

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3 September, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Marshall, Stannard & Taylor. Also, DCllrs Brockbank & Thompson, the clerk Mrs Burton, the coordinator Mrs Jennings and 4 parishioners

65. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllrs Handford, Swales & Wills, CClr Ireton. Cllr Barnes was absent
66. 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
67. To Receive Comment & Concerns
The vicar invited members of the Council to the dedication of the new War Memorial at St Johns, commemorating the fallen of both world wars, at 2pm on 10 November, and also to the Centenary Remembrance Service at School Hill at 10.45am on 11 November and afterwards for a Community lunch provided by Churches Together.
She went on to add that she was seeking advice regarding the new direction that the committee wished to take the Youth Café, with a change of title to reflect the new direction to support younger children and families with daytime and after school opening. The chairman confirmed that information would need to be supplied in writing for an agenda before consideration could be made, and that as landlords, some changes would require permission and possible changes in the lease before they could be made. She agreed to supply the information in time for the next Council meeting
A resident of Low Bentham raised concerns regarding possible flooding issues on planning application 19289, which the Council agreed to consider when that part of the agenda was reached.
68. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 2 July be signed
69. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
70. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information – none available
71. To Receive Reports from CClr & DCllrs (for information only)
DCllr Brockbank informed the meeting that official hearing examining of the draft local plan would begin on 10 October at Belle Vue Square offices, and last for 3 weeks. All aspects of the plan would be examined and the questions to be covered were available on the Craven website (link <https://www.cravenc.gov.uk/the-council/committee-meetings-and-reports/craven-spatial-planning-sub-committee/agenda-reports-2018-19/>)
DCllr Thompson expressed his thanks to BEST for their support in getting details of the revised recycling via the blue bins. Craven would be keeping a measure of the proportion of waste collected this way and hopefully it would rise with the new arrangements.
He also mentioned Operation Eyeball – a joint venture between the police, NYCC and the District Councils to look at fly tipping. A question was asked about the apparent stripping of old vehicles on Lairgill car park which DCllr Thompson agreed to report back to Craven.
72. Planning
72.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
72.1.1. 2018/19289/OUT Outline planning application for 3 no.dwellings & associated infrastructure, to include new vehicular & pedestrian access up to first residential property at land off Yew Tree Drive, Low Bentham
The Council considered the concerns expressed by a resident in item 67 and the personal experience of Low Bentham Cllrs who confirmed the current problems with water run-off from the area across Hillside Road, down the side of the play area and on to Ellergill. It was agreed that these concerns should be raised with the planning department
RESOLVED: That the Council express its concerns about possible increased flood risk due to water run-off
- 72.1.2. 2018/19515/HH Single storey side extension at Fieldswright, 29 Springfield, High Bentham – already allowed (see clerks report)
- 72.1.3. 2018/19558/HH Proposed alterations to existing dwelling at Woodbourne, 7 Springfield, High Bentham
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application
- 72.1.4. 2018/19577/HH Two single storey extensions to rear of property – sunroom / lounge area and shower room / toilet and utility area at 8 Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

- 72.1.5. 2018/19580/HH Replace rotting wooden materials with PVCu frames & also replace poor state wooden cladding between 2 bay windows & cappitt board to 2 gable ends with PVCu at Oak Dale, Burnside Nurseries, Low Bentham Road, High Bentham.

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

RESOLVED: That the Council have an extra meeting on 10 September at 7.15pm to consider two applications received since the agenda was posted

- 72.2. To Receive Planning Decisions

- If any (see Clerks Report)

- 72.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues

- If any (see Clerks Report)

73. Highways Matters

- 73.1. To Note the closure of Lane Foot Road from 10 September, for up to 4 weeks, for repair of landslip - noted

- 73.2. To Receive a report from the meeting with NYCC Highways regarding maintenance in the area

Several Cllrs had met with Andrew Mellor & David Jones of NYCC Highways. The meeting had been useful in understanding some of the constraints under which the officers work (e.g. a pothole must be 40mm deep to be repaired) and also in discussing some of the frustrations, particularly with the Highways reporting portal. There had been a rapid response to some of the issues raised and the Council agreed to send a letter of thanks. The gully cleaning should have taken place in August, so the clerk asked that she be informed of any that were still blocked

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be thanked for attending the meeting with Cllrs

RESOLVED: That Cllrs inform the clerk of any gulleys still blocked following the scheduled visit of the gully cleaner.

- 73.3. To Receive an update from LCC Highways regarding signage on the B6480

It was noted that LCC had agreed to review and improve the signage at Wennington and Ravensclose in conjunction with NYCC Highways

- 73.4. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information

The 'gas valve' chamber by the Bowling Green had been checked by UU and is not their responsibility. NYCC Highways need reminding that the potholes around it still need filling.

