MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM

IN BAINTON VILLAGE HALL.

1. **Present**

Cllr D Walford Chairman (**DW**), Cllr P Brierley Vice Chair (**PB**), Cllr P Metcalf (**PM**), Cllr S Lowes (**SL**), Cllr G Johnson (**GJ**), Cllr A Dodgson (**AD**), Mr L Conneally (Clerk to the Council), Ward Cllr Lee, Ward Cllr Blakeston & 3 members of the public.

Chairman Cllr D Walfordchaired the meeting. **DW** formally opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanked all present. Special thanks to Ward Cllr Lee and Ward Cllr Blakeston for their attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Bays (**CB**).

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

# Previous Minutes

# The minutes from 22 May 2025 were offered for approval and they were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Motion proposed by GJ and Seconded by PM; unanimous vote, all in favour.

# The minutes from 05 June 2025 were offered for approval and they were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Motion proposed by PB and Seconded by SL; unanimous vote, all in favour.

# Matters Arising

# None - A number of matters were updated on the action log.

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| **A C T I O N L O G** |
| **Topic** | **Task** | **Owner** | **Status** | **Update** |
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| Village Green & hall title | Currently the village green and village hall have no land registry info. Look at creating a title for them under BPC | PM | Open | Standing orders put together by **PB** and put forward to solicitors. Response received to continue progressing. **PM** said it is slowly moving through the process. Once onto the next stage he expects pace to improve. |
| Sewerage/drainage | Inadequate sewerage system, require meeting with YW and ERYC | PB/DW& EB | Open | \*see main minutes under flood update |
| Street lights | Additional Street lights on Church Street  | DW | Open | **DW** detailed that when attempting to submit an application for a recent grant relating to street lights, they were no long accepting new applicants. |
| Second pedestrian crossing | Increased pedestrian presence due to visitors of the new café/bistro therefore from a safety aspect a Zebra crossing would be beneficial. The Main A614 has a high volume of traffic which increases at the weekend and during the Summer months, making it difficult to cross especially for our elderly residents. A request has been made in the past to ERYC with a response that it is too close to the existing zebra crossing and not enough demand.  |  | Open | Email update received ‘Your request for 'Relocation of Zebra Crossing to a more central location on Main Street, Bainton' has been logged onto ER system.This has been logged as an 'TMPS - Pedestrian Crossings' Enquiry and your enquiry is assigned to our Traffic Management Department. Reference Number for this Enquiry is 2353083.Regarding your request for a Full Traffic Review of Main Street, Bainton. A request has been sent to our Traffic Management Department for them to liaise with BPC and advise the process and timescales for undertaking a Full Traffic Review.’Traffic tests are still to be completed. No further update. |
| New notice board | Residents have requested that the village noticeboard be relocated to a more central site and also be more accessible to advertise village events. Suggestion to approach Bainton Stop, if they would consider a noticeboard on their property  | DW | Open | Manager welcoming of the idea and has agreed to speak with the owner. Permission received in principle - ongoing |

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# Parish Council Vacancy

# There are currently 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors.

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# Highway Matters

* 1. **Village flood update: PB and DW** provided an update on the current state of affairs. An update was received over a month ago, albeit very loose. We are still awaiting the results from various pipework surveys. Our point of contact at YW has been absent on paternity leave. In their absence, a colleague has said they will look into the matter and do what they can to get back to us with an update. We haven’t heard anything constructive for over a month now. The next step of the process will be speaking to our MP regarding this matter. The situation is very serious, previously resulting in properties damaged by both surface water and raw sewage. Yorkshire water still hasn’t completed their surveys after 18 months of waiting. Email contact made with Steve Charleston, which didn’t arrive at a constructive response. A lot of money has been spent improving the dyke at our end; however this was not backed up with improvements further downstream. The Old post office property owner has received a response from Yorkshire water in the last day, saying they are happy for them to connect to their Sump on the highway verge. He is also looking to install another pond to hold more water and relieve potential flood risks and open-up an old drainage ditch.

Cllr Lee pointed out that there are other wards in ERYC that he knows are experiencing similar issues. He appreciates it’s an ongoing issue and says it is unacceptable, ‘Yorkshire Water need taking to task’. A meeting with Yorkshire Water and Steve Charleston would be preferable to discuss in an optimum manner.

**DW** made a final plea to Cllrs Lee and Blakeston, stressing the importance of applying pressure from their side.

A member of the public reference an email received in relation to this flooding issue. He said that he was not impressed with the contents of the email and shared the frustrations of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**DW** gave an update on the situation concerning Water Butt orders; 25 Water Butts will be delivered shortly.

