

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3 January 2011, at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Brown, Burton, Hurtley, Marshall, Procter, Wills & Yaman, DCllrs Barrington & Brockbank. Also the Clerk, Mrs Burton & 1 parishioner

171. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllrs Barnes & Webster
172. To Receive Declarations of Interest from members present
Cllr Yaman declared a personal interest in items 183.3 & 183.4, correspondence regarding Council representation on the Station Partnership & the Victoria Institute
173. To Receive Comment & Concerns – none
174. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meetings
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 29 November and the extra meeting for the school planning on 20 December be signed
175. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
176. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information - none
177. To Receive Reports from CCllr & DCllrs (for information only)
DCllr Barrington told the meeting that the Community Governance proposals would be considered by the Audit Committee on 11 January
DCllr Brockbank had received many comments regarding gritting during the bad weather and thanked the clerk for her assistance. She suggested that the Council should have more say in gritting done locally. The Council agreed that, compared with neighbouring Lancashire & Cumbria, NYCC had done a very good job in the main. The pillar box at Low Bentham is ongoing, as is the quest for information regarding the Library Closure proposals. She also asked about the state of the B6480 between Wennington and Low bentham, and the clerk confirmed that no reply had been received to the Council's letter to date.
178. Planning
- 178.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications
178.1.1.08/2010/11248 Non-material amendment to permission 08/2009/9895 minor fenestration alterations to east, south & north elevations at 7 Robin Lane, High Bentham (Burndale)
RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application
- 178.2. To Receive Planning Decisions
If any (see Clerks Report)
- 178.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues
If any (see Clerks Report)
179. Highways Matters
- 179.1. To receive a response regarding the Coach House footpath
Robinsons had responded to the Council enquiry and confirmed that they own the foot path, with the exception of the part adjacent to the cottage. It was agreed that, by inference, it is likely that the cottage owns the footpath adjacent to it. The Council asked for a copy to be sent to Bloomin Bentham, for information and for them to confirm which parts require refurbishment.
RESOLVED: That Robinsons' reply be copied to Bloomin Bentham so that the areas for repair can be identified
- 179.2. To receive a letter from Bentham Medical Practice regarding Gritting Services
NYCC had suggested to the surgery that the Council should ask for Grasmere Drive / Goodenber Road to be upgraded to a category 2 route. Council noted that this request had been made and refused in the past, but agreed that it should be made again,
RESOLVED: That the Council ask for Goodenber Road / Grasmere Drive to be upgraded to a category 2 route in the forth coming winter services review.
- 179.3. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information
The bad weather has led to the development of bad potholes on Lakeber Drive and the B6480 (outside the Farrier). It was noted that Butterbergh was gritted after the thaw, whilst Tatterthorn was not gritted once during the cold snap. The problem with ice formation on the road at Fourlands Farmhouse should be reported to NYCC and Yorkshire Water.
RESOLVED: That these be reported to NYCC Highways.
RESOLVED: That the problem of ice formation at Fourlands be reported to Yorkshire Water as a possible water leak.

180. To consider NYCC's Budget & Consultation on Library Services and agree a response by 28 February 2011.
RESOLVED: That Cllrs consider the NYCC budget / library document and respond to the clerk by end January and that a combined response be agreed at the February Council meeting.

181. To consider Craven's Council Plan 2011/15 and agree a response by 24 January 2011
RESOLVED: That Craven be asked to reference Bentham specifically as North Craven is too vague.

182. To Agree the Accounts for Payment

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| Craven District Council | 215.47 | EDF Energy | 172.88 |
| Mopps | 384.00 | HB Heating & Plumbing | 4063.82 |
| EOn | 468.26 | CM Slinger & Sons | 12337.38 |
| Aviva | 292.52 | Peter Allen Floors | 3283.00 |
| B & CE Armstrong | 50.00 | Mark Burrow | 1696.00 |
| Hygiene Cleaning Supplies | 112.76 | Manboo Management | 21.00 |
| JBL Joinery | 50.00 | British Gas | 117.54 |
| Horton Landscaping | 1269.00 | R Green | 503.57 |
| Viking Direct | 159.25 | J Burton | 915.32 |
| HMRC | 717.61 | Orange | 23.49 |
| Red Hot Pixel | 2379.38 | | |

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment are agreed

There was some discussion regarding the costs of replacing the ballroom door window following a recent event and it was agreed that the deposit system should be reviewed.