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked again to sort the potholes around the gas chamber on Springfield

The pothole / subsidence on Burton Road between Crow Trees and the Old School in Low Bentham is reappearing and needs attention

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to look at the pothole / subsidence on Burton Road

The gullies on the east side of Goodenber Road all need emptying, also the one on the corner by the Chinese needs sorting a water comes up it – there obviously being a blockage further down

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to clear the gullies on Goodenber Road

74. To Note the draft minutes of the Finance Committee on 16 July – noted

It was agreed that the bank reconciliation was correct at 30 June 2018, and was as follows:

| | Bank Statement | Plus O/s Receipts | Less O/s Cheques | Balance |
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| Current | 18742.22 | 121.60 | 2063.05 | 16800.77 |
| PSDF | 100000.00 | | | 100000.00 |

75. To Discuss progress on the Philip Harvey Play Area groundworks, if any

- 75.1. To consider monies owing to HAGS

RESOLVED: That no further monies be paid until the Council is happy with the groundworks

- 75.2. To note receipt of the risk assessment for the Play Area, and that the customised check sheets are still awaited

The risk assessment had been received but the customised weekly check sheets were still awaited. The first HAGS inspection had been received with some 'interesting' results which the Open Spaces Committee needed to consider and discuss with HAGS and get HAGS to fix as soon as possible

- 75.3. To further discuss parking problems around the Play Area

Parking at the top entrance on Hillside Road continued to be an issue. Sanctuary Housing had provided residents with laminated notices to leave on offenders' windscreens. The Council agreed to provide a 'No Parking' sign to the gates

RESOLVED: That the Council provide a No Parking sign to the gates on Hillside Road

76. To Consider the date of the December Council meeting

RESOLVED: That the December Council meeting be held on Thursday 6 December

77. To Further discuss the WW1 'Beacons of Light' tribute on 11 November
- 77.1. To receive further information from the Pageant Master regarding the event
Updated information suggested that the Last Post should be played a 6.55pm before the beacon is lit. It was also requested that the Council take a collection at the event and forward the proceeds to one of four named Forces charities working with veterans (RAF Benevolent Fund, ABF The Soldiers Charity, Royal Naval Association and Merchant Navy Association)
- RESOLVED: That the Council find someone to play the Last Stand**
- 77.2. To agree the process on going for the Council's participation
- RESOLVED: That the Council seek permission from Fourstones Estate to have the beacon at the Big Stone as before**
78. To Further consider the Youth Café's request for alterations to the building for the installation of sound proofing
The extra information was considered, including confirmation that the sound proofing could be removed if the Youth café left the building, which is a requirement of the lease. It was agreed that, as long as the lease did not make specifications regarding contractors, then the alterations to add sound proofing could go ahead.
- RESOLVED: That the Council will allow modifications to the Community Youth Building to add sound proofing as long as the lease allows it**
79. To Agree the Accounts for Payment
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| Craven District Council (July/August) | 101.52 | Waterplus | 184.83 |
| Aviva (July / August) | 802.44 | Glasdon | 2749.56 |
| BT | 373.53 | Myers | 17.16 |
| SSE | 489.63 | Yorkshire Water | 49.54 |
| Kingsdale Projects | 690.00 | Yorkshire Dales Signs | 630.00 |
| Howsons | 48.00 | Toobys | 326.99 |
| Off-Tech | 350.00 | | |
| Stream Computers | 70.00 | NEST | 97.04 |
| Clearglass Cleaning | 100.00 | Salaries | 2460.46 |
| B & CE Armstrong | 72.00 | | |
- RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment are agreed**
- 79.1. To note the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner during the summer break at a cost of £249.99 - noted
80. To consider items of Correspondence
- 80.1. To receive an invitation to the North Craven Action Group meeting on 20 September and agree attendance.
- RESOLVED: That Cllr Stannard will attend**
- 80.2. To receive an invitation from Bentham & District Dementia Friendly Community to put forward a Council Representative (with a £5 joining fee)
- RESOLVED: That the Council join and that Cllr Barnes be appointed as representative**
- 80.3. To note the Parishes Liaison Meeting on 19 September in Skipton, and agree attendance
- RESOLVED: That Cllrs Adams & Swales attend**
- 80.4. To receive information from NY Police about the reestablishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Association and to discuss whether to be involved in the process
- RESOLVED: That the Council would like to be involved in the process**
- 80.5. To consider the consultation on the Draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles 2019-2021 and agree a response, if any
- RESOLVED: That no response is required**
- 80.6. To receive a request from the Alzheimer's Association to attend a meeting to promote the Side-By-Side service
The clerk confirmed that the request for volunteers had been posted on the Council noticeboards. The Council agreed to pass the information to the Dementia Friendly Community
- RESOLVED: That the Side By Side information be passed to the Dementia Friendly Community**
81. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
Cllr Taylor said that the Refugee Support Group would be donating the unused funds from the recent Bentham visit to the Bradford Group.
Cllr Stannard informed the meeting that the Playing Fields Association had held successful car-boot sales on the playing field and raised much needed funds
Cllr Marshall had attended the service at the Methodist Chapel to welcome the new minister

82. Items for next meeting and minor items only

It was confirmed that discussions had been held with the letting agent of the property on Lairgill, who had spoken to the owner and instructed a tree surgeon to look at the trees in the narrows on the B6480 – however he was not prepared to do the work due to the proximity to the electricity cables. ENW had been contacted.

