

## BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2 July, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Barnes, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Marshall, Stannard, Swales & Wills. Also, DCllrs Brockbank & Thompson, the clerk Mrs Burton and 4 parishioners

49. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend  
Cllrs Handford & Taylor, CCllr Ireton
50. To Receive & Record any member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to items on the agenda and to receive and decide members' requests for DPI dispensations - none
51. To Receive Comment & Concerns  
A resident from Low Bentham expressed concern regarding the increased use of Burton Road by HGVs attending the Auction Mart or Huw Grays, and also the large number of boy racers using the road. Council agreed to contact the builders' merchants to ask them to re-route their vehicles on a safer route. It was suggested that the resident contact NYCC Highways with their concerns as well.
52. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting  
**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 4 June be signed**
53. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
54. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information  
As no officer was available to attend so a written report had been sent. 40 reports had been received in June relating to Fraud, Concern for Welfare (10 related to children's homes, 5 with the same individual), Harassment warnings, 5 ASB reports relating to youths, fly tipping, burglary & theft.
55. To Receive Reports from CCllr & DCllrs (for information only)  
DCllr Brockbank confirmed that she was chasing Waste Management regarding a response for the waste collection from the Low Bentham play area and expected a response shortly.  
DCllr Thompson drew the Council's attention to the new improved recycling service which now covers more plastics. A copy of the new bin sticker will be in the next Bentham News along with an article encouraging better recycling.
56. Planning
- 56.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
- 56.1.1. 2018/19223/FUL Change of use of existing barn to dwelling. Insertion of 2 windows to ground floor rear elevation and 4 new conservation style roof lights at Gruskham Barn, Mewith, Bentham  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 56.1.2. 2018/1922/LBC Listed Building application for change of use of existing barn to dwelling. Insertion of 2 windows to ground floor rear elevation and 4 new conservation style roof lights at Gruskham Barn, Mewith, Bentham  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 56.1.3. 2018/19346/FUL Proposed conversion of traditional barn to form 2 dwellings & associated car-port & curtilage at Lane House Farm, High Bentham  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 56.1.4. 2018/19447/TPO T1 Beech- Crown, lift & thin by 30% at 15 Butterbergh, High Bentham  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 56.2. To Receive Planning Decisions  
- If any (see Clerks Report)
- 56.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues  
- If any (see Clerks Report)
57. Highways Matters
- 57.1. To Consider the application to correct the Commons Register for Burn Moor, Bentham  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application**
- 57.2. To Consider the street naming & numbering application for Barn A at Gill Head  
**RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to the Barn being renamed Acorn Barn**
- 57.3. To Receive an update on damage to Beechstones Cottage, Mount Pleasant - received
- 57.4. To Receive an update on signage on the B6480 following May's serious accident  
It was noted that the direction sign hidden in the hedge at the edge of Wennington had been uncovered by Wennington Parish Council Chairman, Carl Hunter. It was agreed to ask LCC to improve the signage on the junction

**RESOLVED:** That LCC Highways be asked again to improve the signage on the junction.

57.5. To Receive an update on the Residential Disabled Parking space on Lakeber Avenue  
NYCC Highways had confirmed that the space had been requested by a resident

57.6. To Receive an update from Parking Enforcement re the times of visits

Enforcement had agreed to try and monitor parking earlier and later in the day, but they are usually working around schools in the district at these times ensuring pupil safety.

57.7. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information

It was noted that locking the gate onto the Play Area seemed to have solved some of the parking problems on Hillside Road, although Council would continue to monitor the situation.

Concerns were expressed about the state of some of the roads which had melted in the recent hot weather.

**RESOLVED:** That NYCC Highways be asked to look at the road surface on Tatterthorn Road & Bentham Road

The hedge above the Sun Dial needs cutting back as it is growing into the highway

**RESOLVED:** That the landowner be asked to cut back the hedge above the Sun Dial

Comments were also made about the hedges obstructing visibility when exiting Butts Lane, Pye Busk and Tatterthorn Road. The latter two sites were already on the grass cutting list. The state of the Lairgill banking was also raised

**RESOLVED:** That the owner of the shrubs at the top of Butts Lane be asked to cut them back

**RESOLVED:** That ENW be informed about the trees on Lairgill banking, and further attempts to trace the owner be made through Turners regarding the shrubs growing into the road

Following CCllr Ireton's intervention a limited response had been received from NYCC Highways regarding answers to some questions and a possible meeting. Cllrs declined to visit Skipton and reiterated their desire to meet locally to show the problems to officers

**RESOLVED:** That the invitation to officers of NYCC Highways to attend a meeting with Cllrs be re-issued.

58. To Consider a quote for the professional compilation of the Council's Risk Assessment, from LCPAS for £200

**RESOLVED:** That the quote from LCPAS for £200 for the Council Risk Assessment be accepted

59. To Note the draft minutes of the Marketing Meeting on 11 June - noted

60. To Note the draft minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting on 13 June -noted

60.1. To Receive a report of the Opening of the Play Area on 30 June

The Opening had gone well, albeit poorly attended by residents, although the children present had all had a good time. Cllr Bridgeman was continuing to do weekly inspections and would hand over to Cllr Faraday during the summer holidays.

