Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 November 2024 at 7.00 pm in Bainton Village Hall

1. **Present**: Cllr D Walford Vice Chairman **(DW)**, Cllr P Metcalf **(PM)**, Cllr A Dodgson **(AD)**, Cllr S Lowes **(SL),** Cllr C Bays **(CB),** Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Ward Cllr Lee & 4 members of the public

Cllr D Walford **(DW)** chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr P Brierley **(PB)** DW welcomed everyone and formally opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr P Brierley **(PB)**

1. **Declarations of interest** -None

# Previous Minutes

# The minutes from 30 September 2024 were offered for approval, they were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Proposed by CB and Seconded by AD

# The minutes from 9 October 2024 were offered for approval, they were unanimously agreed as a correct record. Proposed by CB and Seconded by PM

# 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 | Proceeding but Solicitors are currently waiting for copies of BPC standing orders. |
| 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 | No update |
| Junction of A614/B1248 | Requested a safety review of junction |  | CLOSE | 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. Close as ERYC are unable to accommodate changes |
| Community speed watch | Collect feedback from neighbouring villages |  | Open | Ward Cllr Lee has enquired and will follow up. Legislation process to follow |

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# Parish Council Vacancy –

# Cllr A Mason has formally resigned.

# Cllr P Brierley has resigned as Chair with immediate effect but will remain an active member. DW will be acting Chair temporarily until the position is filled.

# There are now 3 vacancies, anyone is welcome to apply. No applications to date. Busy time for the Parish Council, urgently need more members, DW urged members to encourage others to get involved and help the community.

# Highway Matters

* 1. **Village flood update:**

DW expressed his frustration with the speed of Yorkshire Water & ERYC on this matter, it is almost 10 months since the flood in February. There have been 3 significant floods in 8 months. A series of meetings have occurred with ERYC & YW but there has been no progress on their part.

BPC have taken the lead to push changes. Constructive dialogue has been opened and continued with landowners. It has now been agreed that T Megginson will open up a grazing field which will allow water to soak away in the event of a “back up”. Dykes on Megginson and Nelsons land have been cleared.

More still needs to be done, West End/Dead lane drainage, Water under Church Street, Land West of Main street & an upgrade to the present sewage. Further meetings planned with all parties. DW to write to Land owners to thank for their support.

* 1. **Leafield Road Bungalows:**

Residents reported the poor condition of the footpaths. Surface is uneven and cracked. Photographs had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk reported via ERYC Portal, ref number 4241306. The footway has been inspected, and it has been noted that there are some areas where the top surface has deteriorated. ERYC do have plans to repair this full stretch of footway; however, there are insufficient funds available at the moment to do so. ERYC will try to arrange repairs by the end of this financial year or in the next one. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the area regularly, and where necessary, repair works will be attended to.

* 1. **Leafield Road Bungalows Parking:**

Photographs of the parking in this area were circulated prior to the meeting. Unfortunately, these bungalows were not made for 2 car families as most families are these days, plus the turning circle is very small. People are parking on the grassed area and consequently in the recent bad weather the grass has become muddy and slippery making it unsafe again for the disabled residents.

Clerk to write a letter of enquiry to ERYC and highlight the issue and disabled access.

* 1. **Second pedestrian crossing outside Bainton Stop**

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.

Clerk to request a review again of the road by ERYC and enquire if another Zebra could be considered.

# Communications & PR to the village

* 1. **Bainton Beacon** – Funds healthy. Next Issue is the Christmas edition.
  2. **Development funding update** – New contact at ERYC. Commuted sun available £3981.6 for equipped & recreation play, £5989.50 for outdoor sports provision.

Need to complete ERMOS registration forms and to apply we use the flexi grant system.

Steve Smith will be the main contact, Clerk to forward emails and forms to Steve for completion.

Social committee will cover the match funding. Clerk to confirm that the first items (Shed & base, Sports equipment & picnic table) match the criteria for the grant.

* 1. **Noticeboard** – Residents have requested that the village noticeboard be relocated to a more central site and also be more accessible to advertise village events. The current noticeboard was refurbished approximately 5 years ago but relocating was found to be expensive.

Suggestion to approach Bainton Stop, if they would consider a noticeboard on their property this would be more central and no incur expensive costs. DW will discuss with the Manager

For now, any notices can be displayed by contacting the Clerk.

* 1. **Social committee** – At the last meeting the committee planned out a series of events for the next calendar year

# Playground

# Playground report - Playground report received. Many items require attention

# Signage – unreadable

# Grass – required mowing

# Moss – requires pressure washing

# Gate latches – require replacing

# Timber rotting – Keep close eye on

# BPC have appealed for years, with no volunteers, ongoing damage and failing equipment the decision was made that the playground is to be a managed decline.

# Planning applications

1. 24/02285/PLF: Aphelion & Belier. REFUSED BY ERYC
2. 24/02026/PLF: Routhorpe APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
3. 24/03001/TCA Mill Farm NO OBJECTION
4. 24/02758/PLF Land West of Bainton Burrows PENDING
5. Any planning applications arising - None

# Finance & Administration - Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £1786.9, Reserve account £4769.91, Action Fund £0.

# The Chairman is looking into fine tuning a standard set of Standing Orders for BPC (Solicitors may require copies in the future in connection with the Village Hall title)

* 1. **Payments**

E Brooks (Clerk Salary) £473.64

* 1. **Budget & precept**

The Clerk and Vice Chair had prepared and circulated the 2025/26 budget figures prior to the meeting.

DW advised that quotes for grass cutting had been received and projected costs were around £500-£700/year.

After a full discussion it was unanimously agreed that Bainton Parish Council would apply for a Precept of £4500 for the year 2025/26. Proposed by **PM**, seconded by **AD**

# Any other business

**Elected Members** – None

**Members of the public**

* Resident concerned regarding the wood that has been left at the back of the Village Hall for a few weeks. DW confirmed the wood is due to be collected

1. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 27th January 2025 @ 7pm