



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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All Town Council Meetings are open to the Public and Press:

Ordinary meeting of the Council: Monday 2nd February 2026 7:30pm, Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall

Background papers are available for viewing by appointment before the meeting. These will be circulated to Councillors in the days before the meeting. The business to be transacted at this meeting is set out in the agenda below.

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Town Clerk and RFO

Wednesday 28th January 2026

AGENDA

223 Apologies from members unable to attend: -

- 223.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
- 223.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

224. Declaration of Interest: -

- 224.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 224.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.

225 To consider **applications for the office of councillor** and to fill vacant seats by co-option, if any

226. 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 consultation. (NB: for non-agenda items members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification; the period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 20 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes).

227. To Confirm the Minutes:

- 227.1 Of the meeting on Monday 1st December 2025 as a true and accurate record.
- 227.2 Of the extraordinary meeting on Thursday 22nd January 2026 as a true and accurate record.

228. To receive the **Police Report** & allow members to ask questions for information - If any.

229. To receive a **Report from NYC Councillor** (for information only) - If any

230. To consider and comment upon **New Planning Applications**:

- 230.1 26/00069/FUL Householder permission for the repurpose of pergola with elevated children's playhouse. 1 The Park Burton Road Low Bentham North Yorkshire LA2 7FN

231 To receive and note the following **Planning Decisions/Information**:

- 231.1 ZA25/27502/TPO Works to trees the subject of a Tree Preservation Order Fell 1no. Ash T5, Ash T6, Ash T7, Ash T8, Ash T9 - Fell to base Sports Pavilion Burton in Lonsdale **Permission Granted**

232 **Financial Matters:**

- 232.1 To receive and note current bank balances; Unity current account as **£67,494.69**, the Public Sector deposit account balance as **£85,000.00** and the Virgin current account as **£33,549.10**.
- 232.2 To note the pre-authorised salary and pre-agreed contractual payments.
- 232.3 To approve the payments.

233 **Council/Staffing matters:**

- 233.1 To receive the Clerk's report.

234 **Marketing and Development committee** matters deferred from previous meeting:

- 234.1 To receive an update from the Marketing and Development Committee.
- 234.2 To consider the Terms of Reference.
- 234.3 To consider the Council strapline; '*Building a better Bentham*'.
- 234.4 To consider the draft Council Business Plan.
- 234.5 To consider updating the About Bentham website, inviting local groups to provide updates, advertise local events and businesses, Bentham Boost to use the website and specific users update sections of the website themselves.

235 **To receive an update from the Buildings Committee.**

236 **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

- 236.1 To receive correspondence from Area5 regarding Grasmere car park after reviewing the options appraisal; will assist but off highway.
- 236.2 To consider a course of action for the defibrillator at Victoria Institute.
- 236.3 To consider the quote from the solicitors to asset transfer land on Butts Lane.
- 236.4 Fire door quote: doors to be replaced all paint finish or remain as either painted or oak finish, replace like for like.
- 236.5 To consider the quote for the banking on Main Street.
- 236.6 To consider the quote for the Beech tree at the PHPF.
- 236.7 To consider an onsite meeting with Deputy Clerk at PHPF and Goodenber Park.

237 **Matters requested by councillors and Highways Matters:**

- 237.1 B6480 issues. (Cllr Burton)
- 237.2 Pavement resurfacing request response. (Cllr Marshall)
- 237.3 To consider fundraising opportunities to replace the calendar.

238 **Correspondence received, to receive and decide on further action where necessary:**

- 238.1 From Area 5 regarding the Egerton cross roads.
- 238.2 Lights in Low Bentham car park not on North Yorkshire Council land therefore responsibility of the land owner.
- 238.3 Scribe year end health check.
- 238.4 Future Ready Fuel.
- 238.5 Angus Fire update and request for quarterly meeting with Council.
- 238.6 Link to North Yorkshire Council website page regarding Angus Fire on the Council website.
- 238.7 Consultation on the proposed Local Planning Enforcement Plan
- 238.8 Request from Bentham Community Primary School for a Councillor to visit.
- 238.9 Theatre group access for painting.

239 To receive **Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)

240 To receive an update on the **Bentham Boost and decide further action where necessary.**

241 **Council** Items for next meeting and minor items for information only.

242 **Dates of next meeting:** **Council meeting: Monday 2nd March 2026 7:30pm**
Open Spaces: Wednesday 4th March 2026 7:30pm

243 To resolve 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, that the public and press be excluded further from the meeting, whilst items within 244 is considered:-

244 To consider the cemetery records; electronically and paper based.