

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2 September, at 7.30 pm in the Lower Town Hall

Present Cllrs Stannard, Cowling, Adams, Marshall, Swales, Taylor, Townson, and Vendy. Also CCllr Ireton, DCllr Thompson, R Hill - Locum Clerk

91. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllrs Bridgman, Faichney, Pritchard and the Clerk
92. To Receive Declarations of Interest from members present – Cllr Marshall declared an interest in item 99.1.2
93. To Receive Comment & Concerns
None
94. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 10 August be signed
95. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
96. To Receive a Drop In Session Update (for information only)
None
97. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information – none present
98. To Receive Reports from CCllr & DCllrs (for information only)
Cllr Ireton informed the meeting that NYCC will be putting in a bid for devolution to join 1 of 2 regions
1. Leeds City Region bid LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership)
2. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding and possibly Hull
The vote for which region will be taken vote on Friday 4th September 2015. He was unsure that it would help with rural areas of North Yorkshire. Bentham School have won an award for first prize for the building of excellence in the North and East Yorkshire.
Cllr M Swales will be attending the Craven Area committee tomorrow.
Deputy Chief Constable talked about Speed awareness. He stated that he supported speed signs at Schools.
Cllr Marshall has forwarded concerns of Local police officers spending time at schools/care homes chasing pupils absences.
Cllr Townson reported that the British Transport Police were also concerned about children on the line.
District Cllr Thompson reported that Rural Action Yorkshire are launching a Good Neighbour Scheme funding is available to set up a new groups.
99. Planning
- 99.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
- 99.1.1. 08/2015/16076 St Margaret's Church, High Bentham Interior subdivision of existing church into 2no dwellings.
RESOLVED: That the Council had concerns that the site is near the graveyard disturbance to the graveyard due to drainage works may be an issue. Access and visibility in terms of high way safety. Visual impact of the velux rooflights.
08/2015/16099 Lowther Hill Caravan Pk. Addition of two touring caravan pitches.
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections.
15/2015/16088 7 Greta Heath, Burton in Lonsdale
RESOLVED: That the Council this application is not within the Parish Boundary
- 99.2. To Receive Planning Decisions
Approved 08/2015/15981 Conversion of Barn at Fourlands House to 2 dwellings.
100. Highways Matters
- 100.1. Confirmation that officers are preparing a TRO restricted parking on the brow of the hill.
RESOLVED: That the Council would contact the school and let them know what is happening Shields have been installed on beacons on the school crossing.
- 100.2. Letter from resident vehicles parking on Grasmere Drive motorhomes causing a problem.
RESOLVED: That Cllr Stannard would respond that this is not the responsibility of Bentham Town Council.
- 100.3. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information
It was noted that there will be Road closure for 8 weeks creating passing space due to subsidence this would be reported in the Bentham News
101. Low Bentham School playing field, To consider and agree the terms of transfer.
Deed of transfer circulated from NYCC to BTC
RESOLVED: That this be agreed and that the Open Spaces committee to deal with the fencing contract.

CCllr Ireton gave his apologies and left the meeting at 8.25pm

102. Grass cutting tender To consider and agree the terms and requirements of the tender document.
RESOLVED: That minor amendments were made to The Agreement and that it would be advertised in Bentham News and on the website.

103. To agree the accounts for payment.

Craven District Council	197.04	Phone Co-Op	3.77
Salaries	1716.98	Yorkshire Water	246.43
Mopps	192.00	Horton Landscaping	402.78
Aviva	311.66	W Dowbiggin	91.80
EOn	92.15		1716.98
Orange	23.99		
BT	324.31		
Clear glass cleaning	90.00		
Dash4It	39.11		

RESOLVED: That payments are agreed except for payment relating to the grass cutting in the Cemetery and the Parish Seats. This would be withheld until satisfactory completion.

104. Correspondence.

104.1 To receive an invitation to attend the Green Cafe on the 9th of September at 8pm to discuss CDC's the local plan with input from the District Councillors.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Cowling to attend

104.2 to receive further information on the provision of public access Defibrillators for Bentham

The Defibrillators need to mounted and maintained. BTC could offer a location or the Institute at Low Bentham Community or the Community Youth Café, Fire service on their outside wall. Health centre have one inside.

It was suggested that the position should serve the greater majority. Matters to be progressed at the next meeting of the Patient participation group.

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

Cllr Vandy reported on the Community Youth Café bake off at the end of term and the Gurning competition which were a great success.

Funding from the Anglican Church has been dropped and funding is now £10k down on previous years

He also reported that a visit to Tree top treks was planned and that on the 12 Sept a coffee morning was planned.

6 November 2015 and early bird Christmas shopping day was planned and various other activities including Film shows and a car wash.

106. Items for next meeting and minor items only

None

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:00pm

AGENDA ITEM 95

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 2 September 2015

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting

1.1. GRANTED

1.1.1. 08/2015/15981 Conversion of existing barns to form 2 new dwellings at Barn (roadside), Fourlands House Farm, High Bentham

1.2. REFUSED

1.2.1. None

2. Planning Correspondence

2.1. Letter of objection to the Solar Farm at Ravensclose

2.2. Planning Appeal – 08/2015/15643 2 storey side extension at 16 Hillside Road

2.3. LCC 2015 Local Plan Newsletter

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

3.1. Crossing double yellow lines requested 11 September – RTO to be amended by NYCC Highways

4. Items for Information – see information folder

4.1. Proposed Closure of St Margarets – notification to go ahead from Ministry of Justice

- 4.2. Parishes Liaison Group Meeting, 23/9, Belle Vue Square at 6.30pm
- 4.3. Craven Area Committee 3/9
- 4.4. Craven Area Committee Co-opted Members:- Cllrs V Dancer, B Shuttleworth & M swales
- 4.5. Standards Committee Parish Representatives – Cllrs P Heseltine, M Rooze & R Stead
- 4.6. The Yardstick, August 2015
- 4.7. Blood donor sessions, Ingleton 11/9

5. Items circulated by email

- 5.1. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest 17/8, 24/8, 1/9
- 5.2. RSN News – Spotlight on Young People 26/8
- 5.3. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, 18/8 & 2/9
- 5.4. Craven Newsletter, August
- 5.5. RAY News, August ebuletin
- 5.6. Craven & First World War Project newsletter

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 6.1. Unmetered Supply for street lights – awaiting info from NYCC
- 6.2. Low Bentham School Playing Field draft heads of terms accepted 9 March, awaiting solicitors / planners
- 6.3. Bentham flag details sent to WeAreBentham 23 March, awaiting response
- 6.4. Community Emergency Plan generic template & Burton Plan to be considered – meeting to be arranged
- 6.5. Replica VC Winners stone confirmed ordered 12/11. Delivery dates awaited
- 6.6. Flagpole – donor found, to be progressed
- 6.7. Care Home meeting – date proving difficult – to be arranged
- 6.8. Grasmere Drive bench site location permissions received, costs received, donor awaited
- 6.9. Tourist Information / WC signs ordered March 2013, put on hold until Town Team sign review completed