Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 05 June 2025 at 7.00 pm,

at the Tower Room, St. Andrew’s Church, Bainton.

1. **Present**

Cllr D Walford, Chairman (**DW**),CllrP Brierley, Vice Chairman (**PB**), Cllr P Metcalf (**PM**), Cllr C Bays (**CB**), Cllr G Johnson (**GJ**), Mr L Conneally (Clerk to the Council) & 4 members of the public.

Chairman Cllr D Walford Chairman chaired the meeting. **DW** formally opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanked all present.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr S Lowes (**SL**), Cllr A Dodgson (**AD**)

1. **Registration of land, former bowling green**

**DW** introduced the subject of the solicitors who are managing the land registration and pointed out that our standing orders dictate we must pass a resolution to enable the Chair & Vice Chair to sign the deeds, he then handed over to **PM**. **PM** wasn’t in a position to read from the solicitor’s letter verbatim. He delivered a summary of both the letter and the general state of affairs. **PM** believes the registration process is coming along smoothly. **PM** has a concern that the outstanding invoice of £390-00 for Crombie Wilkinson Solicitors is still not paid.

**PB** explained constraints on the Parish Council not being able to sign a Legal Document, due to terms of the Parish’s Standing Order. He described a route to sign via a unanimous vote by the council on agreed caveat wording. Formal wording is required to form a passage to be voted upon. **DW** and **PB** dictated: “In line with the solicitor’s proposal, the council members are happy for the chairman and vice chairman to sign the legal deed. This is subject to all members of the council vetting the finalised document and giving their approval.”

Motion proposed by **PM** and Seconded by **CB**; unanimous vote, all in favour.

The contact details for the registration are the Parish Council’s email and August House as the fixed address.

# Financial matters

# Outstanding invoice from Crombie Wilkinson Solicitors with a balance of £390-00, dated 09 May 2025. DW highlighted that it has been less than 1 month since the invoice issue date, so still within a reasonable timeframe. PM will notify the solicitor firm that this will be paid in good time once our banking issue is overcome. Invoice signed off for payment by DW and PB.

# Any other business

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# Questions from the council

# DW highlighted that the contact email for the Parish Council is still the same email as Elaine Brooks used.

# Questions from the public

# i) A member of the public questioned who would become trustee of the former bowling green land. DW confirmed it would be the Parish Council who would become trustee, no one single person.

# ii) Another member of the public cited concerns relating to the finances of the village hall. He handed out printed documents which were sourced from accounts published online. DW instructed that the matter is not addressed at this meeting, as it is not on the agenda and must not be discussed. This is to be reviewed and potentially included at the next meeting; if deemed relevant once members have digested the contents of the document.

# Close of meeting

# DW thanked everyone for their presence and closed the meeting at 19:22.