



# BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

**All Town Council Meetings are open to the Public and Press**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7:30pm, Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall**

Background papers are available for viewing by appointment before the meeting. These will be circulated to Councillors in the days before the meeting.

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Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### **242 Apologies from members unable to attend: -**

- 242.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
- 242.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

### **243 Declaration of Interest: -**

- 243.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 243.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.

### **244 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 consultation. (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).

**245 To Confirm the Minutes** of the meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 as a true and accurate record.

**246 To Confirm the Minutes** of the meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 as a true and accurate record.

**247 To receive the Police Report** & allow members to ask questions for information - If any.

**248 To receive a Report from NYC Councillor** (for information only) - If any

### **249 To consider and comment upon New Planning Applications:**

- 249.1 ZA24/26562/FUL Waterford Farm, Mewith, Bentham, Lancaster. Application for full planning permission for alterations and extension to existing dwelling house and conversion of 2 no. barns to form ancillary residential accommodation to the existing dwelling
- 249.2 ZA25/26796/HH 11 Holme Park, High Bentham, Lancaster. Application for householder consent for proposed rear extension
- 249.3 ZA25/26798/TPO 2 Low Croft, High Bentham, Lancaster. Works to trees the subject of a Tree Preservation Order T1 Oak, crown reduce the sides by up to 1.5m and the top by up to 1m.
- 249.4 ZA25/26797/FUL Mount Pleasant House, 24 Mount Pleasant, High Bentham, Lancaster. Application to change of use of ground floor rooms from opticians consulting rooms to residential use as part of existing dwellinghouse, with retained ancillary use of detached former coach house as garage/workshop/store

**250 To receive and note the following Planning Decisions/Information:**

250.1 ZA24/26369/VAR Wenning View, Low Bentham Road, Low Bentham, Lancaster, North Yorkshire. Granted- Application to vary condition no 18 (Open Space Provision) of planning approval referenced 2021/23212/OUT

**Grants Planning Permission**

250.2 2022/24484/OUT Outline planning application for residential development with all matters reserved except for access Land North Off Lakeber Drive, High Bentham, LA2 7JG

**Grants Outline Planning Permission**

**251 Financial Matters:**

251.1 To receive and note current bank balances; Unity current account as £64,721.89, the Public Sector deposit account balance as £85,000.00 and the Virgin current account as £401.60.

251.2 To note the pre-authorised salary and pre-agreed contractual payments.

251.3 To approve the payments.

**252 Open Spaces update:**

252.1 To receive an update from the Open Spaces committee.

252.2 To consider the quote for erection of Duke Street lighting.

252.3 To consider cemetery pricing as recommended by the Committee.

252.4 To consider actions from the cemetery extension meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**253 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

253.1 Environment Agency Update.

253.2 To receive an update on the parking near the Primary School.

253.3 Incident on Main Street, Bentham.

253.4 VE Day celebrations.

253.5 Freedom of Information request to North Yorkshire Council concerning the costs associated with the revised home-to-school transport policy (if received)

253.6 Exit Interview summary.

**254 Correspondence received:** To receive information on the following new correspondences and decide further action, if any;

254.1 Angus Fire Update

254.2 Ingleton and Bentham District Twinning request

**255 Bentham Business Boost Update**

255.1 To receive an update.

255.2 To note the Council will find out if the Vibrant and Sustainable High Street grant application has been successful week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**256 To receive Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)

**257 Items for next meeting and minor items for information only.**

**258 Dates of next meeting:**

Finance meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7:30pm

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7:30pm

Full Council meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 7:30pm

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