

Bentham Town Council

Minutes of the town council meeting held on Thursday 6th December at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Adams, Cllr Bridgeman, Cllr Burton, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Stannard, Cllr Swales, Cllr Taylor & Cllr Wills.

District Councillor Thompson.

Three members of the public.

130. Apologies.

Cllr Faraday and Cllr Barnes.

131. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and register requests for dispensations.

Cllr Marshall declared an interest in (received but not listed on the agenda) planning application 2018/19970/FUL.

132. Public participation.

No issues raised.

133. Minutes.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed as a correct record of the meeting held on Monday 5th November 2018 by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Burton.

Seconded by Cllr Adams.

134. Clerk's report.

Circulated and noted.

135. Police report.

The monthly report was sent by PC Max Barton. There were 12 recorded incidents from the 3rd November to 3rd December.

136. Reports from councillors.

District Councillor Thompson reported that dog fouling across the Craven District is a problem. The council is trying to support communities by identifying areas where dog fouling is at its worst. They will install CCTV to capture footage of dog fouling, which can then be used in court. There have been successful convictions when CCTV has been used to catch fly tippers.

Cllr Thompson asked the town council to forward an area which has a dog fouling problem, so temporary CCTV can be installed. The town council agreed that Mount Pleasant should be considered.

North Yorkshire County Council's 'Ready for anything' information will be forwarded by Cllr Thompson to the town council. The 'Ready for anything' initiative allows texts to be sent to volunteers to help local residents in the event of an emergency.

137. Planning

137.1 2018/19944/HH Proposed single storey extension attached to existing garage (link detached) to form games room / gym at 2 Yew Tree Drive, Low Bentham.

The town council has no observations or objections.

137.2 To receive planning decisions.

No decisions received.

137.3 To receive correspondence on planning issues.

No correspondence received.

138.Highways.

138.1 Closure of Low Bentham Rail Bridge (B6480) from 3-8 December.

Notification received and noted.

138.2 Order to record a public footpath from the junction of footpath 05.5/38 & the railway line to Shakey Bridge will be submitted shortly.

Notification received and noted.

138.3 Highway matters for information.

The wall at the side of the Mill Lane carriageway is leaning at a 45 degree angle. There has been no update from Highways or Network Rail.

139.Draft minutes of the open spaces committee.

The minutes have been circulated and noted.

140.Register of interests update.

The register was circulated at the meeting for councillors to check and amend their correspondence details. The clerk was asked to send the register to the monitoring officer at Craven District Council.

141.Accounts for payment.

It was resolved that the following payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

Jo Burton	Salary/Expenses	1357.57
Marie Ammundsen	Salary	583.47
Anne Chappell	Salary	207.30
Louise Chappell	Salary	227.50
Blachere Illumination (12/11/18)	Xmas Lights	902.40
Yorkshire Water	Cemetery water	6.15
Yorkshire Water	Town Hall water	30.77
R Greenep	Community Youth roof	110.40
ClearGlass Cleaning	Town Hall Windows	100.00
Wel Medical	Defib pads	79.02

141.1 YLCA subscription fees will increase by 3.4% in 2019/20.

Noted.

141.2 Craven District Council are considering changing the way it charges for commercial waste services in the coming year.

The weight based system may charge for any additional weight that is over the agreed contracted weight.

141.3 The 2019 precept must be agreed by 18 January.

The precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd January 2018 at 7pm. Cllr Marshall has received verbal permission to submit the precept amount after this meeting.

142. Correspondence.

142.1 YLCA planning training seminar dates and agree attendance.

It was resolved that the town council will attend training on the 14th January at a cost of £35 per councillor. Cllr Marshall will notify YLCA of the agreed date.

142.2 Notification of the change in Governance of the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority from 15th November.

Noted.

142.3 The Youth Café feasibility study.

A new lease may need to be drawn up. The town council will look into the terms and conditions of the grant money.

143. Reports from councillors who represent the parish council on other bodies (information only).

Cllr Adams reported that the Settle District Aid and Sickness Fund has new trustees and there is 13 members on the committee. There were no applications received to be able to distribute the funds, so the committee will distribute the funds to other charities.

Cllr Stannard reported that on Saturday 15th December 2-5pm, Father Christmas will be at the playing field fundraising event.

Cllr Marshall reported that applications for Alms House will be closed in December for January consideration.

144. Agenda items for next meeting.

No items submitted.

145. 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.

The meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.21pm.

146. Grass cutting tenders for 2019-2021.

The town council has received three tenders for the grass cutting contract.

It was resolved that Thomas Brown complete the contract for the term 2019-2021.

Proposed by Cllr Bridgeman.

Seconded by Cllr Swales.

All in favour.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm

Signed by

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