



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3 Jun 2019, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs Adams, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Handford, Hill, Marshall, Swales, Taylor & Wills. District Councillors Brockbank and Handley. The Clerk Christine Downey and 3 parishioners.

- 25 To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllr Stannard.
- 26 To Receive and Record any member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to any items on the agenda and to receive and decide members requests for DPI dispensations
Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in item 35 accounts for payment, as the recipient of a payment.
- 27 To Receive Comment & Concerns
None
- 28 To Confirm the minutes of the previous meetings on 29th April 2019 and 13th May 2019
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of 29th April and 13th May be signed
- 29 To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
- 30 To Receive the Police Report - none received
- 31 To Receive Reports from CCllrs & DCllrs
Cllr Brockbank reported that Armed Forces Day flag raising in Skipton will be on 24th June, and there will be a parade by the Yorkshire Gunners taking place at 11.00am. Armed Forces Day celebrations will not be on Armed Forces Day, they will be on Skipton Sheep Day, which is thought to be 7th July, but date to be checked. Ward member grants will be taking place again this year and applications can now be made; full details can be found on the Craven DC website under Ward Member Grants; £2000 is available for Bentham and Burton-in-Lonsdale; awards are usually to community organisations, the Council may qualify but it would depend on what the grant application was for.
- 32 Planning
- 32.1 To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
- 32.1.1 2019/20520/HH Single storey rear extension at Sansbury Mount, 31 Springfield, High Bentham, LA2 7BA
RESOLVED: That the Council has no objections to this application
- 32.2 To Receive Planning Decision - see clerks report
- 32.3 To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues – none



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- 33 Highway Matters
- 33.1 To Receive an update on the Street Light Programme
Peter Ball has dates to come and discuss Grasmere project and Wenning Ave light, will be a day time meeting. All others up and running, Duke Street done.
- 33.2 Tree stump at Tatterthorn / B6480 junction
Very bad junction, cannot see cars coming, will lead to an accident. Needs the tree stump grinding out to improve motorists view.
RESOLVED: Refer to Open Spaces committee to find out who owns the land and what it would cost to have the work done.
- 33.3 To consider and note highway matters for information
Bench at Lanefoot (No 19). Smashed and needs removing. Concrete one. Will need benefactor.
RESOLVED: Refer to Open Spaces committee.
Bench at Calf Cop. Burton Road (No 32). Smashed.
RESOLVED: Cllr Adams to discuss with the family who gave the bench in memory of a family member.
- 34 To consider the Insurance Renewal Document
RESOLVED: That the insurance renewal is agreed.
- 35 To Agree the Accounts for Payment

Salaries	2545.18
Viking – ink/stationery/office equipment	235.46
Bin shop – large bin bags for PHPF litter bins	30.00
Clear Glass – window cleaning at town hall	100.00
Taylor Environmental Ground Works – ducting for street lighting	1620.00
Thomas Graham – cleaning supplies	199.34
Bentham News - advert	36.00
PL Lennard – Precept grant swimming pool equipment	248.76
PPL PRS	1458.59
Clock winding	127.50
Cannon Hygiene – sanitary disposal	23.08
Craven DC – dog waste bags x 2 boxes	49.99
Andrew Tennant – grass cutting (May)	600.00
Kingsdale Projects – grass cutting (Apr and May)	3900.00
Nest pension contributions - Apr	134.35
Nest pension contributions - May	107.22
Information Commissioners Office – data protection fee	35.00
BT – phones town hall / lifts / clerks phone / TIP	479.11
SSE Swalec - Gas	1216.80
Craven DC -refuse collection	53.42
Aviva - Insurance	401.32
1&1 Internet	8.44

RESOLVED: Payments to be approved subject to a double check on the accuracy of the PPL/PRS payment. (Confirmed to be correct by the clerk on 04/06/19)
RESOLVED: Cllrs Faraday and Marshall to authorise.



