

BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm in the Youth Café, Bentham

Present: Cllrs Stannard, Cowling, Adams, Marshall, Swales, Taylor, Townson, Vandy, Faichney, Bridgman. Also District Cllr Thompson and Brockbank, R Hill - Locum Clerk

111. To Receive Apologies from members unable to attend
Cllr Pritchard and the Mrs J Burton, Clerk
112. To Receive Declarations of Interest from members present – Cllr Marshall and Adams declared an interest in TIP agenda item 121
113. To Receive Comment & Concerns
Tony Burton raised his concern over the inaccuracy of the report in the Bentham News relating to a change in the funding for the Youth Café. He confirmed that the funding had not been withdrawn but it had come to a natural end after many years of support from the Anglican Church due to the disbanding of the Bradford Dioceses and the Methodist Church funding had a come to the end of its term of funding, however going forward the local Methodist church were supporting the Youth Café.
A resident queried why the Neighbourhood Plan wasn't on the agenda they chairman advised that a letter and map had still be sent out once this was completed this matter would be added to the next agenda.
Annie Nelligan and other members of the public made representation relating to proposal for the Town Council to support Bentham community in responding to the refugee crisis in Syria see agenda item 123.3
114. To Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 2nd September (Full Council) 14th (Marketing Committee) & 23rd September (extra Planning meeting) 2015 be signed
115. To Receive the Clerks Report (for information only) – no report due to absence of the Clerk.
116. To Receive a Drop In Session Update (for information only)
None
117. To Receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information
Sgt Les Moorhouse attended the meeting. He works out of Settle and Grassington. 24/7 shifts are supervised by the duty Sgt from Skipton. Bentham's Safer Neighbourhood Officer is PC Adrian Fryer.
Crime still remains low, the Co-op had an incident of shoplifting. A burglary on Grasmere drive was carried out due to the property being left unsecure.
Travelling criminals from across the borders are still an issue mainly from West Yorkshire and Lancashire rather than local offenders. To find out more information or contact the safer neighbourhood email SNA Craven@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
No changes are planned for staffing in this area. 2 more officers were gained after the previous reshuffle. The custody suite closed at Skipton. Any arrests made have been taken to Harrogate. Voluntary attendance is another way of managing crime rather than arresting. Settle may become a local suite for interviewing in the future. Ingleton has 4 dedicated Officers with PC Adrian Fryer there are 5. 6 officers cover Settle and 2 PCSO's. 10 in total look after the Craven area. Concerns were raised about the 2 schools in Low Bentham specifically where escapees were raising issue of safeguarding for other children. Sgt Les Moorhouse requested information in advance from the home so that they know who is arriving and where they are from. There is a continuing problem of ambulances arriving late at night some children are scared to go out. Complaints should be logged and sent to the owners or reported to CDC if it is considered a noise nuisance. Staffing of the homes appears to be a contributory factor with a lack of continuity because of the shift work involved.
20.00 Sgt Moorhouse left the meeting.
118. To Receive Reports from County Cllr & District Cllrs (for information only)
Cllr Brockbank gave a report on the situation so far for Settle Swimming Pool. Craven pool set up is different because it is a public asset. CDC will have supported Settle Swimming Pool up until March 2016 with revenue in the region of £18k this year. No more revenue support could be given and all organisations who had previously received this were told at the time. CDC have been helping the pool look at alternative sources of funding and improving the running and governance. Lessons have been learnt from Craven pool in terms of operating a pool and they have now increased the usage and facilities. CDC have a meeting with the Pool committee in November for them to produce a business plan.
Refugees – help for refugees will need specialist care. Cllr Brockbank felt that Bentham didn't have the infrastructure. Craven could take 4 or 5 families special requirements. South Craven would be closer to the communities in Bradford where other refugee families will be supported.

Cllr Thomson reported on a new scheme to help with the high proportion of elderly residents who may be vulnerable. Information is received in advance so that if they go missing they will be able to find them quicker. Further information can be found on the NY police website, called the Herbert Protocol. CDC Council budget is in preparation but they are still waiting to see what the central grant will be reduced by. CDC consults on its budget and he urged people to continue to respond. A new ruling means that Business rates will be kept within the local authority.

119. Planning

119.1. To Consider and Comment upon New Applications

119.1.1 08/2015/16210 Proposed Barn conversion to three bedroom dwelling with associated curtilage at Gill Head Farm, Robin Lane, High Bentham, LA2 7AQ

RESOLVED: That the Council had no objections.

119.1.2 08/2015/16248 Outline application for the development of 4 dwelling houses, all matters reserved except access.

