



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuesday 16th July 2024

Minutes: Monday 15th July 2024, 7:00pm, Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall.

Councillors attending: Cllrs Adams, Burton, Marshall, Paige, Ryan and Stannard.

Town Clerk: Claire Burrow

AGENDA

80. Apologies from members unable to attend: -

80.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Hill and Cllr Taylor

80.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

APPROVED

81. Declaration of Interest: -

81.1 To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

NONE

81.2 To Approve Dispensation Requests – if dispensation request received.

NONE

82. To receive Comment & Concerns:

Public participation – to hear matters raised by members of the public or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consultation. (NB: for non-agenda items Members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification; The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 20 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes).

NONE

83. To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 1st July, as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED: that the minutes from Monday 1st July 2024 as a true and accurate record.

84. To consider and comment upon New Planning Applications:

84.1 ZA24/26127/TPO T1 pine - removal due to signs of root plate movement in rear garden. T2 pine - removal due to root plate movement
6 Scholars Rise, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7FR

RESOLVED – OBJECTION – submit - request due to the loss of trees a tree surgeon report to ensure there is no other option available to save the trees.

If there is no option and the trees are to be removed, is there a plan to re-plant trees due to inadequate landscaping and adverse impact on nature conservation and biodiversity.

85. To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

85.1 ZA24/25848/LBC Proposed conversion of the Horse & Farrier into a single dwelling.
83 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7HR,
Grants Listed Building Consent

NOTED

85.2 ZA24/25850/FUL Proposed conversion of the Horse & Farrier public house into a single dwelling including demolitions and erection of a new double garage
83 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7HR
Grants Full Planning Permission

NOTED

86. To **consider and comment on the application for a new premises licence for the Punch Bowl**, Low Bentham, from North Yorkshire Licensing submitted by H Campbell, for indoor sporting events, boxing, wrestling, performance of dance, live music, recorded music, late night refreshments and retail sale of alcohol; Mon to Thurs 11:00 – 23:00 and Fri to Sunday 11:00-00:30 both and off premises.

NOTED CCTV.

RESOLVED – Proposal amendment that the outdoor area for drinking should be restricted. Seconded.

Voted by show of hands FOR – 3 AGAINST – 3 Chair used casting vote.

RESOLVED – submit request for restricted times outdoors.

87. To consider a request from a disabled member of the public for sturdy chairs with arms in the Ballroom.

RESOLVED – to purchase 10 chairs, Harrow Steel Stacking chairs at £40.68 incl VAT. These will be for mobility restricted members of the public.

Unanimously agreed.

88. To receive **Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only) - If any.

Cllr Ryan – brought the letters from Bentham Primary School pupils regarding the speeding in Bentham.

Cllr Marshall – Collingwood and Longstaffe Almshouses – Thomas Wills is now a trustee, new charity status, Emma Greenup is the Clerk to the Foundation, full occupancy.

Cllr Paige – Victoria Institute – public toilets now available in Low Bentham at the Victoria Institute, this will be a card entry system charging public.

Cllr Paige – Bentham Boost – Meeting with Regeneration Officers from North Yorkshire Council, the Bentham Masterplan was the catalyst for the Bentham Boost £20,000. Re-start We Are Bentham, look at how they can help independent business re-do their shop fronts, Council will be involved, this may be in the form of a monetary voucher. More flowers pots and planters around Bentham. This will all be recommended to Bentham Town Council. Businesses involved are Jon Brook, Simon Ward, Mike and Thomas Marshall. Next meeting of Bentham Boost is Thursday 1st August.

89. Items for next meeting **and minor items for information only.**

**Speeding issues
Bentham Boost**

90. Date of **next meeting.**

Full Council - Wednesday 31st July 2024 – 7:30pm, Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:33pm

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