**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.00 pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Cllr B Froggatt, Chairman **(BF),** Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman **(DW),** Cllr J Christie **(JC),** Cllr S Christie **(SC),** Cllr S Smith (**SS),** Cllr P Metcalf (**PM),** Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Janice Summers **(JS),** 2 residents.

1. **Apologies for absence** -Deborah Snowden **(DS),** Cllr S Lowes (**SL)**
2. **Declarations of interest**  BF agenda item 11i Holme Leigh TCA application

1. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 19 November 2018 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved. Proposed by SS and Seconded DW by

1. **Matters Arising** – None
2. **Vacancy for Councillor**

Mr Paul Galvin & Mr John Turnbull applied for the vacancy prior to the meeting and had been invited to attend. Both were in attendance, introduced to members and welcomed by Chair. Both gave an overview of themselves and why they would like to be considered for the vacancy. Members had the opportunity to ask any questions and then a secret vote was held.

Mr Paul Galvin was co-opted and joined the meeting. Mr John Turnbull was thanked for his interest. DW reminded everyone that Parish Council elections will be held in May 2019. Mr John Turnbull left the meeting.

**Communications & PR to the village (Agenda item 10 brought forward)**

1. **Bellwether** – The Chair welcomed Janice Summers (JS) to the meeting. JS had no issues to highlight & all members are happy with the content of the Bellwether. The advent window event was successful and intend to repeat this year. Next event planned to bring the community together is “The Big Lunch” an event originally set up by the Eden project, to take place 1st/2nd June. Location to be agreed but intend to hold it on Church Street, therefore a road closure application will have to be applied for. All members welcomed the event. Invoice for December & January Bellwether printing was provided for payment (£60.00)
2. **CPR training** – Clerk obtained another quote, this time from ERYC who offer an emergency response (4hr) course which is available to anyone Age 16+. The cost would be £32 per head or £383.00 for 16 people at a time. Members felt that quotes are too high and that such an expense could not be justified. Many people receive training through work and our emergency plan lists residents who trained or are skilled in this area. Agreed not to proceed.
3. **Bus route** – EYMS have confirmed the official route of the bus enters Church Street from the North end of the village, coming around past the Church. Advise residents via Bellwether.
4. **Millennium Wood**
5. **Seasonal Closure of Green Lane –** No update or contact from ERYC. The importance having a Green Lane closure has been highlighted through the winter with two sets of travellers in a short time frame who have left a large quantity of rubbish and caused damages to trees (estimated to have cost Bainton Parish Council approximately £1000). The Lane also encounters regular hare coursers and lamping, for which have required Police attendance. There are costs involved for ERYC to close the Green Lane on a seasonal basis but this is outweighed by the significant financial input of the above issues. DW strongly advised that we ask our Ward Councillors to support our application and push hard for a decision. Proposed PM Seconded JC. DW & BF to write to all three Ward Councillors.
6. **Ron Whatling Memorial** – 2 Oak trees have been ordered £13 each. Quotations for a plaque have been requested but estimate £70-£80. The memorial trees are to be planted near the playground and plaque to be mounted on the fence. Rona Whatling has confirmed she will attend the planting ceremony.
7. **CCTV –** Ready to use when required.
8. **Highway Matters**
9. **Land in front of Cemetery** – Area continues to be problematic (large ruts, very muddy, vehicles using grass to park). A hard-standing area is required for a passing place and parking when visiting the cemetery. BF has tried to contactMr Addison (ERYC) by telephone numerous times and had no response therefore sent an email today to request a meeting. If Mr Addison fails to make contact before the next meeting BF intends to contact Mr Addison’s manager and failing a response will discuss contacting our Ward Councillors for support with members at the next meeting.
10. **Gate on highway** – It was brought to the Councils attention that a gate has been installed on a public highway. The gate is situated on South Lane at the side of the village hall, which is a full public highway. Clerk to report to ERYC
11. **Parking –** Vehicles are being parked on the path along Church Street causing an obstruction for pedestrians. This is especially difficult and a safety issue for disabled residents. Previous offenders have been given parking tickets. SS offered to highlight the issue to the vehicle owner, should the issue continue after this then the Police will be informed
12. **Damaged Verge** - Along West End the grass verge/bank has been damaged badly and is eroding due to larger vehicles (buses/tractors) having difficulty when passing a parked vehicle. The large vehicle which is parked outside in the evenings and early mornings is causing an obstruction. Clerk to contact Police (Local PCSO) to request help with this matter
13. **Playground**
14. **Grass cutting** – No regular volunteers. BF suggested approaching ERYC to cut inside the playground when they attend Bainton during March to October to cut verges. DW proposed making this request at the next village walk-a-bout (April), all members agreed.
15. **Communications & PR to the village – Discussed earlier**
16. **Planning applications**
17. **18/03011/VAR** – Westfield Farm Driffield Road – PENDING DECISSION
18. **18/03399/TCA –** Holme Leigh Church Street, NO OBJECTION PRUNE/FELL
19. **Any planning applications arising** – NONE
20. **Conservation area** -Resident has approached the Council regarding the number of mature trees that have been lost last year along Main Street (part conservation area) and Preston Lane (out of conservation area). DW to gain more information and Clerk to check all tree applications.
21. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £1348.38 Reserve account £3669.91 Action Fund £495.13.

1. **Action Fund –** Money in this account (£495.13) was originally ring fenced and donated to fight wind farm applications. Need to discuss in detail how this fund should be handled going forward. Permission was granted (by main donator) to use the money as the Council sees fit. BF asked for suggestions.

DW asked if consideration could be given for some of the funds to be used to fund the two memorial trees and plaque (£95.00). Proposed **SS** Seconded **PM**. Clerk to transfer £95.00 to current account and ring fence.

BF suggested purchasing some more ornamental trees to be planted on Green Lane (after the playground) this would add colour and variety and in this location the trees would be seen by the whole village. JC thought that this may be possible through residents donating a tree in memory of someone.

SS proposed the money be used as an emergency fund, to cover future unexpected expenses.

PAYMENTS - CLERK SALARY £421.66

CLERK EXPENSES £4.80

JANICE SUMMERS (Bellwether) £30.00

PCC CHURCH £200.00

1. **Any other business from elected members or members of the public**

* **From elected members** – Bowling Club do not currently have enough members to be part of the league therefore have decided to play on a friendly basis and intend to continue using and maintaining the bowling green. Alongside this intend to start a social activities group, offering snooker, table tennis as well as bowls. The intension is to encourage a wider range of people to attend some who may gain interest in bowls and then next year may be able to join a league again. Social group would be all year round on a Wednesday once a month starting from April. Details to be decided. Information will be in Bellwether. All members indicated that a social activities group would be an excellent addition to the village and also make good use of the hall. A suggestion of opening the group up on an evening to allow working residents to attend was made. Add to next agenda

* **From members of the public** – None

1. **Date of next meeting:** 18th March 2019 at 7.00pm, Village Hall, Bainton