* 1. **Green Lane closure order & downgrading**

Nothing official received regarding closure extension. Cllr Lee said he hasn’t had anything definite yet but will chase this up with his contact in the coming days, he didn’t have time to prepare this for today’s meeting. **DW** expressed the importance of applying pressure on this matter.

* 1. **Bus Shelter (South Lane & Bainton Roundabout)**

Thanks to a couple of residents who have updated the bus shelter. The second Bus shelter up towards the roundabout would also benefit from an update, which will be done in the near future.

* 1. **Funding**

**DW** stated that we were advised that Bainton was due significant highways maintenance works in this financial year, (25/26), but no sign of anything yet. Requested Cllr Lee to look into this and confirm the latest position.

# Communications & PR to the village

* 1. **Bainton Beacon** Funds healthy and continues to run self-funded. A grant was expected to arrive in previous months, which hasn’t been received into the BPC account yet, this will be chased up with organising councillor, **CB.**

The upcoming August instalment will be a bumper edition for VE/VJ Day celebrations. **DW** requested that residents submit VE/VJ stories from loved ones, friends and families for him to include in the edition.

* 1. **Social committee** Summer BBQ in August date set and plans coming together, tickets still available. A Pie and Pea supper night is proceeding with arrangement to follow. See Beacon for more details.
	2. **Development funding update** Fund to be divided between playground and sports related activities. This application was submitted previously. Approval in principle was received this week, now need to re-submit with updated quotes.
	3. **Use of Village Green** There is interest to boost the use of the village green for activities and leisure. Dependant on Development funding result. **PB** has created a shortlist of Regulations for use of the space. As follows;

 - Residents of Bainton may use the Village Green at any time as long as it has not already been booked for use with the Village Hall. The Village Green should be used for recreational activities but there is: no camping, no fires and no vehicles or cycles permitted, Under 11s must be supervised.

Councillor **CB** additionally added points via email, prior to the meetings. **PB** brought the points, as follows; - Something relating to sports equipment, - what are the costs involved with access to village green.

**DW** suggested opening these regulations in the Bainton Beacon to vet any other input suggested regulations.

**PB** queried the prospect of being able to book the village green separate from the village hall. A booking system and administrator would be required for this. For these reasons this is not looking like a sensible option. Members will continue to give this more thought.

A member of the public said that the village hall is fully insured; however the green is a separate entity.

* 1. **ERYC Planning Policy**.

Before our ward councillors left,in view of previous windfarm applications in our parish**, DW** asked Cllrs Lee and Blakeston if ERYC’s position on green energy has yet changed with the new government. Cllr Lee confirmed ERYC’s stance has not changed and any future prospect turbines can be fought in a similar way.

1. **Fire risk in dry weather** Raised by residents from Leafield Road, following fire damage in previous years. It’s been suggested that a fire safety officer is arranged to educate and prevent further occurrences.

# Playground - none

# Planning applications

1. Any new planning application arising. None.
2. **Planning update.** BAINTON CONSERVATION AREA - Crown lift 1 no. Sycamore tree (T1) to 4.5 metres and crown thin by 15% to clear crossing/rubbing branches and deadwood. Location: Andromeda Back Street Bainton East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 9LLApplicant: Andrew Mason. This has now been **APPROVED.**

# Finance & Administration

# Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting.

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| Current account | Reserve account | Action fund |
| £20.71 | £8626.00 | £0 |

* 1. **Payments**

Bainton Social Committee (Village hall grass cutting) £250.00

Steve Brown (Bus Shelter Paint) £9.99

Agreed by all, signed off by **DW**.

* 1. **ERNLLA membership**

**PB** will review this before the next meeting and discuss if viable. **PB** suggested adding this to the action log to monitor on-going progress.

# Any other business

**Elected Members**

**SL** brought the topic of the installation of the Leafield road broadband pole. The engineers dug down and damaged the fresh water pipe causing mud/ earth to enter water system for surrounding houses. The installation of this pole was halted and is still paused, awaiting further steps.

**Members of the public**

Queried whether the water tests referenced in the last meeting’s minutes have yet been complete. It is not yet known if these have been approved or completed yet.

1. **Date of next meeting:**  Monday 29th September 2025

**DW** Thanked the new Parish Council Clerk, Louis, for his work and efforts in the role, before closing the meeting at 19:49.