

## BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 January, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Faraday, Marshall, Stannard, Swales, Townson & Vendy. Also DCllrs Brockbank & Thompson, the clerk Mrs Burton, the coordinator Mrs Hawkins and 3 parishioners

137. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend  
Cllrs Bridgeman, Handford, Pritchard & Taylor, Cllr Ireton
138. 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 Adams declared a personal interest in item 144.1.3, planning application 2017/ 18815/HH, as a neighbour of the property. Cllr Marshall declared a DPI on item 144.1.2, planning application 2017/18792/FUL, as the applicant.
139. To Receive Comment & Concerns - none
140. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting  
**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 4 December be signed**
141. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes  
Following publication of the agenda notice had been received from Draven District Council that the remaining Recycling Bring Sites, including the one on Grasmere Drive, would be removed from the end of January – following 'abuse' by commercial entities. The Council was unanimous in agreeing that this was a bad move and expressed concern that this would increase fly tipping in the area. Notification had also been received that Craven Concrete had applied for an environmental permit to operate a cement installation at Butts Works. It was agreed that the Council did not need to comment.
142. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information  
A written report had been supplied by PCSO Grace. There had been 32 incidents reported in December including 1 burglary and 1 attempted burglary, and other less serious issues. There had been no further reports of anti-social behaviour by youths around the Auction Mart. It had been confirmed that North Yorkshire has the lowest crime rate in England. There were 37359 crimes in the last reported 12mth period, a slight 1% increase on the previous year, contrasting with an overall increase of 13% in recorded crimes in England & Wales.
143. To Receive Reports from Cllr & DCllrs (for information only)  
DCllr Brockbank confirmed that the decision to remove the Bring-Sites had been made in December as it was believed that kerb side collection should be sufficient. She pointed out that the decision was not irreversible but any argument against would need to be supported with evidence. Any increase in fly tipping would need to be raised with the District Council.  
Her questions regarding the implementation of the VC Winner commemorative stones could not be answered as the dedication service date & form had not been agreed with other interested parties.  
The Craven Draft Local Plan has been published for consideration. DCllr Brockbank pointed out that the only comments that could be made are about the soundness of the plan, but also informed the Council that all possible employment land in Bentham had been removed in the final draft.  
DCllr Thompson confirmed that the fly tipping reported on Grasmere Drive car park at the last meeting had been removed, only to be replaced by more, and that this would need monitoring more closely when the Bring Site is removed. He also mentioned that the Craven Data Protection Officer had been invited to the next YLCA Craven Branch meeting to outline their role
144. Planning
- 144.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
- 144.1.1. 2017/18716/FUL Erection of L-shaped stable block, consisting 2 stables & small feed area on land adjacent to Green Smithy, Mewith, Bentham  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 144.1.2. 2017/18792/FUL Change of use of land for siting of 8 holiday lodges at Bentham Golf Club, Robin Lane, High Bentham  
*Cllr Marshall declared a DPI & left the room*  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 144.1.3. 2017/18815/HH Removal of ground floor bay window at rear & erection of single storey dual pitched roof extension at 34 Goodenber Road, High Bentham  
*Cllr Adams declared an interest & left the room*

**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**

144.1.4. 2017/18828/LBC Replacement windows to front elevation at Little Clifford, Clifford Hall, Burton in Lonsdale.

There was some discussion regarding the suitability of the windows with the listed nature, but as this was a listed building consent application it was assumed that this would be taken into account.

**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**

144.2. To Receive Planning Decisions

- If any (see Clerks Report)

144.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues

144.3.1. To receive notice of the publication of the draft Craven Local Plan, and note that representations can be made until 5pm on 13 February

The Council was unaware that the previous designated employment land had been removed from the final draft of the Local Plan. Craven had expressed a desire to put more employment land in areas with better access (e.g. Ingleton) but Bentham still needs places to work. It was noted that the draft Local Plan did not identify enough employment land for the allocated housing land and agreed that the Council should comment to this effect. As the notification had only been received on 21 December it was agreed to carry this item over to the next agenda, giving Cllrs more time to study the draft Local Plan before commenting

**RESOLVED: That the Council comment on the lack of employment land provision in the draft Local Plan****RESOLVED: That the subject be added to the next agenda allowing Cllrs more time to study the draft plan before responding**

144.3.2. To receive the draft revised statement of Community Involvement for Planning, and note that the consultation period closes on 13 February

Due to the late receipt of this information proper study of the document had not been possible