RESOLVED: That no comment be made

119.2 To receive Planning Decisions.

119.2.1 Approved 08/2015/16031 Demolition of single storey side extension at 21 Butter Bergh, High Bentham, LA2 7FG **Granted**

08/2015/16030 Two storey side and rear extension (resubmission of refused application referenced 08/2015/15643) at 16 Hillside Road Low Bentham Lancaster LA2 7EN **Granted**

120. Highways Matters

120.1 To investigate the possibility of parking restrictions (yellow lines) on Low Bentham Road leading to the new school. Single yellow line rather than double?

RESOLVED: That an amendment to the proposal be sent to NYCC requesting that single yellow lines signs for 'mon –fri no parking 8am - 6pm' and place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

120.2 To consider and note minor highways matters for information, - if any,(councillors can comment on any minor highways issues currently causing concern).

None received.

121. **TIP** Volunteers Annual Christmas Meal. To consider the transparency of the manner of raising funds to support this event.

Cllr Townson was concerned with the way the funds from the coffee morning were being used and wanted to seek clarity. He queried whether the funds were being used to the direct benefit of the TIP. There is a strong tradition of coffee mornings for charities. He did not object and in fact supported that the volunteers to be treated to a meal. He considered that it should be made more obvious that this was the reason why the coffee morning was raising funds and if this was not the case then confirmation of the source of the funds should be made clear.

RESOLVED: That a check be made to confirm the audit trail. (Cllr Marshall and Adams declared an interest)

122. To agree the accounts for payment.

		W Dowbiggin	91.80
Salaries	1929.58	Craven DC	385.00
Yorkshire Water	9.39	Ian Tavendale	480.00
PFK Littlejohn	480.00	Horton Landscaping	900.36
Stannah Lift Services	164.34	NYCC	120.00
HMRC	533.55	Playing Fields Association	500.00
JBL Joinery	3474.00	Goodenber Play Area	500.00
Cannon	19.33	Youth Café	375.00
D Siddall	60.00	Victoria Institute	375.00
1&1 Internet (via Siddall)	50.32	M Green	63.75
Mopps (13/10/15)	192.00	Aviva	311.66
Mopps (26/10/15)	192.00	Craven DC	151.71
Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand	25883.00	Orange	23.99
		Eon	92.15

RESOLVED: That payments are agreed except for payment relating to the grass cutting. A revised invoice would be requested.

122.1 To receive and approve the conclusion of the Annual Return.

RESOLVED: That this be received and the notice of conclusion of the audit be signed and posted.

123. Correspondence.

123.1 Notice from The Pensions Regulator regarding auto enrolment, nominate the contact by 1st November 2015.

Noted

123.2 To receive further information on the provision of public access Defibrillator(s) for Bentham

This has been generally received a good idea. The British Heart Foundation will fund defibrillators and the cabinets and training for the general public. It was considered ideal for a small working group to be formed and to consider funding and locations. Date of a meeting to be confirmed.

123.3 Bentham's response to the Refugee Crisis. Can Bentham play it's part in offering to welcome, support and accommodate our fair share of the refugees fleeing the violence and despair in Syria?

RESOLVED: That Bentham Town Council would keep in contact with the refugee situation by supporting a coordinated hub using Bentham Town Council's name. Cllr Brian Cowling was nominated as the liaison person.

123.4 Support your local swimming pool letter to CDC Councillors

RESOLVED: That the Town Council would support Settle Swimming pool when a donation request was received.

Cllr Cowling left the meeting 20.56

123.5 Parish Consultation Document on Open Spaces on behalf of Craven District Council - Open Space Assessment.

RESOLVED: That the document be completed.

123.6 Grass Cutting to consider the possibility of combining as a small number of parishes to combine buying power.

Tender document already drawn up for BTC improve

RESOLVED: That the Council would go out to tender on their own and advertise in the Bentham News to attract a local company

124. To receive **reports** from Councillors who represent the council on other bodies. (For information only).

Cllr Marion Swales attended the NYCC Craven Area committee and the YLCA Craven Branch. She reported on the reintroduction of the Locality Budget NY Cllrs would receive and suggested Cllr David Ireton could put some funds towards the Swimming pool.

Cllr Marshall New porches additional space refurbish bathrooms Alms Houses refurbishing kitchens when occupants change 5 done already.

125 Low Bentham School Playing Field

RESOLVED: That the public and press were exclude for item agenda item 125.1 due to the confidential nature of the business.

125.1 To consider Fencing Contract quotations received and appoint a contractor.

RESOLVED: That a contractor be approved.

125.2 To receive legal documents of transfer and agree any further action required.

RESOLVED: That the documents be duly signed and returned.

126. Items for the **next meeting** and minor items only.

Cllr Vendy asked when and where the next meeting of the council would be held.

Wednesday 4th November Town Hall 7.30 drop in at 7pm

The Meeting closed 21.35 p.m.

Miss R Hill

Locum Clerk to the Council

18th October 2015.