

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3 March 2014, at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present Cllrs Adams, Armstrong, Burton, Faichney, Hey, Hurlley, Marshall (Chairman), Stannard & Vendy. Also DCllrs Barrington & Brockbank, the clerk Mrs Burton and 8 parishioners

Cllr Faichney had called ahead to apologise that he would be late arriving to the meeting.

198. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllr Barnes & Handford

199. To Receive Declarations of Interest from members present
Cllr Adams declared a personal interest in item 206.1.1, planning application 08/2014/14273.

200. To Receive Comment & Concerns
A representative of Pioneer Projects thanked the Council for their support for the Bentham Bike Loop. The Carnival is now part of the Yorkshire Festival, and 'the Bike Story' (by the My Last Car people) will be held on 24 June at Cedar House School.

201. To Receive the Drop-In Update (for information only)
No residents had attended

202. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 3 February be signed

203. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – see end of these minutes
Received

204. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information
None present

205. To Receive Reports from CCllr & DCllrs (for information only)
DCllr Brockbank reported that the Garden Waste (brown bin) scheme will become more flexible in the future, being tailored to meet with the seasonal needs, be it starting earlier in the year or finishing later if the growing season continues.
DCllr Barrington announced that Craven had agreed not to increase its part of the Council Tax. The Lakeber garage site will be discussed by the Planning Committee at its meeting in March.

206. Planning

206.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications

206.1.1. 08/2014/14273 Retention of Car Port & Oak Windows at Bull Copy, Tatterthorn Road, High Bentham
Cllr Adams declared a personal interest

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

206.1.2. 08/2014/14277 Two storey extension to hot food takeaway at Bentham Balti, 10 Main Street, High Bentham

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

206.1.3. 08/2014/14351 Conversion of existing garage/studio outbuilding to one 3-bedroom dwelling – resubmission of 08/2013/13803 at Lake House, Burton Road, Low Bentham

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections to this application

206.2. To Receive Planning Decisions
If any (see Clerks Report)

206.3. To Receive Correspondence on Planning Issues
If any (see Clerks Report)

207. Highways Matters

207.1. To consider the parking restrictions at Collingwood Terrace at the request of DCllr Barrington and whether the Council should recommend any changes

A dispensation was agreed to allow parking for 15 minutes outside Collingwood Terrace to take account of the increased time required to drop / collect elderly people but people are still getting parking tickets.

Council agreed that removing the yellow line could cause problems for the Auction and would also mean that the spaces would be used by anyone making it difficult for carers / family to access. It was suggested that the residents could apply for disabled badges for family cars and DCllr Barrington agreed to see if Craven has any solutions.

RESOLVED: That removing the yellow line would create more problems than it would solve and that eligible residents should look at obtaining a blue badge

RESOLVED: That Craven DC be asked if there are any other solutions

207.2. To receive an update on the Proposed Works on Burnmoor and agree a response, if any
The updated proposal removes the fence from the north side of Mewith Lane and the south side fencing is at a suitable distance from the road. The Council agreed that it did not need to comment further.

RESOLVED: That no further comment is necessary on the proposed works on Burnmoor

207.3. To Consider and Note Highway Matters for Information

A resident of Crow Trees had written regarding problems with parked cars on Burton Road making exiting the lane dangerous. Cllr Stannard had discussed the situation with the police who agreed that it is dangerous parking. Council decided to ask NYCC Highways for a site meeting to look at extending the yellow lines to the junction with Greenhead Lane. In the short term the clerk will ask the parking enforcement team if anything can be done

RESOLVED: That NYCC Highways be asked to consider extending the double yellow lines as far as Greenhead Lane

RESOLVED: That the clerk contact the Parking Enforcement team about the dangerous parking at Crow Trees.

The VAS machines are back in position and the initial results from NYCC show that they do reduce the traffic speeds when in position.

A damage done by the water leak on Lakeber Drive has been reported again. Cllr Adams commented that Yorkshire Water had promised to come back to him, which had not happened.