A wall close to Rose Cottages on Mill Lane is over 22 inches out of line and will fall on to the road in the near future – however ownership is unknown. The clerk agreed to report it to Highways.

It was noted that the Playing Fields Association was holding an Extra Ordinary General Meeting on 11 September. The landlord of the Black Bull had requested a meeting regarding the car park. The clerk would organise a suitable date.

The chairman announced that Cllr Handford had resigned

There being no further business, the ordinary meeting was closed at 9.05pm

83. To Resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Public and Press to be excluded further from the Meeting,

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting

84. the Council's policy regarding TIP Volunteers is discussed in light of the recent conviction

RESOLVED: That further advice be obtained from the probation officer involved

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.34pm

AGENDA ITEM 69)**CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 3 September 2018****1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting****1.1. GRANTED**

1.1.1.2018/18982/OUT Outline application (including means of access) with all matters reserved for proposed development of 4 no. domestic dwellings at land off Springfield, High Bentham

1.1.2.2018/18983/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for proposed development for 1 no domestic dwelling at land off Springfield, High Bentham

1.1.3.2018/19031/FUL Change of use of holiday cottages to single dwelling house with annex & continued use of stables for private use, Bull Copy, Windy Hill, High Bentham

1.1.4.2018/19144/FUL Retrospective application for retention of 2 no dwelling houses and associated new entrance & landscape works (08/2016/17629), Bank View, Doctors Hill, Low Bentham

1.1.5.2018/19124/FUL Demolition of timber stable & erection of new dwelling & associated works, Scaleber Farm, Back Lane, Low Bentham

1.1.6.2018/19346/FUL Proposed conversion of traditional barn to form 2 dwellings and associated carport and curtilage, Lane House Farm, High Bentham

1.1.7.2018/19334/HH Erection of porch. Erection of extension to west side. Erection of extension to east side at Greta Mount, Low Bentham.

1.1.8.2018/19515/HH Single storey extension, Fieldswright, 29 Springfield, High Bentham

1.2. REFUSED - none**2. Planning Correspondence**

2.1. PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2018/19124/FUL Demolition of timber stable and erection of new dwelling & associated works at Scaleber Farm, Back Lane, Low Bentham - PASSED

2.2. APPEAL: 2017/18828/LBC Replacement of Windows in front elevation at Little Clifford, Clifford Hall, Burton in Lonsdale – representations to be made by 25 September

2.3. Letters from neighbours objecting to 2018/19515/HH

2.4. Craven Local Plan hearings to commence 9 October

2.5. Wennington Neighbourhood Plan Submission Consultation, 20 July – 31 August (& email)

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

3.1. Huw Grays contacted re HGVs 3 July

3.2. ENW / Letting agent contacted re trees on Lairgill banking 3 July

3.3. LCC contacted re signage at Ravensclose 16 July

4. Items for Information – see information folder

- 4.1. The Clerk, July 2018
- 4.2. Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2018

5. Items circulated by email

- 5.1. RSN Rural Bulletin 3/7, 10/7, 17/7, 24/7, 31/7, 14/8, 21/8
- 5.2. RSN Latest work 26/7
- 5.3. Rural Funding Digest 4/7, 1/8
- 5.4. White Rose Update July, August
- 5.5. LASRUG news 3/7
- 5.6. North Yorkshire Now 2/7, 6/8
- 5.7. North Craven Update 4/8
- 5.8. Craven District Council News 23/7
- 5.9. Locality News 18/7, 13/8
- 5.10. NALC Newsletter 4/7, 11/7, 18/7, 1/8, 8/8, 15/8, 22/8
- 5.11. NALC CEO Bulletin 6/7, 13/7, 23/7, 6/8, 10/8, 15/8, 24/8
- 5.12. NY Police News 13/7
- 5.13. Community Digest 31/7
- 5.14. Community First Yorkshire Newsletter, 12/7, 18/7, 25/7, 1/8, 9/8, 16/8, 22/8
- 5.15. CFY Rural News August
- 5.16. Craven & WWI summer newsletter 30/7
- 5.17. War Memorials news 12/7, 7/8, 21/8
- 5.18. Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee meeting 31 August, Skipton Town Hall (& noticeboard)

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 6.1. Youth Café contacted 6 June, response awaited
- 6.2. Play Area furniture ordered 20 June, installed end July
- 6.3. Play Area Risk Assessment done 10 July, check lists awaited
- 6.4. Andrew Mellor invited to meet with Council 8/5– dates awaited – chased 4/6, Cllr Ireton chased 21/6
- 6.5. The Council agreed, April 2018, to maintain a dialogue with the landowner regarding Church Beck
- 6.6. Craven asked about Low Bentham sandbag store – container delivered & installed. EH informed 20 August
- 6.7. Street Lighting phase 1 agreed, progressing phase 2 with NYCC Street Lighting
- 6.8. Craven Area Committee requested to consider Bentham School Crossing, 18 January 2016
- 6.9. Flagpole – donor found, awaiting quotes