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Tuesday 15th October 2024

Monday 14th October 2024 at 7:30pm

Bentham Town Council Open Spaces Committee

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Marshall, Paige, Stannard and Taylor

Town Clerk: Claire Burrow

Parish Caretaker: Thoms Brown

OS20. To receive an annual review from the Parish Caretaker, consider maintenance and potential works over the winter months, Councillors to ask questions if required.

TB commented on wet weather this year.

Cemetery; 28 cuts this year, compliments from residents how good it looks, the hedges need some attention.

Goodenber Road Play Area: bins are often overflowing.

The Green: 28 cuts, regular use, sign post knocked down, TB to quote for the trees to be trimmed.

Footpath signs missing.

Philip Harvey Playing Field: few trees to cut, the play area is very wet.

Cross Roads hedgerows TB to quote for.

Tidy up of School Hill before Remembrance.

OS21. **Grass cutting**

OS21.1 To receive a review of the grass cutting from Paris Caretaker.

Received

OS21.2 To consider additional areas to the **grass cutting contract 2025 – 2028.**

RESOLVED: to add strip of land going down to the cross and around pumping station, grass verge near Harley Close – health and safety issue for junction.

OS21.3 To consider the introduction of wildflower areas and identify areas, after research completed by Councillors.

RESOLVED: between Low Bentham and High Bentham along grass verges, there will be a 30cm strip along the walls planted with wildflowers. This is a trial for a year.

TB to quote for wildflower seeds and sowing.

OS22. **Apologies** from members unable to attend:

OS22.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Burton

OS22.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reasons requested.

NOTED

OS23. **Declaration of interest:** -

OS23.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members code of conduct or members register of disclosable pecuniary interest.

NONE

OS23.2 To approve dispensation request – if dispensation request received.

NONE

OS24. **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

OS25. To **approve the Open Spaces Committee meeting minutes** of Monday 15th July 2024 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED: the minutes to be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

OS26. To receive the financial update of the Open Spaces.

RESOLVED: to follow.

OS27. **Street Lights**

OS27.1 To consider non-functioning street lights on Wenning Avenue.

RESOLVED: If costings under £100 to proceed with Electrical contractor.

OS27.2 To receive an update on the Cross Lane, Low Bentham street lights, consider further action, if required.

RESOLVED: No further action on LP21, residents wishes.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Council to request commission of street light LP20 by Electricity North West.

OS27.3 To consider a street light review and maintenance tender.

RESOLVED: Clerk and Chair to ensure street lighting inventory is up to date.

RESOLVED: to add; visual checks during day light and night time hours every two months, depending on severity of emergency; potential dangerous issues causing risk to the public to be addressed within a more limited time frame, for example live wires, contractors to have public liability of at least £5 million.

RESOLVED: refer to Full Council for agreement, to send to Electrical contractors with deadline date of noon Monday 18th November 2024.

OS28. **Phillip Harvey Playing Fields:**

OS28.1 To consider potential maintenance/remedial works over winter.

RESOLVED: tree to trim as reported by TB.

OS28.2 To consider a location for the commemorative tree for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

RESOLVED: to purchase an English Oak at £115, with fencing.

RESOLVED: to research a metal post for a plaque.

OS29. To consider the maintenance of School Hill in preparation for the Remembrance service.

RESOLVED: TB to remove weeds.

OS30. To consider if **bench replacements** are needed within the Parish.

RESOLVED: NONE required.

OS31. To consider further **tree pruning**.

RESOLVED: TB to trim trees at Phillip Harvey Playing Field.

RESOLVED: meeting arranged with Beaver Trees.

OS32. **Cemetery matters:**

OS32.1 To establish Terms of Reference for the task and finish group to explore options and costs to refer to Full Council.

RESOLVED: group to meet as and when required, quorum shall be three, reports to Full Council each month, initial meeting is Monday 9th December.

RESOLVED: refer terms of reference to Full Council for agreement.

RESOLVED: refer to membership to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) to Full Council.

OS33. To consider the 'slow down' signage for Duke Street from the Friends of Ole Laney.

RESOLVED: AGREED for Friends of Ole Laney to attach two signs to existing street light posts.

OS34. Items for **next meeting and minor items for information only.**

Hedge cutting along Trout Farm footpath.

OS35. Date of **next meeting.**

Monday 17th March 7:30 pm Lower Hall

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

C Burrow

Claire Burrow

Bentham Town Clerk

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