**RESOLVED: That the item be added to the next agenda allowing Cllrs more time for study before responding.**

144.3.3. Others, if any – see clerks report

## 145. Highways Matters

145.1. To receive an update on the various flooding issues raised at the December meeting

Environmental Health have agreed to stock a Low Bentham sand bag store if somewhere can be found for it. The clerk has written to the Victoria Institute and a reply is awaited. NYCC's Flood Risk Management Project Officer has agreed to look at Church Beck and photos will be forwarded to them as soon as possible. NYCC Highways are blaming parking on Station Road for the lack of cleaning of gullies, despite the fact that many are under double yellow lines. It was agreed that they should be asked to put out signs before visiting to make sure that cleaning is possible.

**RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to look again at the drains on Station Road and to put out signs prior to their visit to ensure that the gullies are accessible.****RESOLVED: That the Church Beck / Hillcroft problems be followed up with the Flood Risk Management Project Officer**

Cllr Adams had met with DCllr Brockbank & Sandra Bailey from Yorkshire Housing regarding the flooding problems on Wesley Avenue and the lagoon on Bargh's Meadow. Yorkshire Housing had agreed to check the outlets.

145.2. To receive a response regarding the footpath at Pye Busk – NYCC Highways will not improve it NYCC Highways do not have a budget for minor improvements. The Council agreed that it should ask if NYCC Highways would adopt it if this pavement was installed to highways standards.

**RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked if they would adopt this pavement if it was installed to Highways standards**

145.3. To receive information from DCllr Brockbank on Grasmere Drive footpath and consider the request to improve lighting in the area.

Craven have completed the improvements in this area to remove the steps. The Council agreed that it would look at improving the lighting. Members of the Open Spaces Committee were meeting with NYCC Street Lighting to progress replacing lights owned by this Council and could add feasibility of possible provision to the list

**RESOLVED: That the feasibility of improving the lighting provision on Grasmere Drive footpath be discussed with NYCC Street Lighting**

145.4. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information

Members of the Open Spaces Committee will meet with Catherine Smith from NYCC Footpaths next week to look at improving the riverside footpath between Low & High Bentham, and also to look at the footpath between Hillside Road and Ellergill.

It was noted that some of the potholes between Low Bentham & Holmes Farm had been filled, but others had been left. There is also a large pothole on Low Bentham Road opposite the entrance to the car park. The state of the road surface in the Lairgill narrows was also mentioned again.

**RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to look at the potholes on the B6480 near St Johns, on Low Bentham Road and in the Lairgill narrows.**

One of the Council's street lights on Wenning Avenue is not working. This has already been reported to the contractor and is in hand.

146. To Note the draft minutes of the Marketing Committee meeting on 11 December, and consider recommendations - noted

146.1. To discuss charging for advertising accommodation on the website.

It was agreed that the accommodation list was no longer offering advertisers good value for money, although noted that it was a vehicle to allow businesses involved in tourism to support the TIP.

Historically the Council had shied away from advertising on the website but it was agreed that now was the time to reconsider the option. Council agreed that advertisers should be charged £20 plus VAT and asked the Marketing Committee to decide on the detail of the policy.

**RESOLVED: That the Council start to charge £20 +VAT for advertising on the website**

**RESOLVED: That the Marketing Committee be asked to sort out the detail of charged for advertising**

147. To Discuss the installation of the VC paving stones and how this might be celebrated

It was noted that Bentham is the only place in Craven with VC winners and so this commemoration is important to the whole district. The commemorative paving stones will be arriving on 27 January. It was agreed that they should be delivered to Riverside, where they could be stored until installation. Martin Faichney had agreed to install the stones and a meeting with members of the Council should be arranged to agree placing etc. There was some discussion regarding the dedication of the stones and whether there should be one ceremony or two. The Council voted 6:1 for a single ceremony on a date to be agreed. It was agreed that Cllrs Faraday & Stannard would meet with members of Churches Together to progress format and timing of the ceremony.

**RESOLVED: That the stones be stored at Riverside Caravan Park**

**RESOLVED: That a meeting be held with Martin Faichney regarding their installation**

**RESOLVED: That Cllrs Stannard & Faraday meet with members of Churches Together to agree the date and format of the dedication service**

147.1. To consider the suggestion to move the Town Hall memorial plaque to School Hill

**RESOLVED: That the memorial plaque remain on the Town Hall as moving it would be problematic**

148. To Receive an offer to provide the service of Data Protection Officer (at a fee) from Craven District Council and agree a response.