183. To consider items of Correspondence

183.1. To receive an update from Craven Planning regarding the Decentralisation and Localism Bill and the need to appoint a liaison officer (held over from last meeting)

RESOLVED: That Cllr Marshall be appointed as liaison representative

183.2. To receive an invitation from Bentham Medical Practice to join the Patient Participation Group and agree a response.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Procter attend the Patient Participation Group

183.3. To receive an invitation to appoint a representative to the Station Partnership and agree a response

RESOLVED: That Cllr Wills be appointed as Station Partnership representative

183.4. To appoint a Council representative to the Victoria Institute Committee (held over from last meeting)

RESOLVED: That Cllr Barnes be appointed as Council representative to the Victoria Institute

183.5. To receive an update on the North Yorkshire & York Waster PFI - received

183.6. To receive an update on the proposals on the provision of court services in North & West Yorkshire Council were pleased to hear that Skipton's Magistrates and County Courts had been saved

183.6.1. letter from HMCS - received

183.6.2. letter from Julian Smith MP - received

183.7. To receive information from United Utilities PLC regarding it's electricity distribution business - received

184. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only) - none

185. Items for next meeting and minor items only

The Council agreed that the Craven Youth Council petition for cheaper public transport for children and teenagers could be displayed in the Town Hall.

The Chairman announced that he had received a letter from Cllr Webster resigning from the Council and asked the clerk to inform Craven District Council

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm

AGENDA ITEM 175)

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 3 January 2011.

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting

1.1. GRANTED

1.1.1. 08/2010/11023 Agricultural building to house dairy cattle at Ridding Lane Farm, Bentham

1.1.2. 08/2010/11047 Work on protected trees at 2 Low Croft, High Bentham

1.1.3. 08/2010/11060 Resubmission of 08/2010/10426 – demolition of detached church & construction of 2no semi-detached dwellings at Methodist Church, Burton Road, Low Bentham.

1.2. REFUSED - none

2. Planning Correspondence

- 2.1. On Duty Planning Officer Service introduced 13 December
- 2.2. NYCC Minerals & Waste Development Framework Progress Update November

3. Information Regarding Items Discussed at last Council Meeting

- 3.1. Winter service queries sent 1 December
- 3.2. Core funding information sent 2 December
- 3.3. School transport letter sent 6 December
- 3.4. Letter re Bentham Library sent 6 December
- 3.5. Coach House footpath letter sent 15 December, reply received 24 December – see item
- 3.6. Hillside Road Lighting response sent 20 December
- 3.7. LCC letter re B6480 at Wennington sent 20 December
- 3.8. Highways letter sent 22 December

4. Items for Information – see information folder

- 4.1. White Rose Update, November 2010
- 4.2. YLCA Craven Branch meeting 27/1/11, Granville Street
- 4.3. Craven YLCA Branch & Joint Executive Minutes, October 2010
- 4.4. Craven Area Forum Meeting 6/1/11, Coniston Cold
- 4.5. LEADER Newsletter December
- 4.6. LASRUG Newsletter December
- 4.7. SELRAP Newsletter, Winter 2010

5. Items circulated by email

- 5.1. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest, 6/12/10 & 20/12/10
- 5.2. Journal of Local Planning update 30/11/10
- 5.3. Looking Well News, December 2
- 5.4. Rural Services Parish Newsletter, December
- 5.5. Traffic Police Newsletters, Oct/Nov/Dec
- 5.6. Analysis of Rural Service Network Evidence for the Big Society
- 5.7. Energy Saving Trust News 8/12/10 & 15/12/10
- 5.8. Rural Matters Newsletter November
- 5.9. Historic Town Forum, December
- 5.10. Decentralisation & Localism Bill – Essential Guide
- 5.11. Northern Voice, December
- 5.12. YLCA Info Bulletin, 24/12/10
- 5.13. Green Communities ENews December

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 6.1. Highways issues sent 8/10/10, response received
- 6.2. Green Communities & BEST meeting arranged held 18 November – notes awaited
- 6.3. Cemetery dog bin post position sent to Craven, response awaited, agreed 1/11/10.
- 6.4. Wrecking Crew Weekend information meeting held with Craven 14/10/10, awaiting TEN application for 2011
- 6.5. Green Smithy bench – license received, bench delivered, to be placed asap
- 6.6. Low Bentham Playing Field, pipes & cables map awaited
- 6.7. Quality Status – Statement of training intent to be considered
- 6.8. Grasmere Drive Parking Charges, in hands of CDC
- 6.9. Legion Hut Lease – no response since 2009