

## MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2021, at 7.00 pm – conducted remotely.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chair), Adams, Bridgeman, Faraday, Handford, Hill, Marshall and Stannard. The Clerk Christine Downey. And one member of the public.

- 279 Apologies from members unable to attend.  
 279.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.  
**Cllr Swales.**  
 279.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence.  
**None.**
- 280 Declaration of interests: -  
 280.1 To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.  
**Cllr Marshall declared an interest in a planning application, item 284.1.1.**  
 280.2 To approve dispensation requests.  
**None.**
- 281 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 consideration.  
 (NB: for non-agenda items Members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification).  
**None.**
- 282 To Confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. (Paper 2021/16)  
**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 are agreed and be signed.**
- 283 To receive the minutes of the finance committee of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. (Paper 2021/17)  
**Received.**
- 284 Planning: -  
 284.1 To consider and comment upon new planning applications  
 284.1.1 2020/22365/FUL Application for use of land as a caravan park on a year-round basis. At Riverside Caravan Park, Wenning Avenue, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7FJ.  
**RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application in principal but would recommend that it is not approved on a permanent basis in the first instance. The council recommends that it should be approved for an initial period only at this time (of perhaps five years), and be reviewed again at the end of that time.**  
 284.1.2 2021/22390/FUL Retention of existing general purpose agricultural building (retrospective) and construction of an agricultural building for sheep housing and fodder storage. At Burton Meadow Barn, Burton Road, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7ET.  
**RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.**
- 285 To discuss the position regarding the gritting of pavements and to agree a way forward. (Paper 2021/18)  
**RESOLVED: That temporary measures to deal with the gritting of pavements will be instigated for the rest of this council year.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Open Spaces Committee will review the position with a view to recommending what permanent arrangements should be adopted with effect from the next council year. That this should include investigating if it's possible to recharge the cost of purchasing grit/salt to NYCC.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Marshall to forward the bill for grit which he has paid to the clerk to be added to the next accounts for approval, and refunded.

**RESOLVED:** Consideration of opening an account at Huws Gray to be added to the finance committee agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That £1,000.00 is allocated to gritting from the parish caretaker's budget for this year 2020/2021.

**RESOLVED:** That the pavements to be gritted when conditions warrant it are

A) Main street from Springfield High Bentham, to Victoria Institute Low Bentham.

B) Up Goodenber Road, and round the corner to doctor's surgery.

C) Down Station road to Railway Station.

**RESOLVED:** That for the rest of this council year the grit/salt will be purchased from Huws Gray by the parish caretaker as and when needed, to be distributed from his vehicle.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Adams, Marshall and Taylor will decide on a daily basis if conditions warrant the gritting of pavements and will instruct the parish caretaker to proceed when they do.

286 To consider the draft response to "Right to Regenerate" consultation and agree a way forward. (Paper 2021/19)

**RESOLVED:** That the response as drafted by Cllrs Bridgeman and Swales should be submitted.

288 Items for next meeting and minor items for information only.

**None.**

289 Date of next meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.34.