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- 36 To Consider Quote Received for new door at Community Youth building
RESOLVED: To determine if listed building consent would be given if the replacement door is exactly the same design but (A) was made of Accoya instead of Oak, and (B) was a thicker door in a wider frame.
- 37 To Receive an update on the Play Area
HAGS will attend PHPF on 13th and 14th June to do the agreed remedial work. Ben Worsley from HAGS will be on site one day, and John Grayson the other. The Clerk will visit the site on both days.
RESOLVED: To request that the wet pour is rectified on the 13th June.
- 38 To Consider the repositioning or removal of literature stands from TIP
RESOLVED: That the caretaker should remove the stands to storage, after the literature is repositioned in TIP.
- 39 To consider items of Correspondence
- 39.1 To receive an invitation from Age Concern for the Mayor or one of the Councillors to attend their AGM on Friday 28th June at 1.15pm at the Methodist Church, Station Road, and agree attendance if any
RESOLVED: That either the Chairman, the Vice-Chair or Cllr Swales will attend.
- 39.2 To receive information from Seafarers UK regarding Merchant Navy Day, 3 September 2019
RESOLVED: That the Red Ensign flag will be flown on Merchant Navy Day.
- 39.3 To receive letter from David Livesey regarding footpath obstacles
The obstruction (marked by pink arrow) is on a concessionary footpath which is undergoing adoption by North Yorkshire County Council, so is not a public footpath at the moment.
The stones/stile (marked by pink star) is not on a public footpath.
Ridding Lane – the land was altered where the footpath went through the farmyard, and it might be that there is now a better route. (The Heritage Way Mark board is now about 8 feet in the air, after the alterations). This should be suggested to North Yorkshire.
It was reported that Mason's gate is almost always locked and therefore blocks the footpath, as there is no stile. The landowner has padlocked the gate, because it was difficult to close and was being left open.
RESOLVED: To reply to Mr Livesey saying that the matters have been discussed and that we will put some suggestions to North Yorkshire.
RESOLVED: To refer the locked gate on the footpath to North Yorkshire.
- 40 To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only).
Library: Cllr Swales happy to carry on as the council representative.
Aid in Sickness: Had a meeting recently which lots of people attended. The charity made a few grants over the year and all is ticking along nicely.
Victoria Institute: Last meeting was 3rd April, previous minutes were confirmed. Water bill dispute is ongoing, still needs meter reading. £1000 donated by David Ireton to Community Link Café. Two ward member grants made by district councillors. Maintenance is ongoing and in hand. Fund raising event and coffee morning on 13th June, and plant sale now on and 19th June. The next meeting is 11th June.



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Bentham Refugee Group: Hosting visitors from Bradford and have requested that the Mayor or a representative attend. The Deputy-Mayor will attend, it will be Friday evening. Hosts have been arranged.

Collingwood & Longstaffe: Meeting recently re the Alms houses. The finances are being looked at to determine if the heating can be upgraded, the boilers are coming to the end of their life. All occupied.

- 41 Items for next meeting and minor items only
none

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.15.

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, Jun 2019

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting

1.1. GRANTED

1.1.1. 2019/20305/FUL Proposed first floor extension to existing offices at Studio 1, Bentham Industrial Estate, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7NB.

1.1.2. 2019/20361/HH Single story extension to replace existing conservatory, extend dwelling into attached barn/workshop with new entrance porch and internal alterations at Meregill Farm, Meregill, Clapham, Ingleton, LA2 7AN

1.2. REFUSED

1.2.1. none

2. Planning Correspondence

2.1. None

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

3.1. None

4. Items for Information – see information folder

4.1. Clerk & Councils Direct, May 2019, issue 123

4.2. White Rose Update, May 2019- including "lessons learned"

4.2.1. Council scrutiny of HMRC

4.2.2. the power to spend council funds

5. Items circulated by email

5.1. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 24/04; 30/04: 08/05; 14/05; 21/05

5.2. Rural Service Network monthly bulletin May 2019

5.3. YLCA –

5.3.1. Off to a flying start – New Councillor Training

5.3.2. Training Programme Jun to Nov 2019

5.3.3. White Rose Update May 2019

5.3.4. Lessons learned

5.3.4.1. Council obligations to HMRC

5.3.4.2. Power to spend funds

5.3.5. Reply to question about MUGA

5.4. Government Events: Invite Bentham Town Council to: Environmental Health 2019: Ensuring safe and healthy environments to support people and prosperity. 18/09/19.

5.5. NALC:

5.5.1. Chief Executives Bulletin 26/04; 03/05; 10/05: 15/05: 17/05: 24/05

5.5.2. Co-operative councils Innovation network workshop details

5.5.3. Spotlight on northern councils



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5.5.4. Newsletter 23/05

- 5.6. Community First Yorkshire: Newsletter 25/04; 26/04; 01/05: 09/05: 16/05: 24/05
- 5.7. North Yorkshire Community Messaging for North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:
 - 5.7.1. Fraud Awareness
 - 5.7.2. Mobile rural watch patrol notification
- 5.8. Rural News May 2019
- 5.9. Email regarding weed spraying at Mill Lane.
- 5.10. North Yorkshire Police News April
- 5.11. Email from Zanna Dennis re filming in Bentham for "Great Places: Lakes & Dales".
- 5.12. Invitation to book a walk about the parish with the environmental health officer from Craven DC to visit the hot spots for dog fouling.
- 5.13. Email re North Yorkshire and VE day 75 – 8 May 2020
- 5.14. Craven DC: Representations on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Draft Craven Local Plan – latest news May 2019
- 5.15. Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Meeting 30th May 2019, Notice and Agenda

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters