Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 July 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),** WardCllr M Lee, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Philip Ashcroft & Dale Potter & 9 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – None (Claire Bays had to leave the meeting at 8pm)
2. **Declarations of interest** -None

# Previous Minutes

# The minutes from 20 May 2024 were offered for approval and were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Proposed PM and Seconded AM

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

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| 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 | Solicitors have provided a clear comprehensive plan of how to proceed. PM received an overall ceiling figure (£1680) |
| Sewerage/drainage | Inadequate sewerage system, require meeting with YW and ERYC | PB/DW& EB | Open | \*see main minutes |
| Street lights | Additional Street lights on Church Street  | DW | Open | Several grants from East Riding that DW will apply for |
| Zebra Crossing light fault | Light/safety issue. LED lights requested |  | Open | The engineer has confirmed that the job has been placed on the funding list (most likely to be next year as this year’s funding has been allocated. |
| Dog fouling signs | Fouling issue, signs to be erected | All | Open | Dog Warden has refreshed the lamp post stickers in the village. Dog Warden can send letters to offenders if we provide address details. |
| Junction of A614/B1248 | Requested a safety review of junction |  | Open | Clerk emailed to request if consideration could be given to having a 40mph zone leading up to the 30-mph zone to help motorist reduce speed – no response provided (chased again) |
| Community speed watch | Collect feedback from neighbouring villages |  | Open | Kirkburn have offered to share their experiences of a CSW with us at a meeting\*See main minutes |
| Bypass | Middleton Bypass |  | Open | DW contacted MP Stuart request Bainton be considered in the process |

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# Parish Council Vacancy – There are now 2 vacancies. No applications

# Highway Matters

* 1. **Community Speed Watch:** Philip Ashcroft and Dale Potter kindly attended to share their experience of trying to implement a Community Speed Watch in their Parish. The process can be long and difficult but there was suggestion of combined training and pooling our resources. Cllr Lee suggested looking into electronic monitoring; the cameras replace the need for people and are possibly more straight forward. Electronic monitoringmaybe 50/50 funding Ward Cllr Lee will investigate. The Chair thanked Philip Ashcroft and Dale Potter for taking the time to attend. Both then left the meeting.
	2. **Expression of interest 20mph limit:** The Council’s Cabinet passed a motion In October 2023 to undertake a trial of 20mph zones across the East Riding, a reserved amount of £80k was to be set aside in the new 2024/25 financial budget.  The ER Council would like to see trials in both urban and rural areas, and the money spent equally across the county.  ER will be looking for 4 sites initially; each allocated £20K, if the scheme estimate is more than the allocation, then the Parish/Town Council must meet the additional cost. Parish and Town Councils are invited to put forward site selections for 20mph zones in their area, which must include rational behind their decision.  Once ER has a list of proposed schemes, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport will work with officers to determine which schemes will be taken forward; this will be undertaken after the pre-election period. Site proposals are to be submitted by 1st August 2024. The members felt there maybe merit in putting forward West End and South Lane/Church Street as possible schemes to consider. Clerk to forward email from ERYC to Ward Cllr Lee for him to clarify the process.
	3. **Village Flood Update –** There is a lot of work going on in the background and again the urgency & critical importance has been stressed to all parties involved. The ER Costal Erosion & flood risk team are in discussion with landowners about various bridges over main drainage dykes. In the near future a level survey of the water course will be carried out; this will determine if there are any changes required. Yorkshire Water are also to carry out a detailed survey. PB is creating a spreadsheet of issues in the village to send to YW as an action plan. Next meeting scheduled for 1st August with YW & ER. Unfortunately branches have been deliberately put in the watercourse on Neswick Lane and were blocking the water flow; DW expressed his concern and had a photograph.

It was noted that Brambles are blocking the dyke in Mr Megginson’s land, AD offered to discuss this with land owner.

* 1. **Village Task Force Walk About –** DW & PB attending theWalkabout on 5 June 2024. Report of tasks provided & has been shared with all. Approximately 70-80% of the tasks have now been completed, PB is keeping a checklist. DW advised of extensive upgrades in the next financial year for the roads around the village.

# Communications & PR to the village

* 1. **Bainton Beacon** ­ - Beacon finances are in a healthy state with further advertising and sponsorship, but DW is checking other ERYC grant schemes to continue this positive position.

Bainton Stop is now open and has already been very supportive towards the village, providing prizes for the recent BBQ held by the Social committee and taking out a full page advert.

