

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Monday 24th May 2021, at 7.30 pm – in the Ballroom, Bentham Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs Swales (Chair), Adams, Bridgeman, Burton, Faraday, Handford, Hill, Marshall, Stannard, and Taylor. DCllrs Brockbank and Handley. The Clerk Christine Downey. And two members of the public.

- 34 Apologies from **members** unable to attend.
- 34.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
CCLlr Ireton. Cllr Wills.
- 34.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence.
None.
- 35 Declaration of interests: -
- 35.1 To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
Cllr Marshall declared an interest in a planning application, item no 38.2
- 35.2 To approve dispensation requests.
None.
- 36 To Receive Comment & Concerns: Public Participation – to hear matters raised by members of the public or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consideration.
(NB: for non-agenda items Members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification).
None.
- 37 To Confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd May 2021. (Paper 2021/90)
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of 3rd May 2021 are agreed and be signed.
- 38 To consider and comment upon planning applications
- 38.1 2021/22463/FUL. Retrospective planning of youngstock building. Agricultural Building. Ridding Lane, Clapham Road, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AH.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.
- 38.2 2021/22614/HH. Single storey extension for breakfast room and 2 offices and basement tack room, At Mill Dam Farm, Mewith Lane, Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AX.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.
- 38.3 2021/22702/OUT. New detached 3-bedroom, 2 storey dwelling. Land North of Fern House, Burton Road, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7ER.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.
- 38.4 2021/22740/FUL. Conversion of barn and associated outbuildings into one bedroom dwelling and the erection of a shed. Barn High West End, Cross Lane, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 2AH.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application, but would comment that as there will be 11 households on Cross Lane on completion of this conversion that it is hoped that Craven DC will ensure that satisfactory arrangements for the collection of the bins will be maintained; i.e., that collection with a smaller vehicle along the length of the lane will continue.
- 38.5 2021/22786/HH. Single storey side extension to dwelling and alterations to existing porch. 66 Robin Lane, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AQ.
RESOLVED: That the council has no objection to this application.

- 39 Covid 19 related matters: -
- 39.1 To consider issues concerned with re-opening the Town Hall for bookings and to agree a way forward.
RESOLVED: That the risk assessment documents from Stepping Stones and Ali Murf Fitness are acceptable.
RESOLVED: Future risk assessment documents from potential hirer's to be checked and approved by the Clerk, and Cllrs Faraday and Handford.
RESOLVED: Council meetings will continue to be held in the Ballroom at the Town Hall.
RESOLVED: Not to reopen coffee mornings at this time.
RESOLVED: Ventilation to be maximised, by keeping windows open during cleaning, and if possible, leaving open at the end of events for a period of time.
RESOLVED: Caretaker to meet all hirers on their first return booking to explain the new arrangements and answer any questions.
- 39.2 To consider any other Covid 19 related matters and agree a way forward.
None.
- 40 Items for next agenda and minor items for information only: -
Agenda items: -
Blown windows in Town Hall – buildings committee.
Professional repair for clock – quote for buildings committee to consider.
Bentham Town Master Plan.
Apologies received from Thomas Marshall for 7th June meeting.
- 41 Date of next meeting: 7th June 2021.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.51 pm.