**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th September 2015 at 7.30pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Cllr P Bradnum, Chair (**PB)**, Cllr J Christie (**JC)**, Cllr S Christie (**SC)**, Cllr S Lowes (**SL)**, Cllr S Smith (**SS)**, Cllr C Adams (**CA)**, Cllr B Froggatt (**BF)**, Cllr P Metcalf (**PM)**, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council) & 9 residents
2. **Apologies for absence** Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman **(DW)**
3. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr. Christie declared an interest in agenda point 8i Playground grant
4. **Previous Minutes**

Minutes from May 18th 2015 and July 27th 2015 were circulated prior to the meeting

Minutes of 18 May 2015, minor amendment to item 7 (iv) approved, **Proposed by** BF and **Seconded by** SC

Minutes of 27 July 2015, unanimously approved as a correct record **Proposed by** BF and **Seconded by** SC

1. **Matters Arising**
2. **Freedom of Information requests -** Chair reported 2 FOI requests from a resident, Mr J Gaskin. Advice was taken from ERYC legal department and both requests have been completed. An email to all councillors dated 24 September 2015 from Mr J Gaskin was discussed. The Chair referred to the email and confirmed the following:
* *There are communications between the Chair, Vice Chair & Clerk between meetings to ensure smooth and efficient running of council meetings. No decisions are made.*
* *Planning application DC/1403596 was discussed at the meeting of BPC on Monday 26 January 2015, on agenda & minutes*
* *Planning application DC/15/00251 was discussed at the meeting of BPC on Monday 23 March 2015, on agenda & minutes*
* *The annual return & accounts were agreed at the meeting of BPC on Monday 18 May 2015, on agenda & minutes*

Cllr Smith requested permission to speak - He raised concerns that he was unaware of the situation and emails being received and sent by Mr Gaskin until receiving Mr Gaskins email to all on 24 September 2015 – Cllr. Smith was reminded by the Chair that he was invited to, and failed to attend, a briefing meeting which was intended to update councillors of the FOI requests. No decisions were made at the meeting and ERYC legal department advised such meetings were allowed to update all Councillors.

All Councillors work hard, giving time FOC for the village and are an open & honest council. As of April we have a legal requirement to ensure information is available to the public under the “transparency code for small authorities” We now have a website and are in a transition process. We must be compliant by the end of the financial year, our intention is clear and we will get there.

1. **ERYC Transport Events –** Invitation from ERYC to attend a meeting regarding transport (previously circulated). Aim is to outline our current service and level of need to the village. No members volunteered to attend.
2. **Highway Matters**
3. **Dog fouling –** Cllr. Adams attended the Dog control partnership seminar and addressed the council with an overview. Purpose was to advise the steps ERYC are taking to publicise dog control issues. CA advised that it was clear Bainton does not have the same volume and severity of dog control issues as other councils. CA suggested that the council educate dog owners, provide useful guidance, provide sufficient and conveniently located waste bins, and Install new signage along popular dog walking routes. All members agreed that we must encourage dog owners to recognise they have a responsibility to the community to do the right thing and clean up after their dog. Neswick waste bin is well used. Preston lane was highlighted as a possible location for a waste bin. Posters provided by ERYC to be located at playground and on Neswick lane waste bin. Clerk to request quote for a smaller lamppost waste bin. CA to add notice to Bellwether.
4. **Neswick lane verge markers** Clerk has sent an email of complaint to ERYC Highways and copied to the 3 ward councillors as per meeting 27 July 2015. No response to date
5. **Grass Triangle -** Clerk has sent an email of complaint to ERYC Highways and copied to the 3 ward councillors as per meeting 27 July 2015. Requested highways to reconsider kerbing the area. No response to date
6. **Pot Holes -** Clerk has sent an email of complaint to ERYC Highways and copied to the 3 ward councillors as per meeting 27 July 2015. No response to date.
7. **The use of green lanes** – Councillors reported that the usage has decreased. SL reported Army vehicles are using the lane on an evening. Clerk to contact Leconfield Army Barracks asking them to refrain from using this area. **Proposed by** BF and **Seconded by** SL
8. **Fracking**

Bainton is within the area grid, where permission has been granted to Cuadrilla for test drilling.CA attended a meeting at Middleton Reading rooms at the invitation of Ian Dewar, chairman of POWER Action Group. CA heard a presentation given by Eric Vaughan and Sam Schofield from Cuadrilla's Resources Ltd. it gave a brief description of the company, the fracking process and the company’s intentions regarding the license block SE95 which has been offered to them by HMG. Cuadrilla stressed their investigations are at an early stage and there is no guarantee they will pursue this opportunity. They hope to complete their Environmental Assessment by the end of 2015. Questions afterwards focused on the sensitive nature of the Wolds as a source of water for the local population. Cuadrilla has yet to meet Yorkshire Water but it is already apparent protection from contamination of water supplies is likely to be a key technical obstacle. The Chair thanked CA for the update and suggested information be added to the Bellwether. PB to add to Bellwether

