



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April 2019 in the Lower Hall at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Marshall (Chairman), Adams, Burton Faraday, Handford, Hill, Stannard and Taylor.
The clerk Christine Downey. And seven members of the public.

Apologies received from:

John Vendy for Bentham Bees, Bentham Film Group and Bentham Save A Life.

Julie Bridgeman for Low Bentham Badminton Club (report sent)

Stephen Caddy for Methodist Church.

Claire Pearson for Bentham Community Primary School (report sent)

Denise Henshaw for Bentham News.

Cllr Swales.

- 1 Notice convening the Meeting was read by the Chairman.
- 2 Minutes of the 2018 Meeting
Minutes of the above meeting were read by the Chairman. They were amended to record the fact that the Longstaffe Educational Foundation were received. Following this amendment, the minutes were proposed, seconded, agreed and signed.
- 3 Mayors Report
Cllr Marshall delivered his report.
- 4 Financial Details
Draft copies of the reconciliation of receipts and payments for 2018/2019 (unaudited) were circulated.
It was emphasised that the accounts have not yet been audited and could therefore be subject to change.
Income was lower than in the previous year at £131,528.60, primarily because the VAT refund was lower due to the lower expenditure on playground equipment.
Expenditure for the year, at £122,080.52 was significantly lower than the previous year primarily because 2017/18 was inflated due to the cost of installing the new play area.
The Council had ended the year with reserves of £93,000, some of which is earmarked for the final payment for the play area, and phase 2 of the street lighting programme.
The precept for the coming year has been retained at the same level for the eleventh year in a row.
- 5 Library Report
Mark Redfern delivered his report.
- 6 Reports from Local Organisations
Reports were received from:
Age Concern – name changed to Friday Lunch Club.
Aid in Sickness.
Bentham Area Refugee Support Group.
Bentham Carnival.
Bentham Christmas Lights.
Bentham Common Lands Charity.



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Bentham Community Primary School.
Bentham Youth Café.
Bentham Environmentally Sustainable Town.
Churches Together,
Christian Aid.
Collingwood and Longstaffe.
Community Bonfire.
Community Link Café.
Footpaths Group.
Friends of Bentham Station.
Goodenber Play Area Association.
LASRUG.
Longstaffe Educational Trust.
Looking Well Tuesday Group.
Low Bentham Badminton Club.
Pet Rescue.
Playing fields Association.
Pioneer Projects.
Settle Swimming Pool.
St Johns Church.
Theatre Group,
Victoria Institute.
Welcome In.
Women's Social Services.

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AOB

Felicity Hay asked for the minutes to note that the work done by Jo Burton was very much appreciated.

Many positive reports have been received on the quality of the grass cutting.

Tim Fox has taken over from Wendy Dowbiggin as the correspondent for three local papers. Reports to Tim Fox by Thursday each week please.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.