specification as to what was agreed at the time as there were differing opinions.
RESOLVED: That the original specification be consulted as to what was agreed.
100. To Consider the Craven District Council 2019/20 budget consultation and agree a response (paper 2018/11)
RESOLVED: That individual Cllrs respond to the consultation.
101. To Consider a presentation from the Parish Liaison Group regarding potential use of anaerobic digestion at a local level (paper 2018/12)
It was agreed that there was great potential in such a project, but that it was outside the scope of this Council due to the lack of suitable land for siting of such. It was suggested that the author be invited to Bentham to make a presentation to an open meeting
RESOLVED: That the clerk look at arranging an open meeting in Bentham.
102. To Discuss the Black Bull carpark and representations made by the landlord regarding non-customer usage
The Council discussed the issues, noting that historically the car park had always been used by Bentham people and users of the Town Hall which was why the Council had contributed towards the resurfacing in the late 80s / early 90s. It was agreed that further thought and consideration was required and that the subject should be further discussed once Cllrs had been given chance to consider the information received at this meeting.
RESOLVED: That the subject of the Black Bull car park be considered again, in private session with the Landlord, to try and find a suitable workable solution.
103. To Agree the Accounts for Payment
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| Craven District Council | 51.26 | Harrison & Cross | 642.36 |
| Aviva | 401.22 | PKF Littlejohn | 720.00 |
| BT | 129.50 | Viking Direct | 151.70 |
| 1&1 Internet | 47.96 | Goodenber Play Area | 850.00 |
| Dash4Maps | 86.34 | Victoria Institute | 2500.00 |
| RS Components Ltd | 15.26 | Bentham Youth Cafe | 1000.00 |
| UK Safety Management | 120.72 | Playing Fields Association | 1000.00 |
| Horton Landscapes | 1185.36 | | |
| Canon Hygiene | 23.08 | NEST | 80.88 |
| Stannah Lift Services | 178.88 | Salaries | 3306.78 |
| Thomas Graham | 67.61 | HMRC | 729.88 |
- RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment are agreed with the exception of the grass cutting (invoices reference 129 & 130), which should be queried with the contractor and are not shown above.**
- 103.1. To receive the audited Annual Return for y/e 31 March 2018, note any comments and approve (paper 2018/13)
RESOLVED: That the Annual Return be approved, noting that there were no comments from the external auditor
104. To consider items of Correspondence
- 104.1. To receive confirmation from Environmental Health that the Low Bentham sand bag store has been stocked - received
- 104.2. To receive an update regarding the redevelopment of the Neighbourhood Watch Association
The Council noted the proposed meeting in Northallerton on 10 November on Saturday 10 November, and wondered whether there might be a chance of a meeting at this end of the county
RESOLVED: That the Police be asked whether a meeting might be held at this end of the county for interested parties
105. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
Cllr Bridgeman reported that the Street Market had raised over £1000 for the Victoria Institute. The extension to the building was progressing well. The Trash & Treasure sale would be held on 7 October.
Cllrs Burton & Wills had attended the Youth Café AGM
Cllr Stannard had attended the Playing Fields AGM where a new committee had been appointed.
Cllr Faraday had been unable to attend the Patient Representative Group meeting and had sent her apologies
106. Items for next meeting and minor items only
The clerk raised the issue of loose plaster on the ceiling of the Town Hall bell tower which Cllr Wills agreed to look at and report back on.

The coordinator confirmed that she had taken over the inspection of the Play Area and had received all the appropriate paperwork

There being no further business, the ordinary meeting was closed at 8.40pm

107. To Resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Public and Press to be excluded further from the Meeting,

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting

108. To Consider the Youth Café's proposed changes to its constitution and the compatibility with the current lease
RESOLVED: That the Youth Café Chairman be asked to provide a copy of the results of the feasibility study and consultation referred to in the request

RESOLVED: That the Youth Café Chairman be asked to provide detailed proposals of what they wish to do, and how this might affect the current lease.

RESOLVED: That the Council get quotes for replacement of the Community Youth Building front door whilst noting that listed building consent will be required and that the current lease is full repairing.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.17pm

AGENDA ITEM 94)

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 1 October 2018

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting

1.1. GRANTED

- 1.1.1. 2017/18767/CND Application to discharge conditions 5 & 7 of original application 08/2017/17775 at Low Bentham School, Doctors Hill, Low Bentham
- 1.1.2. 2018/19445/FUL Erection of 2 steel framed agricultural buildings to cover open yard areas accessed by existing track at Waterscales Farm, Greystonegill, High Bentham
- 1.1.3. 2018/19558/HH Proposed alterations to existing dwelling at Woodbourne, 7 Springfield, High Bentham
- 1.1.4. 2018/19577/HH Two single storey extensions to rear of property. One sunroom/lounger area & one shower room/toilet and utility area at 8 Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham
- 1.1.5. 2018/19580/HH Replace rotting wooden materials with PVCu frames and replace poor state wooden cladding between two bay windows & cappitt board to 2 gable ends with PVCu at Oak Dale, Burnside Nurseries, Low Bentham Road, High Bentham

1.2. REFUSED

- 1.2.1. 2017/18767/CND Application to discharge conditions 6, 8, 11, 12 & 15 of original application 08/2017/17775 at Low Bentham School, Doctors Hill, Low Bentham

2. Planning Correspondence

- 2.1. Planning for south Lancaster Bailrigg Garden Village – Lancaster City update

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

4. Items for Information – see information folder

- 4.1. The Clerk, September 2018
- 4.2. Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2018
- 4.3. Scam Mail information from Royal Mail (& noticeboard)
- 4.4. YLCA Craven Branch Meeting agenda 3/10, and previous minutes
- 4.5. Lune Habitat Herald 2018
- 4.6. Town Hall Electrical Installation 5 year test report

5. Items circulated by email

- 5.1. RSN Rural Bulletin 29/8, 4/9, 11/9, 18/9, 25/9
- 5.2. Rural Funding Digest, September
- 5.3. Rural News, September
- 5.4. White Rose Update July, August
- 5.5. North Yorkshire Now, September
- 5.6. Locality News 7/9
- 5.7. NALC Newsletter 29/8, 5/9, 13/9, 19/9, 26/9
- 5.8. NALC CEO Bulletin 31/8, 7/9, 14/9, 21/9

- 5.9. Community First Yorkshire Newsletter, 5/9, 13/9, 19/9, 27/9
- 5.10. CFY Rural News August
- 5.11. War Memorials news 4/9, 18/9
- 5.12. Craven & WW1 newsletter, 10/9
- 5.13. YLCA Craven Branch meeting, 3/10
- 5.14. LASRUG newsletter, September

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 6.1. ENW / Letting agent contacted re trees on Lairgill banking 3 July, agent contacting ENW re cabling
- 6.2. LCC contacted re signage at Ravensclose 16 July, considering new signage 13/8
- 6.3. Youth Café contacted 6 June, response awaited
- 6.4. Play Area Risk Assessment done 10 July, check lists awaited
- 6.5. The Council agreed, April 2018, to maintain a dialogue with the landowner regarding Church Beck
- 6.6. Craven asked about Low Bentham sandbag store – sand bags supplied September 2018
- 6.7. Street Lighting phase 1 agreed, progressing phase 2 with NYCC Street Lighting
- 6.8. Craven Area Committee requested to consider Bentham School Crossing, 18 January 2016
- 6.9. Flagpole – donor found, awaiting quotes