* 1. **Picture of HM King Charles** – An official framed portrait of His Majesty The King was available free of charge to town and parish councils and Bainton have now received one. It was suggested that the Village Hall Committee would find a location in the hall to display.
	2. **Anti-social behaviour** – Recently there has been some anti-social behaviour in the village which has been reported to the Police and a crime number has been allocated. The incidents reported include, damage to a shed roof (behind village Hall), broken padlock (Village hall shed), damage at the cemetery, damage to village signage and tipping debris into critical village watercourse. Picture evidence of the youths at the rear of the village hall has been provided to the Police & DW intends to this follow up.

An email of apology was read out by the Chair from one of youth’s parents, it confirmed responsibility for the shed only and confirmed he had been reprimanded. The apology was appreciated and the Chair will arrange to meet the resident. It was confirmed that the shed lock was not damaged by the youths as it was already broken.

There were a lot of discussions held and opinions given as to whether the grassed area at the rear of the village hall should be open for children to play unsupervised following the recent ASB.

In conclusion the Chair reiterated that the Village Hall is a place for all residents of all ages and people should feel welcome to use it. Changes are required such as appropriate signs to be clear of what is expected when using the area. Hopefully this was an isolated incident.

* 1. **Village development funding** – Second meeting held 26 June 2024 for the development funding ideas. There is a 4 year window to spend the available funds, therefore the funding group would like to pursue purchasing several items quickly, this include picnic benches, a large metal shed with base, five aside goals/sports equipment & also quotes for CCTV. There is more money available but these are the more urgent at the moment. A vote was held for the proposal to progress quotes and purchase the above. Proposed by PM, Seconded DW, all unanimously in agreement.
	2. **Village grass cutting** – After years of failed requested for volunteers PB proposed that the PC tenders for a gardener to cut the village hall grass and the play area a regular basis. A unanimous vote was held to proceed, proposed by AM and Seconded by PM. Thanks were offered to Steve Smith & PM, it was also agreed to reimburse the Social Committee for fuel used by the sit on lawn mower. Passed, all in favour.

DW supplied an invoice from Bainton Social Committee for £51.00

* 1. **Village Hall Engagement** – The Chair (PB) attended the latest Village Hall AGM and it was clear that the expenditure is higher than the income which will eventually become a problem. PB would like support the village hall and offered to reach out to other halls in the area to see how they are managing and gain suggestions to protect Bainton village hall in the future. The village hall management were in attendance and explained how running costs have doubled in the last few years, they confirmed that they are seeking new members. Discussions were held about how to generate more income but initially it was decided that PB will contact other local halls and feedback at the next meeting.
	2. **Social committee** – Successful summer BBQ held Saturday 20th July 2024. Thank you to Andrew & Rachel Mason for the food, Steve Smith for the bar and all the people who help prepare for the day. Other events coming up over the summer.

# Playground – Thank you to Andrew Dodgson for cutting the grass and carrying out maintenance. ROSPA inspection scheduled for September.

# Planning applications

1. 24/00310/STVARE: Drax variation to previous application*.* Pending consideration by ERYC
2. 24/00826/PLF: Land South of Methodist Church – REJECTED by ERYC
3. 24/02026/PLF: Routhorpe – Late submission, Entrance/driveway for a new holiday home. The application was forwarded to members prior and plans were also available to view at the meeting. The application was discussed and members expressed their concerns regarding the close proximity to the round-a-bout, also situated on a fast and busy road. It was proposed that we should defer to the expertise of Highways Officers. Proposed DW seconded AM, all in favour. Clerk to comment on ER portal
4. Any planning applications arising - None

# Finance & Administration - Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £3745.66 Reserve account £4769.91, Action Fund £0. This year’s precept has been received.

* 1. **Payments**

E Brooks (Clerk Salary) £473.64

Flair (Beacon paper) £41.28

ICO £35.00

Social Committee (petrol) £51.95

# Any other business

**Elected Members** – DW reminded members to ensure seating was in two semicircles for PC meetings, so that members of the public were separate from elected PC members and everyone could see who was speaking. This is also helpful to the Chair of the meeting.

**Members of the public**

* Resident pointed out that they feel like there is a lack of pride in the village. They themselves have cleared weeds from around the noticeboard and the post box which could hardly be seen.
* The bus shelter is overtaken with Ivy and also requires attention.
* 4x4’s are using the Green Lane again – reminded to report to Police if seen. DW informed all that the work is expected to start on The Green Lane in the next 6 weeks, when it will be made good again. The goal will be to have the Green Lane downgraded and/or have a seasonal closure order granted.
1. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 30 September 2024 @ 7pm