MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 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 & 5 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 for their attendance.

DW stood and informed all present of the sad news that the much respected previous member of the Parish Council, Mr John Chritie, had sadly passed away. DW suggested a moments silence in honour of John Chritie. All present stood and reflected. DW said that contact will be made with John’s family on behalf of council, to pass on their wishes.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr A Dodgson (**AD**)

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

# Previous Minutes

# The minutes from 21 July 2025 were offered for approval and they were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Motion proposed by PM and Seconded by PB; 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 | **PM** explained the land donated from Allister nelson has been finalised and awaiting updating to land registry. The remaining 2/3 of land is more straight forward and is also going through without concern. Bainton Social Com picking up invoice £412. |
| Sewerage/drainage | Inadequate sewerage system, require meeting with YW and ERYC | PB/DW& LC | Open | \*see main minutes under flood update |
| Street lights | Additional Street lights on Church Street | DW | Open | **DW** monitoring grants situation. |
| 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. | LC | 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. | DW | Open | Manager welcoming of the idea and has agreed to speak with the owner. Permission received in principle – ongoing  Rather than solely moving to the notice board, it is agreed to replace the board also. |

# Parish Council Vacancy

# There are currently 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors.

# A present member of the public, Mr Steve Brown has previously shown interest in joining the Parish Council. He stood and spoke of his keen interest and relevant experience. He said he will do his best for the village and the local community. PM and DW spoke of Steve’s suitability and great efforts in settling in to the village and recognised his efforts thus far, including a successful upgrade to the village’s bus shelter. A vote anonymously by all council members; The Parish Council voted unanimously in support of Steve’s electing. The Parish Clerk with finalise officiating John’s election in the coming week.

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# Highway Matters

* 1. **Village flood update: PB and DW** provided an update on the current state of affairs. **PB** gave an update on the situation concerning no official update since the last meeting. It was promised by our contact that an update would be given in time for this meeting, however following **PB** chasing them last week, nothing was received. **PB** suggests increasing pressure however possible. An idea to approach the very first person who was spoken to at Yorkshire Water again, who was seemingly the most useful to date. **CB** suggested a potential route of contact through a relation who has recently joined Yorkshire Water. **DW** acknowledged that both he and **PB** have struggled to gain any news even through varying styles of approach. **DW** agrees the subject needs elevating. **PB** will attempt to contact the line manager of the person who has not been responding to our requests.

**DW** informed the council that a resident had seen and spoke to 2 contractors in high-vis vests. They informed the resident that they are to conduct 22 surveys of drainage systems which have failed within East Riding.

Ward Cllr Lee agreed that the states of affairs are unacceptable. He stressed that he is doing all he can to support this issue. He also drew the council’s attention an Environment Committee Scrutiny meeting on 8th October at 10am, which can be attended by anyone but would suggests informing them if anyone intends on attending. **DW** & **PB** will try to attend.

A member of the public queried the position with flood related work at the old post office site. **DW** confirmed work has been agreed but hasn’t yet physically started. A direct update from the owner of the old post office is suggested as a resolution to this query.

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

Temporary closure extended for another 18 months. It would be wise to utilise this time to make attempts to permanently downgrade the road to a bridleway. Ward Cllr Lee agreed that this is also his stance on the matter.

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

**DW** suggested this item being removed from agenda.

* 1. **Road maintenance update**

**DW** acknowledges the commencement of recent resurfacing works along A614. However a specific stretch of the road is likely to experience a delay, due to Yorkshire Water’s possible need to dig along this effect area, another effect of YW delay in carrying out surveys along Church Street & South Lane.

**PB** detailed that he had received correspondence from British Telecom that they intend on installing full fibre to the village. Various works are to be expected in time, **DW** confirmed Church Street & Dead Lane will be closed for 5 days.

* 1. **Highway tree maintenance**

**DW** stated that a tree along Applegarth Lane before Neswick Lane nearly injured him with falling debris. To be reported by Parish Council Clerk. The tree location and further details are to be shared following this meeting.

* 1. As Cllr Lee was about to leave**, DW** highlighted a retrospective application from The Bainton Stop regarding change of use. **PB** believes that the noise survey completed September 2025 has been disingenuous and doesn’t accept the impartiality. **PM** expressed that he believes that noise complaints are unreasonable; he has never experienced any concerning noise issues from the Bainton Stop and does not support these complaints. **DW** acknowledged the great benefits the community has gained from the Bainton Stop, but we must take all resident’s views onboard. **PB** stressed that the few members of the community who have raised noise concerns should be listened to and the council must honour their position on this in an unbiased manner. **DW** referenced the original parking plans put forward by the Bainton Stop where motorbikes were to be located on the side of the building rather than the front of the premises, with only disabled parking and outdoor seating shown at the front of the Bainton Stop. **PM** agreed with **DW** and suggested a conversation to be had with the Bainton Stop to remind them of the responsibility to adhere to the original plans.

