**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Cllr P Bradnum, Chair (**PB)**, Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman **(DW),** Cllr J Christie (**JC)**, 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), 1 resident.
2. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr S Christie (**SC)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

Agenda point 11iii, St Andrews Church, Tree application - Cllr S Lowe & Cllr D Walford (DW)

1. **Previous Minutes**

Minutes from January 25th 2016 and February 8th 2016 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Minutes from January 25th 2016 were approved as a correct record with minor amendment to agenda item 10(i) “Clerk terms of employment” to read “Clerk terms of contract” and “job description” to be amended to “role description” **Proposed by** DW and **Seconded by** SL

Minutes from 8th February 2016 were unanimously approved as a correct record, **Proposed by** DW and **Seconded by** BF

1. **Matters Arising** - None
2. **Highway Matters**
3. **Dog fouling –** Final costings for a new litter bin at the top of Leafield road confirmed by ERYC. Litterbin £272.16+vat, installation £105+vat. To be located directly opposite the Park. All agreed this is a permanent solution. **Proposed by** CA and **Seconded by** DW. Clerk to arrange purchase and installation with ERYC
4. **Neswick lane verge markers** – ERYC have confirmed that the markers will be installed correctly in April.
5. **Grass Triangle –** ERYC have suggested 3 verge markers and to re-instate the verge. Councillors do not agree that verge markers will resolve the issue. The heavy vehicles which are causing the damage to the grass are also causing deterioration to Newsick lane. Neswick lane is currently unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles, if vehicles of this size are to continue using the route then the road should be made fit for purpose, with passing places, pot holes filled and the correct signage. All members would prefer an onsite meeting with ERYC to discuss a realistic and affordable solution to the whole problem. Clerk to contact ERYC to request meeting
6. **Pot Holes –** ERYC have filled the pot holes on Leafield road.
7. **Parking/traffic on Church Street** – Parked cars obstructing the footpath on Church Street to be reported to PCSO. Church Street is not really wide enough for two-way traffic and would benefit from a 20mph limit, the bus struggles to pass and grass verges are continually damaged. Changing the bus route so that it stays on the main road would be one of the most logical ways to reduce the issue. Before exploring this further BPC will seek the view of residents via the Bellwether about a one-way system and bus re-route. PB to add to Bellwether
8. **Street Lighting –** Further information on the street light agreement has been provided by ERYC. CA suggested a meeting with ERYC to talk through options available. Explore the possibility of replacing lights with more efficient ones, the timing of a bulk change, extra street lights and the cost impact. Agreement currently cost £499 per year. CA to contact ERYC to agree a meeting
9. **Abandoned vehicle –** Vehicle found abandoned on Green lane approx. 500 metres west of Leafield road. DW reported to the Police who confirmed the vehicle was registered to a Middlesbrough address and are known as regular offenders with Hare coursing and theft from agricultural premises. Chair has requested a warning to be included in the Bellwether.
10. **Village power cuts –** Resident from Meadow view reported severe power surges on 17 February 2016. Street lights on Main street remained off and electrical equipment was damaged, issue now resolved and damaged equipment to be replaced. Not the first time this area has suffered from power surges and therefore a resident has requested assistance from the Parish Council. Clerk to write to the electricity company to request details/nature of these surges.
11. **Bainton drainage improvements** – The proposal is to divert the existing ditch leading away from Church Street which currently goes to a soakaway and is not very effective. A new ditch and piped section will connect into an existing ditch in Applegarth Lane which discharges into the watercourse to the north. The ditch will therefore have an outfall and will not simply act as a long soakaway as at present. This will help prevent water backing up to the village hall and South Lane area. Work has started, there will be some minor disruption when a pipe is laid across the lane but this is anticipated to close the road for one or two days at most. Over 40k of public money is being spent on this project which is hopefully a long term solution.
12. **Pumping Station –** Yorkshire water tankers have damaged grass verges on South Lane/Church Street and left the roads covered in mud which is unacceptable. Clerk to contact Yorkshire water and request that the damage is repaired. Urge all to complain to Yorkshire Water/ Environmental agency every time the pump house fails. Telephone number on BPC Website. SS has contacted the Environmental agency and Yorkshire Water are sending a representative to meet him onsite to discuss the sewage issue further.
13. **Footpath** – PB reported the poor condition of the footpath that runs from Dodds roofing company to the round-a-bout. The path is crumbling away and covered in mud, which is causing the path to be slippy. Clerk to report to ERYC
14. **Fracking** – Local action group POWER arranged a meeting on 25th February 2016, PM and JC attended as representatives from BPC. Ben Hocking from the Environment agency attend to answer questions on the Environmental agencies approach to Fracking. PM gave a brief overview of the points discussed. All agreed that it is important to collect as many facts as possible, therefore a representative should attend any meetings about fracking in the future.
15. **Playground**
16. **Playground maintenance** – SL & PB have surveyed the playground to check out the uprights on all of the equipment, picked up all the litter and removed stones from under swings and PB emptied the bin and put in another heavy duty liner. The catch on the door to the bin has broken and someone has tied it up with string. Large upright holding the slide up can easily be moved all this requires is a screw or nail as it is not rotten. All uprights on the baby swings are rotting at the bottom, looking towards the village the one on the right is very rotten. Baby swings are a hazard; playground check not until September. 2x baby swings to be removed asap. SS to remove swings.

