

Bentham Town Council

Minutes of the town council meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 7.00pm at Bentham Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Adams, Cllr Bridgeman, Cllr Faraday, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Stannard, Cllr Taylor.
Gill Mason – clerk.
Five members of the public.
PC McClurg.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Cllr Chris Barnes.

147.To receive apologies of attendance.

Cllr Burton, Cllr Swales, Cllr Wills.

148.Declaration of interests and dispensations.

No interests declared.

149.Open forum and public participation.

A representative from the BEST group enquired whether the town council would organise a date for the presentation on the mini anaerobic digester. The spokesperson for the digester can only attend after the 18th February 2019. The town council will organise an open meeting for the presentation to be held.

150.To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed as a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018 by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

151.Police report.

41 incidents reported to the Police in Bentham between 01.12.18 to 24.12.18

Reports include - General admin from other forces, Highway disruption - tree blocking road & burst water pipe, Fraud, Abandoned Calls, Anti-Social behaviour, suspicious incident / vehicle, Concern for welfare/ Safety.

02.12.18 – Burglary property broken into Main Street High Bentham.

03.12.18 – Harassment notice issued.

08.12.18 – Violent incident High Bentham – persons fighting & allegations of weapons being used – arrest made, investigation ongoing.

5th 11th 14th & 21.12.18 - Concern for welfare, working with other agencies.

11.12.18 – Between 07.12.18 & 11.12.18 – Empty property broken into in Low Bentham.

13.12.18 – Anti social behaviour & Criminal damage reported in Low Bentham.

7th 18th & 21.12.18 – Burglaries – Off Tatterthorn Lane theft from outbuildings of scrap metal, 2 metal sheets, 2 Angle Grinders, 2 disc cutters, Batteries, Anvil & 10 Alloy wheel.

14th & 21.12.18 – Burglaries on Tatterthorn Lane theft from outbuilding of scrap metal, 12 working Batteries & around 1 Ton of cooper cable.

20.12.18 – Between 17.12.18 & 20.12.18 - Burglary from Barn on Mewith Lane Bentham of 2 Trail Bikes – Beta Euro in red & white VRM - YJ13AEC & Scorpa SY 250 in blue VRM – FX06GBU.

22.12.18 – Co-op Shop Theft - £226 of Alcohol taken – CCTV obtained - investigation ongoing.

152.District and County Councillors reports.

No reports received.

153.Planning.

Planning applications

2018/19994/HH Erection of a detached car port. 2 Bank View, Doctors Hill, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7DZ.

The town council has no observations or objections.

2018/20005/FUL Change of use of existing building from A1 retail use to A5 take away food outlet. Toobeys LTD, 21 Main Street, High Bentham, LA2 7HQ.

The town council has no observations or objections.

2018/19925/HH Proposal: Two storey side extension. Single storey detached garage. Stone Grove Cottage, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AW.

The town council has no observations or objections.

It was resolved that the responses are submitted to Craven District Council Planning Department.

Proposed by Cllr Faraday.

Seconded by Cllr Adams.

Planning decisions

2018/19794/FUL Proposal: Partial demolition and re-construction of existing barn including full new roof to form 2 no. new dwellings.Barn (Roadside), Furlands House Farm, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7EX

Permission granted – noted.

2018/19667/VAR Proposal: Application for the variation of condition no's 2 and 8 and discharge of conditions 7 and 13 on previously approved application referenced 08/2002/2534 granted 03 December 2002 Location: Scarfes Barn, Mewith Lane, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7DQ.

Permission granted – noted.

154.Highways

Notifications and matters for consideration.

Public footpath No 05.5/105, Shakey Bridge, Bentham -The Sealed Order has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for a decision on whether or not it should be confirmed – noted.

Lakeber drive – The two water leaks have caused the tarmac on the road to lift. The clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask for the road to be repaired.

Lowgill Car Park – the clerk was asked to contact Craven District Council to repair the potholes at the car park.

Trees at Furness Drive – Cllr Bridgeman was asked to instruct the town contractor to complete the works on the trees up to a cost of £100.00.

Proposed by Cllr Stannard.

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

155.To note the minutes from the finance committee meeting on the 17th of December 2018.

The minutes were circulated and noted.

156.Finance and accounts.

Authorisation of works and services.

1)To authorise the cutting back of vegetation, shrubs and overhanging branches on Mill Lane, Low Bentham by Razor Sharp Tree Services at a cost of £650.00 plus vat and Wenning Avenue at a cost of £650 plus vat.

2)To authorise the renewal of the SLCC membership for 2019(amount to be confirmed).

It was resolved that the above works and membership be authorised.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

Payments

Cheques

North Yorkshire County Council (Two interim payments for street lighting)	£15840.00
	£10560.00
G.Mason clerk's expenses	£56.06
Yorkshire Water (cemetery water useage)	£6.15

JR Moss Building Services – Town Hall pointing	£4255.00
JLA LTD	£348.00
Andrew’s – Photocopying and envelopes	£61.40
Kingsdale projects - Grass cutting, hedge trimming, weed spraying (£510.00 and £620.00)	£1130.00.
Bentham News -Clerk’s vacancy advert.	£80.00
Mark Paige Christmas lights insurance (231.00) Materials (97.98 and £23.49)	£334.47
Highgate Scaffolding	£1159.00

Standing orders

Staff wages	£2242.27
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BACS

HMRC payment (PAYE and NI)	£373.81
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Direct debits

BT invoice	£25.08
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Chairmans allowance (invoices to be received)

Wreath	£50.00
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Flowers	£50.00
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It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Stannard.

Seconded by Cllr Adams.

Receipts

Craven District Council	£164.40
B&W funerals	£365.00

To agree the Unity Bank account updates and amendments for signatories and online log in.

It was resolved that Cllr Adams and Cllr Marshall submit the payments to be made online. Cllr Faraday, Cllr Stannard and Cllr Taylor will authorise the payments, after they have been agreed at the monthly town council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Stannard.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

157. Correspondence.

Voter ID trial – Craven District Council – circulated and noted.

Precept consultation – Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – circulated and noted.

Unity bank cash and cheque charges – circulated and noted.

LASRUG newsletter – circulated and noted.

Small scale anaerobic digester (presentation to the town council request) – circulated and noted.

158. Reports from councillors who represent Bentham Town Council on other bodies (for information only).

Cllr Marshall will be attending the meeting for the Almshouses and will report back to the town council at the next meeting.

159. Date and time of the next meetings.

Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm (finance committee)

Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm (town council)

Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm (town council)

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Gill Mason
Clerk