



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuesday 17th March 2026

Minutes of the meeting Monday 16th March 7:30pm, Lower Hall

Present: Cllr Adams, MacEley-Young, Marshall, Stannard and Whittet

County Cllr Ireton

Town Clerk: C Burrow

MOP: 10

Bentham News: 2

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266 Apologies from members unable to attend: -

266.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Burton

266.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

AGREED

267. Declaration of Interest: -

267.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr MacEley Young – 270 and 271

Cllr Marshall – 269.1

267.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.

NONE

268. 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).

NONE

269. To consider and comment upon New Planning Applications:

269.1 CRAZA25/27061/REM PROPOSAL: Approval of reserved matters application (in relation to details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) following approval of ZA24/26369/VAR
Wenning View Low Bentham Road Low Bentham North Yorkshire LA2 7BT

Cllr Marshall left the room at 19:32

RESOLVED - A – The Parish Council has no objections.

Cllr Marshall re-entered the room 19:33

Cllr MacEley-Young left the room at 19:34

270. To consider the documentary programme including Bentham to be aired on 22nd March and decide if further action is required.

Cllr Adams gave an overview of the PFAS documentary that is to be aired on 22nd March 2026.

RESOLVED to ACTION Clerk to write to the production company to request NOT to refer to Bentham as a 'toxic town', having a more sympathetic tone, as this is seen by the Council as having a detrimental effect on the town.

271. To note the consultation on Angus Fire Limited's application to vary their environmental permit for their High Bentham Site – Thursday 5th March – Wednesday 1st April 2026.

RESOLVED: Council to make no further comment.

Cllr MacEley-Young re-entered the room at 19:41

272. To note the social media public consultation on the £50,000 from the sale of the Community Youth Building being given to the Bentham Playing Fields and consider if further action is required.

Cllr Adams gave an overview of the social media engagement: 96% were positive and 4% negative.

RESOLVED to give £50,000 from the sale of the Community Youth Building to Bentham Playing Fields.

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

Cllr Marshall requested a further Open Spaces committee meeting due to having a project idea on the Cross at Low Bentham that will then be referred to Full Council.

- 274 Dates of next meeting: Finance meeting: Wednesday 25th March tbc
RESOLVED: Move to Wednesday 8th April 2026 7:30pm
Council meeting: Monday 13th April 2026 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 19:50

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