Ward Cllr Lee explained the importance that everyone can put their ideas forward for planning concerns. He isn’t familiar with the particular case and will look at this in more detail tomorrow. He advised it could be called in to committee for review. After taking all views into consideration, **DW** proposed a vote in responding to the planning application, in general support with a caveat for the Bainton Stop to adhere more closely to the original parking plans. Motion proposed by **PB** and Seconded by **PM**; unanimous vote, all in favour.

# Communications & PR to the village

* 1. **Bainton Beacon** **DW** referenced issues with the Parish Council printer. Following discussions with the supplying company, and engineer was sent from Liverpool. After numerous hours attempting to resolve the issues, it was suggested that non-manufacturer ink cartridges have caused the issue. To prevent this issue further it is advised to only use genuine Brother ink. The genuine ink cartridges are substantially more expensive compared to the cost effective alternatives. This unfortunately means that the Bainton Beacon cost of production will effected. For the last six years the Bainton Beacon was self-funding, however it will be a challenge to maintain this. **DW** will continue to work on this. He also suggested increasing the cost of the advertising in attempt to help with costs. **PB** referenced a potential ‘slimed down’ version of the Bainton Beacon to reduce with costs, with was agreed by **DW**.

**PM** suggested the promotion within the Bainton Beacon, of the Bus service which runs from Bainton to York, via Market Weighton. Based on the feeling that not many people are aware of this new route.

* 1. **Social committee**. A meeting was held last Wednesday night which was very constructive. A Pie and Pea supper night is proceeding with arrangements to follow. Possible uses of the village hall were discussed. **DW** cited healthy cross-dialogue between the social committee and the village hall. **PM** doesn’t expect much more expenditure in relation to the village green title, which will free up more funding for the social committee.
  2. **Development funding update** Fund to be divided between playground and sports related activities. This application was submitted previously. Approval in principle was received previously. A new storage shed is planned which will confidently be funded by this. Quotes have been received from three separate companies prior to finalising decisions.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council insurance will cover the new shed and equipment/ content. **DW** confirmed the insurance will be covered by the Parish Council policy.

# Playground

# Playground safety inspection. The recent Playground safety inspection was completed and the findings have been circulated amongst the council members prior to the meeting. PB suggested that it would be wise to gain quotes for the relevant work on the highly important item/s which were identified, prior to discussing in detail. DW agreed and positioned it’s discussion for the next meeting, with an understanding of potential costs. GJ and PM both suggested the location of the village green as a more central location for such equipment. To be discussed at the next meeting.

# Planning applications

1. Any new planning application arising, see above after item 7, (to enable discussions while Cllr Lee present).

# Finance & Administration

# Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting.

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| Current account | Reserve account | Action fund |
| £25.65 | £8376.00 | £0 |

* 1. **Payments**

Village street lighting £461.48

**DW** ink cartridges & printing costs £112.76

Clerks salary (4 months) £967.40

Playground safety inspection £96.00

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

* 1. **Driffield School and Sixth Form Donations**

**DW** referenced an email which was received from Driffield School and Sixth Form, regarding donations for the twilight bus service. The parish council has donated towards the last few years. He suggested maintaining the £50.00 donation for this year. Motion proposed by **PM** and Seconded by **CB**; unanimous vote, all in favour. Clerk to formalise this donation.

* 1. **Precept discussion and review of village green maintenance**

To be discussed ahead of next meeting.

* 1. **Clerk salary review**

**DW** Acknowledge the hard work from the Clerk and thanked him for his effort in fitting into the role thus far. **DW** suggested a 5% salary increase to start from 1st October 2025. Motion proposed by **PM** and Seconded by **GJ**; unanimous vote, all in favour.

# Any other business

**Elected Members**

None

**Ward Councillors**

Ward Cllr Lee advised that Bainton will be joining up with another 26 east riding rural wards, becoming one large area consisting of 27 rural wards. This area will be represented by just 2 ERYC councillors and looks to be finalising in 2027.

Warn Cllr Lee informed the party that the current CEO of East Riding of Yorkshire Council is stepping down and a new CEO will be starting in November 2025.

**Members of the public**

A member of the public highlighted an inconsistency in the previous meeting’s minutes, regarding the village hall not having a title. In fact it does have a title and is registered by the village hall committee. **DW** confirmed this.

A second query by the same public member was raised relating to the grant for lighting around village hall. He asked whether the parish council would cover this if the grant isn’t successful. **DW** informed the member of the public that if such events arose they would be deliberated by the Parish Council to explore all options.

1. **Date of next meeting:**  Monday 1st December 2025.

**DW** Thanked all council members and members of the public, before closing the meeting at 20:23.