

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs Stannard, Cowling, Adams, Marshall, Swales, Taylor, Townson, Vendy, Faichney, Bridgman. Also District Cllr Thompson and Brockbank, R Hill - Locum Clerk

127. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllr D Ireton and the Mrs J Burton, Clerk
128. To Receive Declarations of Interest from members present – Cllr Marshall declared a DPI in agenda item 135.1
129. To Receive Comment & Concerns - None received
130. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 12th October 2015 - Full Council were signed and approved. The Finance Committee minutes on the 26th October were noted.
131. To Receive the **Clerks Report** (for information only) – no report due to absence of the Clerk.
132. To Receive a **Drop In Session** Update (for information only)
None
133. To Receive the **Police Report** & allow members to ask questions for information
No report received.
134. To Receive **Reports from County Cllr & District Cllrs** (for information only)
DCllr Ian Thompson attended the Forest of Bowland AONB Committee meeting and reported that small grants towards sports pavilion and projects were being funded by North West Electricity. North West Electricity have just awarded £2 Million to improve the environment.
As part of a scheme to take power lines out of the AONB, Bentham Town Council can make proposals for lines to be placed underground.
135. **Planning**
- 135.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
08/2015/15917 Clay Barn Waterside Potteries Bentham Moor Road High Bentham Lancaster LA6
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections.
- 135.2 To receive **Planning Decisions.**
Refused 08/2015/15982 Land south of Ravens Close Brow Low Bentham Lancaster LA2 7EU
Installation of solar farm and associated infrastructure (with a potential capacity of 3.8MW of electricity at its peak). Re-submission of 08/2015/15473
136. **Highways Matters.**
- 136.1 Do the Council wish for a 6pm finish time rather than 5pm. NYCC queried that there may be residents coming home from work etc. who will not be able to park.
RESOLVED: That 5pm as suggested be approved.
- 136.2 To consider and note minor highways matters for information, - if any, (councillors can comment on any minor highways issues currently causing concern).
Cllr Stannard reported that NYCC will be effecting a repair of the Station triangle.
Cllr Stannard also reported that the Excavation works which were anticipated to be 8 weeks were now into approx. 10/12 weeks
137. **Christmas Lights**
- 137.1 Permission requested to put up Christmas Lights in the town from Sunday 22nd November to Sunday 3rd January 2016.
RESOLVED: Permission granted.
- 137.2 To consider approving a request for Ian Henshaw to provide, install and remove Christmas trees and lights or alternatively install and remove lights on trees provided by the Town Council.
RESOLVED: That Ian Henshaw be given the whole task of providing, installing and removing the Christmas trees and lights.
138. **Baby Changing Facilities** in the Town Hall.
- 138.1 To consider providing baby changing facilities to be located in the Disabled toilet in the ground floor. TM proposed

RESOLVED: To purchase the fold down type changing table (sourced via the internet or the current cleaning Company) Johnny Lawson to be asked install.

138.2 To allow user groups to provide their own temporary changing facility.

RESOLVED: That this is accepted.

139. To agree the **accounts** for payment.

Salaries	1716.98	W Dowbiggin	91.80
HCS ltd	159.59	L Green	83.20
WTP Pyrotechnics Ltd	2370.00	W Smith	20.00
Viking Direct	223.90	Post Office	58.40
SWALEC	1853.23		
Mopps (9/11/15)	192.00	Aviva	311.66
Mopps (23/11/15)	192.00	Craven DC	151.71
Orange	23.99	Eon	89.18

RESOLVED: That payments are agreed.

139.3 To set the date for the precept meeting.

RESOLVED: That this be Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7.30 in the Town Hall

140 **Correspondence.**

140.1 Invitation for Councillors to attend the civic service for Remembrance on Sunday 8th November at 10:30 a.m., at St Johns Parish Church. - Noted

140.2 An invitation to attend at the War Memorial on Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 10:50 for 11.

141. To receive **reports** from Councillors who represent the council on other bodies. (For information only)..

Cllr Townson reported that the Playing Fields Assoc were looking at getting a better mower and may have found one

Cllr Marshall will be attending the Alms houses meeting next week there is a vacancy to be considered and he will report back

Cllr Adams reported that at Goodenber play area there had been some vandalism. It was known that a child was responsible and they had apologised. He also reported that the ROSPA Play area inspection had identified items of low and medium risks.

142. Items for the **next meeting** and minor items only.

Calendars – were being printing that day and the estimated delivery was to be confirmed.

An extra meeting will be held on Monday 16th November at 7.30 in the Town Hall to consider the planning application of the new solar farm. Apologies Cllr Pritchard, Marshall and Taylor.

11/12 June 2016 Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations Cllr Townson that there would be Community Rail events and to encourage residents to participate on Sunday 12th.

Cllr Townson reported that there was a Hardy VC talk next week at Burton In Lonsdale 11th Nov at 7:30

Cllr Cowling will be attending a meeting next week of the Refugee support group.

Cllr Adams reported that the Grass cutting closing date was the 6th November and no tenders had been received.

Therefore an extension to Friday 5th December 2016 be set allowed for submissions.

Cllr Marshall reported that the fencing material had been ordered with two to three weeks before delivery but it should arrive before Christmas.

The Meeting closed 20:38 p.m.

Miss R Hill

Locum Clerk to the Council

17th November 2015.