60.2. To Note that the Risk Assessment has been booked with Play Inspections Ltd at a cost of £325 including weekly check sheets - noted

61. To Agree the Accounts for Payment

Craven District Council	51.26	BT	38.32
Aviva	401.22	Mr Flag	152.52
1&1 Internet	39.56	Myers	446.33
HB Plumbing & Heating	52.20	Yorkshire Water	69.56
Canon Hygiene	21.85	Lima Engineering	1176.00
Horton Landscaping	1048.20	A Robshaw	127.50
Kingsdale Projects	405.00	HMRC	236.69
Amazon	114.00	NEST	21.23
Stannah Lift Services	178.88	June Salaries	1805.13
Thomas Graham	84.94	July Salaries	1799.66
J Bridgeman	11.87		

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts for payment are agreed

61.1. To consider an offer from UK Safety Management for PAT testing in the Town Hall

**RESOLVED:** That UK Safety Management's offer of 40 items for £79 + VAT be accepted

62. To consider items of Correspondence

62.1. To receive a response from Wayne Gray regarding dog fouling in the area

Mr Gray had written explaining the difficulty in obtaining a prosecution because of serving fixed penalty notices. He had supplied the Council with a supply of Dog Fouling penalty notices for use around the parish.

63. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)

Cllr Faraday told the meeting that it was hoped that Castleberg Hospital would reopen in December. The Patient Representative Group was now looking at enforcing the disabled parking areas around the surgery.

Cllr Burton had attended a Youth Café committee meeting. The group were looking at renaming the building and also moving towards family use, which might require a change in the lease.

Cllr Swales had attended the Age Concern AGM. The organisation was in a good state but needed a Chairman. They were also looking for volunteer drivers and escorts.

Cllr Marshall confirmed that the Collingwood and Longstaffe Health & Safety checks and Risk Assessment updates were on-going.

He had also attended the Refugee Support Group visit weekend, where the attendees had been from a range of countries. The event had been very enjoyable

64. Items for next meeting and minor items only

Cllr Bridgeman asked for any information regarding Philip Harvey and the history of the playing fields in Low Bentham to be sent to her to be put into an article for the website, and also abbreviated onto the PH sign within the play area.

The clerk mentioned that the Longstaffe Educational Foundation were inviting the Council to put forward a team for their quiz event at the Golf Club. Cllr Stannard agreed to try and sort out a team.

Cllr Marshall asked for the date of the December meeting to be added to the next agenda as he would be unable to attend and would like the Council to consider moving the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.43pm

**AGENDA ITEM 53)**

**CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 2 July 2018**

**1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting**

1.1. GRANTED

1.1.1. none

1.2. REFUSED

1.2.1. none

**2. Planning Correspondence**

2.1. Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan submitted to Craven, consultation 25 June to 6 August

2.2. Wray Neighbourhood Plan submitted to Lancaster City Council, consultation 11 June to 23 July

**3. Information Regarding Items Discussed at last Council Meeting (if not on agenda)**

3.1. New flags delivered

3.2. Insurance changes notified 5 June (refund received)

3.3. Youth Café contacted 6 June, response awaited

3.4. LCC contacted re bridge signage on B6480 11 June

3.5. Play Area furniture ordered 20 June, 3-4 week delivery

3.6. Play Area Risk Assessment booked 25 June

**4. Items for Information – see information folder**

4.1. Craven Branch YLCA, meeting 20 June

4.2. YLCA Joint Meeting, 14 July

4.3. Food Hygiene Assessment for Town Hall

**5. Items circulated by email**

5.1. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest 11/6, 18/6, 25/6

5.2. Rural Spotlight on Economy 13/6

5.3. Rural Vulnerability Service – Older People 20/6, Rural Transport 26/6

5.4. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, 6/6

5.5. Bright Ideas Fund reopened 26/6

5.6. North Yorkshire Now June 2018

5.7. White Rose Update, June 2018

5.8. Craven & First World War project newsletter, Summer 2018

5.9. War memorials news, 12/6 & 26/6

5.10. Police & Crime Commissioner Survey, Neighbourhood Policing

5.11. NALC Newsletter 7/6 & 20/6

5.12. NALC CEO Bulletin 7/6, 8/6, 15/6, 22/6, 29/6

- 5.13. SLCC News 15/6
- 5.14. Making Mischief workshop 8/8 (and noticeboards)
- 5.15. Community First Yorkshire Newsletter, June 2018

**6. Progress on Outstanding Matters**

- 6.1. Andrew Mellor invited to meet with Council 8/5– dates awaited – chased 4/6, CClr Ireton chased 21/6
- 6.2. Wayne Gray contacted re dog patrols on 8 May – see agenda
- 6.3. The Council agreed, April 2018, to maintain a dialogue with the landowner regarding Church Beck
- 6.4. Craven asked about Low Bentham sandbag store – suitable container found & ordered
- 6.5. Street Lighting phase 1 agreed, progressing phase 2 with NYCC Street Lighting
- 6.6. Craven Area Committee requested to consider Bentham School Crossing, 18 January 2016
- 6.7. Flagpole – donor found, awaiting quotes