Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 March 2024 at 7.00 pm in Bainton Village Hall

1. **Present**: Cllr P Brierley **(PB)**, Cllr D Walford Vice Chairman **(DW)**, Cllr P Metcalf **(PM)**, Cllr A Dodgson **(AD)**, Cllr A Mason **(AM),** Cllr S Lowes **(SL),** Cllr C Bays **(CB),** Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Ward Cllr Lee, Martin Barnard (Bainton Stop), Theresa Gale ERYC & 6 members of the public.

The Chair Cllr P Brierley **(PB)** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None, DNA Cllr G Byass (GB)
2. **Declarations of interest** -None

# Previous Minutes - The minutes from 22 January 2024 were offered for approval and were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Proposed SL and Seconded DW

# 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. PM remains in contact |  Long term/Ongoing |   |
| 5 | Sewerage/drainage | Inadequate sewerage system, require meeting with YW and ERYC | PB/DWCllr Lee | Open | Waiting action plan from ERYC. Meeting to be arranged between YW, ERYC, BPC & Environment agency |   |   |
| 6 | Street lights | Additional Street lights on Church Street  | DW | Open | DW looking into grants. |   |   |
| 13 | Green Lane closure/repairs | Road closure coming to an end and no repairs started |   | Open | Closure extended for further 18 months (motorbikes not included) | 18/09/2023 |   |

# Parish Council Vacancy - No applications

# Highway Matters

* 1. **Village Flood Update**
1. It was stressed that the PC appreciate how significant this matters is for affected residents.  **Meeting With YW/ERYC** – Still pushing to arrange. Contact at Yorkshire Water to provide potential dates. Aim to agree a date and get all parties together decide responsibilities and then make a plan of action. DW & PB met with ERC highway Officers outside the village Hall following the flooding to discuss drainage. Awaiting action plan for review.
2. **Sewage system overload** - Pump house overwhelmed, the pipe that pumps to Tibthorpe is too small and not fit for purpose. Residents suffer with being unable to flush toilets and having to put sandbags down the toilet during any large storm. This will be discussed with Yorkshire Water.
3. **Gullies South Lane** - Drain inlet nearest to the Bus Shelter should also be doubled to help with excessive run off from the main A614. Discuss gullies with ERYC.
4. **Field Flooding (West of Main Street)** - Water gathers in the field adjacent to the Old Post Office, ideally water needs to be redirected and constantly drained, need to establish whose responsibility this is. During recent heavy rainfall & flooding the water could not get away due to two blockages along the dyke.  The infill on the access bridge to Neswick Hall Farm has massively restricted the flow.  Further, the ERYC bridge over the dyke on the road to Southburn was also blocked with debris, (since removed), flowing over the road at this point.
5. **Riparian responsibilities -** The infill on the access bridge to Neswick Hall Farm has massively restricted the flow. Ward Cllr Lee explained that due to this being on private land it is the owners’ responsibility to ensure that water flows naturally and for maintaining it by removing blockages that may impede the flow of water or cause flooding. Ward Cllr Lee will speak to the relevant ER department and discuss course of action.
6. **Drainage along Church Street** – surface water drainage along Church St is inadequate and pools on the lower driveways making access difficult for disabled residents.
	1. **Zebra crossing light fault update** – Light fault has been repaired. Members do not feel that the response received by ERYC lighting Operation Manager regarding the need for LED ring lights is adequate and wish it to be investigated further. Clerk to escalate via the “Parish Council open door”. Add to tracker
	2. **Dog fouling signs update** – Signs have been erected, seen an improvement, situation to be monitored. Thank you to Cllr Andrew Dodgson for laminating the signs. Add to tracker
	3. **Village Litter bins** - Resident requested consideration of more litter bins East side of the Main road. Members agreed to review this in the summer, especially due to the new business opening. Add to tracker
	4. **Junction of A614/B1248 Main street/Station road** – Resident brought this matter to the Councils attention via email. Concerns around the traffic speed approaching and leaving the junction. DW advised the members that the junction had been significantly modified around ten years ago to improve safety. Clerk to contact ERYC and request a survey/review of the junction. Add to tracker

Neighbouring village North Dalton recently carrying out community speed watch – Clerk to request feedback Add to tracker

* 1. **Village Task Force Walk About –** Invitation received to attend at taskforce walk-about, Clerk to accept.

# Communications & PR to the village

* 1. **Bainton Café/Bistro** – Martin Barnard addressed the meeting with an overview of his business and took questions from members. Members expressed general support for this new venture.
	2. **Bainton Beacon** ­ - JW Myers no longer advertising. Wold village have agreed to another year. Bainton Stop have confirmed an advert.
	3. **Village Funding** – Theresa Gale from ERYC attended the meeting to provide information on available funding to the village for play equipment (£4,000)/sports & recreation (£6,000). This Capital funding is available until 2029 and Theresa and her team are available to assist with the applications should we wish to apply. The funding requires 10% match funding.
	4. **Social committee** – Next event is a curry afternoon which is arranged for 6th April at The Robin Hood Pub.

# Playground – Laminated signs erected. Resident volunteered to grass cut.

# Planning applications

1. 24/00310/STVARE – Drax variation to previous application*.* No comments or concerns raised from members.
2. 24/00680/PLF – Great Barn Driffield Road. Application for ground mounted solar panels. Application reviewed and no comments or concerns from members.

# Finance & Administration - Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £204.07 Reserve account £5169.91, Action Fund £0. A transfer of £350.00 from the reserve account to current account will be required to cover payments below.

* 1. **Driffield School donation request** – Driffield School requested consideration of support towards the School Twilight bus, the bus transports students home after taking part in after school activities. All members agreed that this important to support and agreed a donation of £50.00. Proposed **CB** Seconded **PM**
	2. **Payments**

E Brooks (Clerk Salary) £473.64

D Walford (Beacon expenses) £18.48

Driffield School £50.00

# Any other business

* Elected Members – None
* Members of the public – Mr Steve Brown, resident who was recently affected by the flooding suggested that the Environment agency should be involved in future meetings to help resolve issues. All members agreed that the Environment Agency should be invited to the meeting with YW and ERYC.
1. **Date of next meeting: (This will be the AGM )** Monday 20 May 2024 @ 7pm

**Meeting closed 20.30**