It was noted that Network Rail have finally made some temporary repairs to the potholes in the Station approach

Cllr Faichney arrived (8pm)

208. To Note the draft minutes of the Open Space Committee meeting on 10 February – noted

208.1. To agree the procedure of staking & tying unstable memorials instead of laying them down

RESOLVED: That unstable memorials in the Cemetery should be staked and tied rather than laid down.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Caretaker be asked to quote for staking & tying unstable memorials in the Cemetery

208.2. To agree the updated Cemetery Regulations for use by the Council hence forward (Paper 2013/27)

RESOLVED: That the new Cemetery Regulations be adopted

208.3. To agree the cost of tree work on Low Bentham Road in the new financial of £830

RESOLVED: That the cost for the tree work on Low Bentham Road be accepted and the work timetabled for payment early in the new financial year

208.4. To agree the clearance of the Low Bentham Road verge in this financial year at a cost of £220, and to add this area to the 2014 grass cutting schedule at a cost of £20 / cut

RESOLVED: That the Low Bentham Road verge be cleared at a cost of £220 and the area be added to the summer grass cutting schedule

209. To agree the new cost of the Neighbourhood Planning Questionnaire on yellow paper at £250

RESOLVED: That the cost of £250 for printing the Neighbourhood Planning Questionnaire be accepted

Cllr Adams wished for the subject of delivery and collection of the questionnaire to be discussed further and agreed to propose a special motion in writing as per standing order 7 to enable this to be done.

210. To note the date of the Bentham News meeting for Potential Cllrs on 26 March at 7pm - noted

211. To Agree the Accounts for Payment

EOn	743.05	Viking Direct	85.55
R Piper	662.96	Westmorland Tree Care	360.00
B Rothwell	1439.00	Stream Computers	40.00
Andrews	106.86	1&1 Internet	25.16
JBL Joinery	474.00	Hygiene Cleaning Supplies	22.20
Ashcrofts	672.00	R Green	499.20
Mopps	384.00	J Burton	857.50
Aviva	326.89	Black Bull	256.95
British Telecom	327.72	Orange	23.99
Yorkshire Water	316.92		

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment are agreed

212. To consider items of Correspondence

212.1. To receive a request from Pioneer Projects for a letter of support for a grant application for signage on the Bentham Bike Loop

RESOLVED: That a letter of support be provided for the Bentham Bike Loop

- 212.2. To receive a request for the reseeded of Low Bentham Green and to agree a response
It was agreed that following the tree work which will let more light onto the Green the grass should recover naturally this spring. The Council did not feel that a wild flower mix would fit easily with the current grass cutting arrangements for the area
RESOLVED: That the resident be thanked for their offer of a wild flower mix for part of Low Bentham Green but that the offer be turned down at the current time.
- 212.3. To receive a request for work to be done on the bank erosion at Ellergill beck, Low Bentham Playing Field, and to agree a response
The clerk had asked Westmorland Tree Care to look at the trees on the beck side and Low Bentham Cllrs had also looked at the area. The Cllrs confirmed that the banking was no worse than before. Westmorland Tree Care reported that no tree was currently considered to be a danger, although one Spruce and one Scotts Pine could be considered for removal – the former as it will grow rapidly close to the houses and the latter as it could damage the transformer should it fall.
RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the resident confirming the outcome of the tree surgeon's report
RESOLVED: That the Open Spaces Committee consider work on the area later in the year.
- 212.4. To consider a request from YLCA to comment on the draft Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and agree a response, if any
Whilst agreeing that openness of local government bodies is important the Council were concerned that the proposals would allow filming and recording of proceedings. It was felt that this could deter people from standing for the Council in future as any part of the meeting could end up being broadcast out of context.
RESOLVED: That a response be sent to YLCA expressing concern about the potential for comments to be taken out of context and broadcast widely
- 212.5. To receive a request from Ingleton Gala Committee for Bentham to enter a float on July 19
RESOLVED: That Bentham News be asked to advertise the request to see if there is any interest in a Bentham Float for the Ingleton Gala.
213. To Receive Reports from Councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
Cllr Adams noted that the LASRUG had had a successful coffee morning and Cllr Burton added that the Youth Café had raised £336 at their recent coffee morning..
214. Items for next meeting and minor items only
The grass verges on Mill Lane are being damaged by large vehicles attending the industrial units sited there. The clerk agreed to bring this to Highways attention
It was confirmed that cleaning up fly tipping is the responsibility of Craven District Council
The resident that attended the January drop-in for help in his dispute with NYCC following damage to his car is now in negotiation with NYCC's agents.

