



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Open Spaces Committee on Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Wenningdale Room.

Present: Cllrs Marshall (Chairman), Burton and Faraday, and the Clerk Christine Downey.

- OS34 To receive apologies from members unable to attend
Apologies received from Cllrs Bridgeman, Handford and Swales.
- OS35 To Receive & Record any member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to items on the agenda and to receive and decide members requests for DPI dispensations
None
- OS36 To approve the minutes of 20th May 2019 and 10th June 2019
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings on 20th May 2019 and 10th June 2019 be agreed and signed.
- OS37 To receive an update on the Open Spaces budget
Figures to date were circulated and discussed.
RESOLVED: Clerk to send a photograph of the finger entrapment correction to HAGS with a request that they confirm in writing that if the annual inspection due on 4th November 2019 does not confirm that the MUGA now complies with BS EN 15312 Clause 4.4.2.2 Entrapment of fingers, that they will return and address the issue further until the MUGA does comply with that British Standard.
RESOLVED: That a payment should be made to HAGS as soon as possible. They should be paid an amount that leaves the final balance outstanding at £4,800 (being £4000 + vat).
RESOLVED: That on receipt of the above undertaking from HAGS, in writing, that the final balance owed to HAGS will be paid.
- OS38 To discuss hedge trimming on Butts Lane, from Butterbergh to Robins Lane, and agree a way forward
RESOLVED: Clerk to find out if footpath has been adopted by NYCC.
RESOLVED: Cllr Marshall to speak to Andrew Easterby re his involvement, if any.
RESOLVED: Cllr Marshall to obtain clear copy of the deeds from Phil Gerrie to establish conclusively who is responsible for fences.
- OS39 To discuss the benches survey
- 39.1 To consider instructing contractor to cut from the back of bench to front angled out, so that benches can be seen from the road as traffic approaches, when conducting routine clearing around the benches.
RESOLVED: Proceed.
- 39.2 To discuss those benches that need repairs and agree a way forward
RESOLVED: Any of the 10 benches to be painted that have not been done yet should be painted mid-blue.
RESOLVED: That, with the exception of the bench at Cross, Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham, that it is not economically viable to repair them.
RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain a quote from a joiner to reinstate seat at bench at Cross, Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham.



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RESOLVED: That the following benches be added to list of those that need to be replaced; **Fowgill Lane End (no 11), Methodist Cemetery Gates (no 16), Vale View, Low Bentham Road (no 22), Belle View Triangle, Mill Lane (no 27).** (Cllr Marshall to pay for the replacement at Vale View).

39.3 To discuss those benches that need replacing and agree a way forward

RESOLVED: A total of 14 benches need to be replaced, being

No 1 – Ghyll Head, Robins lane

No 7 – Roller Shed, Butts Lane

No 11 – Fowgill Lane End, Springfield

No 16 – Methodist Cemetery Gates, Summerhill

No 17 – Thick Rash Brow, Summerhill

No 19 – Staggarth, Lanefoot

No 21 – Bigber Bus Stop, Low Bentham Road

No 22 – Vale View, Low Bentham Road (Cllr Marshall to pay for this replacement bench)

No 27 – Belle View Triangle, Mill Lane

No 32 – Calf Cop, Greenfoot Lane (Subject to Cllr Adams checking with original donor family)

No 36 – S Cemetery

No 38 – NNE Cemetery

No 40 – NW Millennium Wall, Cemetery

No 41 – Green Smithy, Mewith Lane

RESOLVED: Clerk to get quote for 14 new benches from Glasdon with a view to precepting for replacing them all. The cost to be quoted for now and fixed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Thomas Brown to quote for installing the 14 replacement benches; quote to include the cost of laying concrete base where there isn't a concrete base currently.

RESOLVED: Where a replacement bench is needed and the current bench was donated by an individual or family, clerk to write to original donor to see if they wish to fund the replacement, after quotes received and costs calculated.

39.4 To agree an advert for the Bentham News for bench donors

Cost currently estimated as £525 per bench, plus £250 for base and installation = £775. But subject to revision based on quotes for purchase and installation of 14 benches. Revised cost to be calculated in due course.

RESOLVED: Clerk to draft an advert for bench sponsors after quotes obtained and revised cost calculated.

OS40

To discuss the list of Open Space jobs not already covered

40.1 Consider shoring up behind new bench at PHPF

RESOLVED: Cllr Marshall will supply old decking boards to shore it up. Clerk to instruct Thomas Brown to proceed.

40.2 Consider installing a base under bench outside toddler area at PHPF

RESOLVED: To proceed. Include in quote from Thomas Brown for installation of the replacement benches.

40.3 Willow tree stump growing again – to discuss treating with roundup

RESOLVED: To proceed.

40.4 Consider spraying inside MUGA where weeds coming through tarmac

RESOLVED: To proceed. Clerk to instruct Thomas Brown to go ahead.

40.5 Consider how to make green bin secure

RESOLVED: Cllr Marshall to obtain quote from Peter Heard.



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- 40.6 The Green Low Bentham – culvert rotten and not secure
RESOLVED: Cllr Marshall to chase Peter Heard.
- OS41 To discuss the tree planting opportunity
RESOLVED: Not to pursue as no suitable sites identified.
- OS42 To discuss the Bee Together Project, and funding available for pollinator friendly planting in Bentham
RESOLVED: To obtain bulbs from the project to be planted at PHPF and the school.
- OS43 To receive and consider minor items / items for the next agenda
Removal of the trees along the fence with the pedestrian gate in it should be considered, with a view to possibly precepting as a special project.
RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain a quote for consideration.
The trees along the bank at the near end of Lairgill are close to telephone wires and need topping out. The banking along the end of Lairgill row, through the Narrows may also need attention.
RESOLVED: Clerk to establish who owns No 1 Lairgill if possible.
- OS44 Date of next meeting
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.