The new General Data Protection Regulations are far more onerous than the current data protection requirements, and NALC have suggested that the DPO appointment will be beyond the scope of most clerks.

**RESOLVED: That Craven's offer to provide DPO services at a fee be accepted, subject to the fee being reasonable**

149. To Agree the Accounts for Payment

Stannah Lift Services	172.84	Wildman	100.00
Myers Group	37.92	BT	26.06
B & CE Armstrong	40.00	Aviva	372.18
Kingsdale Projects	130.00	Craven District Council	50.29
MBE Ltd	126.00	NEST	20.32
JLA Ltd	636.00	Salaries	2270.12
Thomas Graham	33.20	HMRC	198.80
LCPAS	30.00		

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

150. To consider items of Correspondence

150.1. To receive information from YLCA regarding the government intention to defer setting referendum principles for 3 years - received

150.2. To receive an invitation to the Candlelighters Soiree on 14 March in Leeds, and agree attendance if any  
**RESOLVED: That, if no absent Councillor could attend, the Council sent its apologies**

150.3. To receive a letter from the Great Place Programme support officer

The Great Place Programme is aimed at bringing people and jobs into the area. The request was for information regarding Precept Grants and the Arts. It was agreed to respond

**RESOLVED: That requested information be passed to the Great Place Programme**

151. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)  
 Cllr Vandy informed the Council that the Save A Life Defibrillator on the Town Hall had been used for the first time, unfortunately attempts had been unsuccessful  
 Cllr Swales said that the TIP meal for volunteers at the Black Bull had been an excellent evening and appreciated by those attending.  
 Cllr Mashall confirmed that there were two vacancies at the Collingwood & Longstaffe Alms Houses.

152. Items for next meeting and minor items only - none

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

## **AGENDA ITEM 141)**

### **CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 3 January 2018**

#### **1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting**

##### **1.1. GRANTED**

- 1.1.1. 2017/18660/FUL Forming a new canopy over existing livestock pens and extending existing roof to form canopy at Bentham Auction Mart, Main Street, High Bentham
- 1.1.2. 2017/18440/FUL Construction of 2no holiday lets & stable building for equestrian tourism on site of former agricultural building at Lane House Farm, High Bentham
- 1.1.3. 2017/18616/FUL Construction of 2no new detached dwellings with associated off-street parking on land at Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham

##### **1.2. REFUSED**

- 1.2.1. none

#### **2. Planning Correspondence**

- 2.1. 2017/18440/FUL Construction of 2no holiday lets & stable building for equestrian tourism on site of former agricultural building at Lane House Farm, High Bentham – Planning Committee December 18
- 2.2. 2017/18616/FUL Construction of 2no new detached dwellings with associated off-street parking on land at Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham – Planning Committee December 18
- 2.3. APP/08/2017/18023 Appeal response sent 2 January

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

- 3.1. Wheels2Work information passed to Bentham News 6 December
- 3.2. Craven asked about Low Bentham sandbag store 11 December, passed to NYCC Flood Risk team 15/12
- 3.3. Martin Faichney contacted 18 December, is still prepared to install the VC stones
- 3.4. GDPR pack purchased on 18 December
- 3.5. Appeal response sent 2 January

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

- 4.1. YLCA Craven Branch meeting 15 January 2018, Skipton (+ minutes of previous meeting)

#### **5. Items circulated by email**

- 5.1. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest 11/12, 18/12, 2/1
- 5.2. Rural Vulnerability Service, Fuel Poverty 20/12, Rural Transport 27/12, Broadband 3/1
- 5.3. Rural Opportunities Bulletin 6/12
- 5.4. Rural Economy Spotlight, 13/12
- 5.5. White Rose Update December 17
- 5.6. Bird Flu flier
- 5.7. Locality Newsletter, 21/12
- 5.8. Community First Newsletter 20/12
- 5.9. NYP Seasons Greetings
- 5.10. Craven & First Word War newsletter, 12/12
- 5.11. Police Funding consultation, 11/12
- 5.12. LASRUG newsletter 6/12

#### **6. Progress on Outstanding Matters**

- 6.1. Street Lighting further discussed by Open Spaces, meeting with ENW to be arranged
- 6.2. Craven Area Committee requested to consider Bentham School Crossing, 18 January 2016
- 6.3. Flagpole – donor found, to be progressed
- 6.4. Grasmere Drive bench site location permissions received, costs received, CDC to consider