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

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Public and Press to be excluded further from the Meeting,

215. To discuss progress on the potential purchase of Low Bentham School Playing Field and agree future actions
Cllr Adams left the meeting at 8.50pm and did not vote
RESOLVED: That following expansion on the detail of the quotes from the architects involved the quote from Michael Harrison be accepted at a cost of £2600 (plus a further £500 should a flood risk assessment be required)
RESOLVED: That the Chairman and clerk work with the architect to move the project on and report back to Council as necessary for agreement and approval

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55pm

AGENDA ITEM 203)

CLERK'S REPORT TO BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL, 3 March 2014

1. Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting
 - 1.1. GRANTED

1.1.1. None

1.2. REFUSED

1.2.1. 08/2013/14173 Retrospective application for change of use of land & construction of replacement barn as garaging / workshop ancillary to house & some storage associated with owners business at Blossom Barn, Low Bottom, Low Bentham.

2. Planning Correspondence

- 2.1. 08/2013/13860 Far West End Barn – APPEAL DISMISSED
- 2.2. Craven Planning Focus Newsletter, Feb 2014
- 2.3. NYCC, NY Moors National Park & City of York Joint Minerals & Waste Plan, issues & options consultation Feb 14 (& noticeboard)

3. Information Regarding Items Discussed at last Council Meeting

- 3.1. HSBC accounts closed 10 February
- 3.2. Wenning Avenue street light column replaced & connected 10 February
- 3.3. Replacement tables ordered 26 February

4. Items for Information – see information folder

- 4.1. Thank you letter from FOBL
- 4.2. CARnival AGM minutes & meeting 15/2
- 4.3. Local & Family History Day, 15/3, Harrogate (& noticeboards)
- 4.4. In Unity 5 – bank newsletter
- 4.5. SELRAP AGM, 10 March at 7pm, Colne
- 4.6. Yorkshire Festival 2014, 27 March – 6 July (includes CARnival)

5. Items circulated by email

- 5.1. NYCC Bus subsidy reduction implementation
- 5.2. Latest Weekly Rural News Digest 3/2, 10/2, 17/2, 24/2
- 5.3. North Yorkshire Now, February
- 5.4. Rural Opportunities Bulletin, 5/2
- 5.5. Rural Vulnerability Service, Broadband 19/2
- 5.6. SLCC Bulletin, 21/2
- 5.7. Rural Action Yorkshire Newsletter, 19/2
- 5.8. Craven Community News, January 2014
- 5.9. Yorkshire Dales LEADER Eburst, Feb 2014
- 5.10. RegioFlash, EU Policy Bulletin 5/2, 14/2, 21/2
- 5.11. Fields in Trust Ezine, 7/2
- 5.12. Historic Towns Forum Newsletter, February
- 5.13. Call for Evidence from NY Public Health on NY Fuel Poverty Needs Assessment, by 21/2
- 5.14. Passing Places Steering Group Meeting, 7 March
- 5.15. Rural Services Network – Spotlight on the Heart of the Village, 26/2

6. Progress on Outstanding Matters

- 6.1. Clerks Contract – awaiting HR input
- 6.2. Low Bentham WI letter sent 12/11, repair effected & invoice awaited
- 6.3. Car park project – quotes for lining requested
- 6.4. School Playing Field – awaiting responses
- 6.5. Station Road pedestrian access / parking restrictions meeting 26/9, Cllrs to canvass opinion
- 6.6. Response to Notice of Intention re St Margaret's Churchyard sent 13/6
- 6.7. Letters to Hopleys & NICEIC regarding electrical installation sent 13/6, Hopley reply 22/6 – information collated but not sent yet, awaiting decision.
- 6.8. Tourist Information / WC signs ordered March 2013, put on hold until Town Team sign review completed
- 6.9. Low Bentham Playing Field, pipes & cables map awaited
- 6.10. Quality Status – Statement of training intent to be considered