

## MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020, at 7.00 pm – conducted remotely.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chair), Adams, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Handford, Marshall, Stannard and Swales. Cllr Ireton. The Clerk Christine Downey. And one member of the public.

- 191 Apologies from members unable to attend.  
 191.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.  
**Cllrs Hill and Wills.**  
 191.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence.  
**None.**
- 192 Declaration of interests: -  
 192.1 To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.  
**None.**  
 192.2 To approve dispensation requests.  
**None.**
- 193 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).  
**None.**
- 194 To Confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. (Paper 2020/123)  
**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 are agreed and be signed.**
- 195 Planning: -  
 195.1 To consider and comment upon new planning applications  
 195.1.1 2020/22120/FUL Re-plan floor space on second floor to form additional 1 bed flat. Re-plan ground floor to form additional retail space. At 15 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA27LG.  
**RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.**  
 195.1.2 2020/22121/LBC Re-plan floor space on second floor to form additional 1 bed flat. Re-plan ground floor to form additional retail space. At 15 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA27LG.  
**RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.**  
 195.1.3 2020/22150/REM Seek to provide information to satisfy the following reserved matters reserved in outline consent referenced 2017/18461/OUT granted 02 November 2017; assess, layout, appearance of the building(s), landscaping and boundary treatments, and the scale of the development. At land to the rear of the former National Westminster Bank, Station Road, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7LF.  
**RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application, but would strongly request that the landscaping and boundary treatments ensure that the privacy for neighbouring properties that was destroyed when the site was clear felled before work commenced, is reinstated.**  
 195.1.4 SNN/01141 National Westminster Bank, Station Road, High Bentham. Conversion is underway and requires a new access road for the property at the rear.  
**RESOLVED: That the council object to the proposed name “Old Bank Mews” on the grounds that it will cause confusion at a later date, in view of the fact that there is**

already a street in High Bentham named “The Mews” and it is to the rear of Barclays Bank.

**RESOLVED: To request more details regarding any “new access road for the property at the rear”, as this was not shown on the plans supplied.**

196 To discuss the External Auditors Report and Certificate 2019/2020. (Paper 2020/124)

**RESOLVED: No further action required.**

197 To consider the question raised by NALC in briefing PC13-20 “Standards Matter2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys”, and agree a response. (Deadline for submission 04/12/2020). (Paper 2020/125)

**RESOLVED: That the response can be submitted subject to two corrections; In para 12 remove an apostrophe, and last point to read “lack of knowledge of appropriate boundaries”.**

198 To consider opening a separate bank account for Calendar profits and other none council reserves, and to agree a way forward.

**RESOLVED: Not to proceed. No further action required.**

199 To discuss the “Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Skills Fund” and to agree a way forward. (Paper 2020/126)

**RESOLVED: That the Council is interested in making use of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme assessment of what the options are in relation to improving the energy efficiency of public buildings in Craven, before making a final decision about whether to bid for funding for any works.**

200 To discuss the arrangements for Christmas Trees on the Town Hall and agree a way forward.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to instruct Thomas Brown to install the trees at the Town Hall.**

201 Items for next meeting and minor items only:

Cllr Taylor reported that a complaint has been received regarding cars without tax or insurance been left parked constantly in the Grasmere Drive car park. The clerk will pass the information on to PC Jayne Grace for her attention.

A separate complaint regarding a car that is not taxed or insured being parked there and driven most days by a motorist without a licence (the complainant believes) will be passed back to the complainant to report to the police in person.

It was reported that there is a tree next to Greystone Gill Bridge that looks in danger of being washed into river or washed against the bridge, and which could possibly damage the grade 2 listed bridge in the process. Responsibility for this lies with the owner of the tree and the matter will be referred back to the complainant to take up with whoever owns the tree.

Item for next full council agenda: Flooding at Wenning Avenue and payment for the works completed.

Cllr Ireton confirmed with Cllr Faraday that a request for a ward member grant to help with the defibrillator costs has been made to Craven DC.

202 Date of next meeting: **7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.29 pm.