Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 November 2023 at 7.00 pm in Bainton Village Hall

1. **Present**: Cllr D Walford Vice Chairman **(DW)**, Cllr P Metcalf **(PM)**, Cllr C Bays **(CB)**, Cllr A Dodgson **(AD)**, Cllr A Mason **(AM),** Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Ward Cllr Lee

The Vice Chair Cllr D Walford **(DW)** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr P Brierley, Chairman **(PB)**, Cllr S Lowes **(SL),** Cllr G Byass **(GB)**
2. **Declarations of interest** -None

# Previous Minutes - The minutes from 18 September 2023 were offered for approval and were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Proposed PM and Seconded AD

# Matters Arising - A number of matters were updated and closed – action tracker updated

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| Action | Topic | Task | Owner | Status | Update | Date opened | Date closed |
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| 1 | 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 | Solicitors have provided a clear comprehensive plan of how to proceed. Long term/Ongoing |  |  |
| 5 | Sewerage/drainage | Inadequate sewerage system, require meeting with YW and ERYC | PB/DW& EB | Open | Cllr Lee to follow up. Co-ordinate a meeting with YW. Requested a contact at YW. |  |  |
| 6 | Street lights | Additional Street lights on Church Street | DW | Open | DW keeping an eye on available grants. |  |  |
| 7 | Ambulance response time | Follow up on 8hr response time | DW | Open | Being progressed with Greg Knight. Acknowledgment received CLOSE |  | 13/11/2023 |
| 8 | West End traffic calming | Used as a rat run, traffic calming to be investigated | EB | Open | Email sent to traffic to request how to go about applying for a 20 mph limit. Response but refused. CLOSE | 23/05/2023 | 13/11/2023 |
| 10 | Memorial tree | Replace the Memorial tree that was damaged | DW | Open | Mr Colin Lakes offered to purchase the replacement tree (cover full cost). Tree arriving this week, plan to plant next week. CLOSE |  | 13/11/2023 |
| 11 | Overgrown hedges | Request ERYC to contact properties with hedges on highway | EB | Open | All completed CLOSE |  | 13/11/2023 |
| 13 | Green Lane closure/repairs | Road closure coming to an end and no repairs started |  | Open | Cllr Lee spoken to ERYC and is of the understanding the lane closure has been extended for a further 18 moths. BPC not had anything in writing, Cllr Lee will confirm. | 18/09/2023 |  |

# Parish Council Vacancy - No applications

# Highway Matters

* 1. **Green Lane closure updates** – See action tracker.

AM enquired to Cllr Lee about the protocol if a presence of crested newts were found at the Millennium Wood site and the possibility of this therefore becoming a nature reserve. AM advised that he will look into this further.

* 1. **Memorial tree** – See action tracker
  2. **Potholes** – Many roads around the village require new surface dressing, the roads are in a state and we require a long term solution rather than temporary pothole filing.
  3. **West End Flooding** - Blocked sinks on West End (outside Pump cottage & Rosedene). CB contacted ERYC prior to the meeting and drainage wagon attended the site to clear the blockage.Village has regular gully cleaning a few times per year.

# Emergency plan review - Updated Emergency Plan has now been emailed to ERYC. Plan live on Website, printed copies still to be replaced.

# Communications & PR to the village

* 1. **Bainton Beacon** – New printer performing, print quality much higher. Christmas greetings available again this year and are starting to be requested. Star Inn in North Dalton are considering an advert.
  2. **Social committee** – Pre-Christmas dinner arranged for 02/12/2023, very nearly booked out.

Social committee Lawn Mower became unrepairable, social committee have sourced a second hand ride on mower which can also be used to maintain the grass at the playground. Fund raising events planned for the forthcoming year and an event calendar will be printed in the Beacon.

# Playground – DW requested that thanks be minuted to Andrew Dodgson and his team for their hard work at the playground, an amazing job that all members appreciate. AD mentioned a bin at the playground as lots of rubbish was found when grass cutting. Members discussed that there is a bin very close to the site already that is emptied by ERYC, therefore should not be necessary.

# Following the playground inspection Clerk has enquired about relevant signage and wording, a temporary sign will be printed and laminated and displayed.

# Planning applications

1. 23/01776/PLF - Lyndale Pending consideration
2. 23/01863/VAR - Westfield Farm Approved
3. 23/02950/PLF - High Barn, Driffield road

Plans were circulated prior to meeting and available to view online and at the meeting. Extension granted by ERYC for comments. Application discussed. Members proposed that should the application be approved by the planning department that it should come with assurance/a clause that it is not able to be used as a residence in the future.

# Finance & Administration - Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £239.39 Reserve account £6669.91, Action Fund £0. Funds will need to be transferred to current account from reserve account to cover expenses this month. DW advised that internal transfers do not require approval.

* 1. **Payments**

E Brooks (Clerk Salary) £473.64

R&J Henley (Memorial tree) £136.80 (amount to be recovered, Clerk to send Bank details to Mr C Lakes)

* 1. **Budget/Precept**

Budget figures circulated prior to the meeting. DW gave an overview of the financial situation and suggested a precept of £4200 be requested for the forth coming financial year. Following discussion £4200 was agreed. Proposed by **PM** & Seconded by **CB**, subject the Chair PB approval.

# Any other business

* Elected Members – None
* Members of the public – None

1. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 22 January 2024 @ 7pm