

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday
6th June 2022, at 7.30 pm –
in the Ballroom at Bentham Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs Adams (Chair), Burton, Gerrie, Hill and Marshall. DCllr Handley. The clerk Christine Downey. PC Jayne Grace. PC Ian Hunt. Three members of the public.

- 32 Apologies from members unable to attend: -
- 32.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
Cllr Ireton.
- 32.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.
None.
- 33 Declaration of interests: -
- 33.1 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 40.1.1, planning application, Auction Mart.
Cllr Marshall declared an interest in the payments on account, one of which is a refund of street light expenditure to him.
- 33.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation requests received.
None.
- 34 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; 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.
- 35 To Confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting on 16th May 2022. (Paper 2022/93)
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 16th May 2022 are agreed and be signed.
- 36 To receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information – if any.
- PC Jayne Grace introduced the new member of staff, PC Ian Hunt, who is replacing Andy McClurg, and will be assisting in covering Settle, Bentham and Ingleton.
 - She went on to report that a spate of problems in Bentham recently (the break in and damage at the Town Hall, shop theft, and fires) appear to have been perpetrated by group of youths, who are known to the police. The local police officers, and the public safety officer, are working together on a problem-solving plan, to target the group of youths and resolve the nuisance behaviour.
 - Cllr Gerrie asked what was the outcome of the recent drugs raid. PC Grace reported that the investigation is ongoing, and she will find out what the current position is.
 - Cllr Marshall asked what are the parking restrictions for disabled badge holders, e.g., can disabled badge holders park on yellow lines? And, what distance from a junction is parking allowed? It was reported that nobody must park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users, and that this includes blue badge holders. And that parking within 10 metres of a junction is not permitted, except in an authorised parking space. The Harrogate enforcement team deal with obstructions, which should be reported online or by calling 101. PC Grace will email the Harrogate enforcement team to request that they spend more time in Bentham.

- 37 To receive a report from the Public Safety Officer & allow members to ask questions for information – if any.
No report.
- 38 To receive the Clerks Report (for information only). 9paper 2022/94)
Received.
- 39 To receive Reports from CCLr & DCllrs (for information only) – if any.
DCllr Handley reported that Carl Lis is now the chair of the planning committee at Craven District Council, and David Ireton is now vice-chair of planning.
- 40 Planning
- 40.1 To consider and comment upon New Planning Applications
Cllr Marshall left the room at this point.
- 40.1.1 2022/23914/FUL. To construct a steel frame building to cover an existing manure store and wagon wash area. To install an above ground steel tank to store dirty water. The Auction Mart, 3 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7HF.
RESOLVED: No objections
Cllr Marshall returned to the room at this point.
- 40.1.2 2022/24039/FUL. New detached, 2 storey, 4 bedroom dwelling and change of use of paddock to garden. Land North of Fern House, Burton Road, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7ER.
RESOLVED: No comments.
- 40.1.3 2022/24047/LBC. Removal of timber windows and fitting of new steel windows. Gill Farm. Back Lane, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 8NZ.
RESOLVED: No comments.
- 40.2 To receive Planning Decisions – see Clerks Report.
Received.
- 41 Highway matters: -
- 41.1 To discuss the speed limit on Goodenber Road and agree a way forward.
RESOLVED: To ask Highways for a 20-mph speed limit throughout the town.
- 41.2 To discuss problems on the bend on Main Street opposite the Horse and Farrier and agree a way forward. (Paper 2022/104)
RESOLVED: To advise the member of the public who reported this problem that Highways are being asked for a 20-mph speed limit throughout the town.
- 41.3 To consider and note Highway Matters for information. (Councillors can comment on any minor highway issues currently causing concern. NB: Councillors may report all concerns online to NYCC)

It was reported that speeding continues to be a major problem throughout the town with speed of between 60-mph and 80-mph not being unusual. Particular problem areas are speeding at Springfield, and overtaking opposite the Bowling Green. The speeding is occurring at all time of the day, but particularly in the evenings.

RESOLVED: To request a bigger police presence, more often, in Bentham to tackle the persistent speeding problem. Request is for the caddy van and camera.

Cllr Gerrie reported the water leak on Windy Hill on 4th May. When he called for an update on the position on 6^h June it could not be provided because of a mix-up of job reference numbers. A manager will be contacting him to discuss the matter further.

Cllr Gerrie has been informed that the leak at Lairgill is due to be repaired on 25th June.