To comply with the terms of the playground grant we must advertise who awarded BPC the grant. Clerk to contact Lottery fund to acquire logo.

1. **Millennium Wood** –DW has liaised with Ron Whatling and they have identified the location for the trees along Green lane and prepared the costings. Aiming for the Autumn planting season.
2. **Communications & PR to the village**
3. **Transparency Code Grant** – Laptop, printer, ink cartridges and Microsoft office package have now been purchased, £66.63 balance left in the accounts.
4. **Clerk terms of contract –** The information supplied to the Clerk at time of engagement is still valid, just requires updating with newer tasks such as website updating. Ongoing project which will have full agreement from the Clerk and be checked with the employment department before bring to the next meeting for the full council to agree.
5. **Emergency planning –** ERYC have prepared a draft level 1 Emergency plan for Bainton, there are 3 levels available or the option to prepare our own. These plans help to open the lines of communication in an emergency & highlight the resources available in the village. DW suggest St Andrew’s Church as a meeting point as it is on higher ground and always open. CA offered to prepare an emergency plan to be approved at a later date. Clerk to request sample templates from ERYC
6. **HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday -** BPC have received a commemorative Medal for HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday. Middleton Parish Council are discussing the possibility of giving all the Primary School children a medal. As there are a number of children at the school from our Parish (16) Councillors discussed the possibility of contributing. The cost of each medal is £1.99. All members unanimously agreed to purchase a commemorative medal for the children from Bainton, a total cost of £31.84. **Proposed by** DW and **Seconded by** SS
7. **Tour de Yorkshire -** This year the Tour of Yorkshire is passing through Middleton and they are hoping to make this into a special event for the children attending the school with visiting artists attending the school before the event and also entertaining the children on the day. There are a number of children from our Parish who attend the school therefore Middleton Parish Council have requested a contribution towards some of the costs. After discussions all councillors agreed that this would not be a suitable way to spend public money. No donation.
8. **Planning applications**
9. 15/03968/TCA - St Andrews Church, Tree application – **NO OBJECTION PRUNE**
10. 15/03405/STPLF - Land North of Warren House Farm Lund Warren Lund (Pig breeding unit) – **PENDING DECISSION**

CA attended a meeting and gave members a brief overview. York Wold Pig Grow have 7000 sows over 12 breeding farms, largest unit is 1,100 sow unit at Nafferton Wold and they operate 30 farms in total. Planning application is for 1,000 sow multiplication unit producing 500 piglets per week

Concerns raised: -

Scale - max no of pigs on site at any one time would be 6,510 of which 1,000 sows

Odour - conducted odour modelling of other sites they own to demonstrate at 1 mile from site you would not be able smell anything. Would be slurry spreading for less than 10 days per year using a piped boom system. Manure would be spread by traditional methods

Landscape Impact - Cutting into hillside to reduce visibility, extensive tree planting scheme

Traffic Movements - Maximum estimated weekly traffic movements would be 8 (3 x Feed, 3 x Pig, 2 x 7.5t Waste)

Construction - 1 year to construct. 20,000t of soil would need to be scraped from hillside, 10,000t of chalk would have to be removed from site = 500 trucks. Access route to be agreed. Willing to enter a road dilapidations agreement

Start date - After Harvest

Expansion - 1,000 sow unit is their optimum size. No desire to increase

Animal cruelty issued raised - Activists had entered five farms operated by the company in the last month and had recorded evidence of medicines left out in the open and dead pigs. The company had admitted to shortcomings but denied any welfare issues.

1. **15/04016/PLF - Erection of replacement dwelling - Westfield Driffield Road Bainton – APPROVED**
2. **15/03936/PLF -** Conversion of and extensions to existing outbuildings to provide two dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling (Glebe Cottage) - Westfield Farm Driffield Road – **PENDING CONSIDERATION**
3. Any other planning applications arising - **None**
4. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £1440.75, Reserve account £6669.91, Action Fund £947.72

1. **Asset register** – BPC insurance policy covers £10K of assets. Clerk has started to record Parish Council assets. All Councillors to consider our assets and report at the next meeting.

**PAYMENTS - VILLAGE HALL INVOICE £128.00**

 **KRL INVOICE (BW Printer ink) £102.60**

 **CLERK SALARY £383.33**

 **TRANSPARENCY CODE GRANT £137.95**

 **CLERK EXPENSES £23.23**

1. **Any other business From elected members or members of the public**

**From elected members** –

* **From elected members**

Chair reminded all Councillors to reply to emails that require comment

SS reported Senior school children are acting dangerously and running in front of traffic on the main road whilst waiting for the school bus. Clerk to report to Driffield School, PB to add note to Bellwether.

* **From members of the public** – None

**15. Date of next meeting** 23rd May 2016 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton