



# BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Ordinary meeting of the Council: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.

*C Burrow*

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Town Clerk and RFO

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## AGENDA

### **245 Apologies from members unable to attend: -**

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

### **246. Declaration of Interest: -**

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

### **247 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).

### **248 To Confirm the Minutes:**

- 248.1 Of the meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a true and accurate record.
- 248.2 Of the meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 as a true and accurate record.

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

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

### **251 To consider and comment upon New Planning Applications:**

- 251.1 26/00369/REM Approval of reserved matters following outline application ZA23/24928/OUT for appearance and landscape for residential development Green Head Farm Cross Lane Low Bentham North Yorkshire LA2 7ES LA2 7ES
- 251.2 26/00702/TPO Works to trees the subject of a Tree Preservation Order No. 2256-171 2008. Fell 1 no. mature pine tree situated adjacent to 20 Hillside. **APPLICANT IS BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL.**

### **252 Financial Matters:**

- 252.1 To receive and note current bank balances; Unity current account as **£56,337.15**, the Public Sector deposit account balance as **£85,000** and the Virgin current account as **£33,439.43**.
- 252.2 To note the pre-authorised salary and pre-agreed contractual payments.
- 252.3 To approve the payments.

### **253 Council/Staffing matters:**

- 253.1 To receive the Clerk's report.
- 253.2 To consider the Council Business Plan.
- 253.3 To consider the Winter Gritting Policy.

- 253.4 To note the Assertion 10 checklist.
- 253.5 To consider the ICO Model Publication scheme, to consider the charges for documents not available on the website.
- 253.6 To consider the draft Community Emergency Plan.
- 253.7 To note the new Public Safety Officer is in role.
- 253.8 To consider the quote for the dismantle of the tree at Phillip Harvey Playing Field.
- 253.9 To consider the updated Community Grant policy, application and monitoring form.
- 254 **Bygone Bentham:**
- 254.1 To consider the quotes for the Bygone Bentham signage.
- 254.2 To consider a map style for the signage and use in leaflets.
- 254.3 To consider the wording on the large signs and the Bygone Bentham signs.
- 255 **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**
- 255.1 To receive an update on the land transfer at Butts Lane.
- 255.2 To receive an update on Goodenber Road Play Area.
- 255.3 To receive an update on the Egerton Crossroads from Area5.
- 255.4 To receive an update on the Victoria Institute defibrillator.
- 255.5 To consider a piece in the Bentham News with updated prices for Town Hall.
- 255.6 To receive an update on the cemetery extension.
- 255.7 To consider the sandblasting of the cellar gate of the Town Hall.
- 256 **Matters requested by councillors and Highways Matters decide on further action where necessary:**
- 256.1 Continuing road works in and around Bentham.
- 256.2 Parking issues arising in Bentham.
- 257 **Correspondence received, to receive and decide on further action where necessary:**
- 257.1 Speed camera information.
- 257.2 Disabled parking bay Robin Lane.
- 257.3 Public transport in and around Bentham.
- 257.4 New bus service on a Saturday.
- 257.5 Mewith Lane Highways issue.
- 257.6 Grasmere toilet block.
- 257.7 Sports Club letter to Council.
- 257.8 Third release of Call for Sites.
- 258 To receive **Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
- 259 To receive an update on the **Bentham Boost and decide further action where necessary.**
- 259.1 To consider the erection of flags on Main Street designed by community groups in pre-existing holders.
- 260 **Council** Items for next meeting **and minor items for information** only.
- 261 **Dates of next meeting:**                   **Council meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7:30pm**  
**Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm**  
**Finance Committee: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm tbc**
- 262 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 263 - 265 are considered:-
- 263 To consider the cemetery records; electronically and paper based.
- 264 To consider staff contracts up dated to green book terms.
- 265 To consider the Clerk's appraisal.