RESOLVED: To request that the Harrogate enforcement team take action regarding the persistent parking restriction violations in Bentham.

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To agree the Accounts for Payment: -

Clearglass Cleaning	Window cleaning at town hall	110.00
Mark Paige re School Hill	Refund of paid to Myers for Hanson Fast Set Postfix in plastic bag 20KG	20.34
Mark Paige re School Hill	Refund of paid to Myers Building Supplies for Hanson Fast Set Postfix, heavy duty trellis, sawn treated fence posts.	155.76
Riverside Caravan Park	Cost of street lights for Duke Street from Caravan Park Electrics as per quote.	996.00
Salaries and mileage allowance	May 2022	3,097.65
PPL/PRS	Music licence	455.94
Craven District Council	Dog poo bags x 2 boxes	73.99
Housing21	Refund of fees from bookings cancelled during pandemic closure	14.94
Waterplus	Waste water bill at Town Hall	92.21
Business Stream	Water at Town Hall	38.59
Thomas Graham	Cleaning products	169.87
Kingsdale Projects	Grass Cutting	3,180.00
Information Commissioners Office	Annual GDPR registration fee	35.00
SSE Swalec	Unmetered electric supply	101.49
Craven District Council	Trade waste	55.10
Premium Credit Ltd	Insurance	334.76
Total Energies G & P	Electricity	437.66
NEST	Pension Contribution	168.77
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RESOLVED: Approved.**RESOLVED: Cllrs Adams and Marshall to authorise – except for the payment to Riverside Caravan Park (for which Cllr Marshall declared an interest).****RESOLVED: Clerk to check if she is authorised to sign cheques or not, with a view to making the approved payment to Riverside Caravan Park by cheque.**

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To appoint an Internal Auditor for the financial year 2021/22.

RESOLVED: To appoint Carrie Pillow.

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To consider a draft Pensions Policy. (Paper 2022/103)

RESOLVED: Pensions Policy approved and adopted.

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To consider the draft sales particulars for the Community Youth Building and to agree a way forward. (Paper 2022/95)

RESOLVED: To advertise as per the sales particulars.

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To discuss the correspondence from NYCC re the streetlights at Millholme Drive and to agree a way forward. (Paper 2022/96)

It was reported that Mr & Mrs Parker are willing to pay for the upgrade to the street lights that is required to enable NYCC to adopt them.

RESOLVED: Cllr Marshall will pass on the contact details for Karl Battersby at NYCC to Mr Parker, so that the upgrade work and adoption of the street lights can proceed.**RESOLVED: To ask estates management at United Utilities to consider making Wenning Avenue up to the standard required for the highway to be adopted by NYCC.**

- 47 To consider a quote from Creative Theory for the development and maintenance of the council's website and to agree a way forward. (Paper 2022/97)
RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Creative Theory for the development and maintenance of the council's website at a cost of £450.00 plus vat.
- 48 To consider the following correspondence and to agree a way forward and/or a response: -
- 48.1 Correspondence regarding cutting of grass verges at Millers Ford, Mill Lane, Low Bentham. (Paper 2022/98)
RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain a quote from Thomas Brown for regular cutting of this verge, for consideration.
- 48.2 Consultation on proposals to provide additional electric vehicle charging points and additional overnight parking places order amendments. Deadline for submission 6th June 2022. (Papers 2022/99 and 2022/100)
RESOLVED: That the response is that the council is in agreement with the proposal to install 3 electric vehicle charging points at Grasmere Drive car park, High Bentham.
- 48.3 Official Yorkshire Day Civic Celebrations. (Paper 2022/101)
RESOLVED: Invitation received, no councillors proposing to attend.
- 48.4 Coffee morning request from an individual. (Paper 2022/102)
RESOLVED: That the booking is acceptable, provided that the purpose of the proceeds from the event is made clear.
- 49 To receive reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only) – if any.
 Goodeneber Play Area Association: Cllr Adams reported that there was a committee meeting recently; there hasn't been much opportunity to fundraise again; there is a need to raise a large sum now for ongoing maintenance and repairs.
RESOLVED: Clerk to find out what the current position is regarding S106 monies from Felstead and the Low Bentham development.
- 50 Items for next meeting and minor items for information only.
**The council thanked Peter Hird for his work on the Jubilee Beacon.
 Cllr Marshall gives his apologies for the next meeting.**
- 51 Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 21/06/2022.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28 pm.