1. **Playground**
2. **Playground grant** – Cllr. J Christie advised members that the playground grant documentation has been completed. The documentation is currently being checked by grant provider A4A. Work must not start on the project until the documents are approved and we have received a letter from A4A confirming the grant. Confirmation that the application has been successful should be within 2 weeks of the email dated 18 September 2015. No Parish Council funds are involved in the grant.
3. **Playground safety –** Cllr. J Christie brought it to the council’s attention that a hand rail for the slide steps is still required for compliance with Health & safety and not part of the grant application. The playground inspection was arranged for September; therefore a new is report due. Miles Lakes has been asked to provide a quote for a hand rail. Consider at next meeting.
4. **Communications & PR to the village**
5. **Website –** [www.baintonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.baintonparishcouncil.co.uk) now live. Training on website maintenance available Oct 21st, Clerk unavailable JC & SC volunteered to attend.
6. **Planning applications**
7. **Electronic system for planning & building control**. ERYC intend to cease sending paper plans by 27 June 2016. Plans need to be available at meetings so the council discussed the equipment necessary to comply with the new way of working. There is no cheap option for the council. A projector was recognised as the best option but the cost and storage issues between meetings are a concern. A Laptop screen would be small/difficult for all to view the plans at a meeting; the cheapest but not as practical idea was a 40” television screen. Clerk advised that the new system would require councillors to view the plans via public access prior to the meeting, bring comments and questions to the meeting which will reduce viewing time.

Printing plans and therefore still having paper to view at meetings was offered as an option by BF. BF offered to contact a resident of Bainton who is in that line of business and discuss the possibility and cost of him printing the plans for us. BF to collect & prepare information for the next meeting.

The possibility of funding is to be investigated by the Clerk for the next meeting.

It was suggested and agreed that we add “planning” to BPC website, with a link to the public access page.

1. **Wind farms**

15/00315/STPLFE EDFWind farm, Highwood– Application withdrawn. No further information.

All councillors were in favour of the Wind Farm Banner on Glencoe house being removed, **Proposed by** PB **seconded by** SC

***General***

1. 15/00251/REN *-* Land East of 7 West End - Chair reported that the application had been **withdrawn**
2. 15/02619/PLF - Land East of 7 West End

Plans were available to view at the meeting. The application is now to be dealt with by planning as a full planning application rather than reserved matters. The Chair read out DW comments in his absence.

* *Property is of substantial proportions & will dominate surrounding houses*
* *Very high with roof lights, suggesting further accommodation maybe added*
* *If intended to be connected to the sewerage system, it will add more pressure to an already inadequate system.*
* *Proposed roof is grey slates, not in keeping with most properties in Bainton which have orange/red tiles*
* *Proposed white finish, rather than red brick like surrounding properties*
* *Very large, not in keeping with existing properties & further pressure on an overstretched sewerage & drainage system*

Not all members agreed with the comments and an open discussion was held

* *The points regarding the look of the property were dismissed as it was felt that there are many different sized and looking properties within the village.*
* *The area would be improved with a property.*
* *Most had concerns over the sewage as this is already under strain.*

A vote was held and the final decision: Recommend approval, **proposed by** CA and **seconded by** PM

1. 15/01784/PLF - Land East of Aingarth - Chair reported that the application was **refused** by ERYC
2. 15/02013/PLF - Bilton Garth Back Street - Chair reported that the application was **approved** by ERYC
3. 15/02572/TCA - Glencoe House, tree application - Chair advised that ERYC had reported **No Objections**
4. 15/02925/TCA - Glencoe House, tree application - Chair reported that the application was **Pending**
5. 15/02759/TCA - Brindlecroft, tree application - Application discussed, No objections **Proposed by** SC and **Seconded by** CA
6. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £4428.07, Reserve account £6669.31, Action Fund £947.72

1. Annual return year end 31 March 2015 – Signed by Auditor. Notice of conclusion on the noticeboard and all uploaded to the website.
2. Charles Arnold Baker – Currently have 8th Edition, newest edition costs approx. £87, All members unanimously agreed edition 9 should be purchased **Proposed by** SC and **Seconded by** CA
3. Millennium wood funds - Clerk has obtained 10 years of bank statements (2005 – 2015) to investigate if there is a balance in the region of £1500 in BPC bank accounts. SL confirmed funds would have been received around 1999 but value unknown, bank unable to provide further than 10 years. Clerk will continue to research.
4. Thanks was given to Miles Lakes for his donation to the Bellwether of £50 – Cash to be banked
5. **Any other business From elected members or members of the public**
* **From elected members**

PB commented on the hedge surrounding the Dodds building on the main street. The hedge is overgrown and obstructing the path – Clerk to ask Dodds to consider trimming

BF asked if BPC had been contacted by ERYC regarding new footpaths in Bainton as there was a report n the Driffield Post, Clerk confirmed not information had been received - BF to bring article to the next meeting

* **From members of the public** - none

**15. Date of next meeting** November 30th 2015 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton

Meeting closed at 20.48