**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Mrs P Bradnum (Chair),Mr D Walford (Vice Chairman), Mr J Christie, Mrs S Lowes, Mr G Jones, Mr S Smith, Mr C Adams, Mr B Froggatt, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), 5 residents.

Chair asked members to be concise & constructive due to the full agenda. All questions through the Chair.

1. **Apologies for absence** Mrs S Christie
2. **Declarations of interest**

Mrs S Lowes - Agenda point 10ii & 10iii, Village hall fees & lighting & Agenda point 10 vi, Church clock

Mr J Christie - Agenda point 10ii & 10iii, Village hall fees & lighting

Mr D Walford - Agenda point 10vi, Church clock

1. **Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 November 2014 (circulated previously) were unanimously approved as a correct record. **Proposed by** CA and **Seconded by** SL

1. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **Highway Matters**
2. **Village litter bin** - Location of litter bin has been agreed with ERYC. ERYC are in the process of putting together a large order of litter bins and hope to send the order by the end of January, with and installation hopefully completed by Easter this year. Clerk to chase for earliest date
3. **Dog fouling –** CA reported that he and his wife have collected 82 filled dog waste bags within a small area along Applegarth Lane. Dog waste bags are being left and even hung in trees. This is a public hazard and anti-social behaviour. New bin hopes to reduce this littering. DW requested thanks be minuted to CA & wife for litter picking. ERYC have developed a closer working arrangement with Town and Parish Councils to tackle problems caused by dog fouling. Following the training last year ERYC are looking to offer extra opportunities for further interested Counsellors to partake in this scheme.  ERYC will be contacting councils during the coming months and offering the opportunity to attend. CA offered to take part in the training. CA to partake in the scheme & PB to notify residents of the anti-social behaviour via the Bellwether.
4. **Neswick lane** – ERYC highways will repair the damaged grass verge and install verge markers at the same time. Farmer will be invoiced for any future damage. If the drain/gully is damaged the farmer will also be charged. With regards to Heavy Lorries using the lane as a short cut, ERYC cannot do anymore; there are signs in the village and on the entrance to the lane. Police would need to monitor and enforce but there is a loop hole that states if the lorry is delivering to an address on that route then they are allowed. No further action
5. “**Fun in the woods” forest school** – Email correspondence received from owner Elaine Ablett; appreciates the Parish Councils concerns regarding parking and has looked into various parking options. Mrs Ablett does not consider the parking to be causing any obstruction to the highway, any visibility to signs and no unreasonable disruption to traffic flow. Unfortunately the police are unable to assist as no offence is being committed. Police suggested we check if there is a by-law passed which prohibits parking on the grass verge in that area, ERYC are not aware of any by-law for this area. ERYC Highways agree that this is unsafe who have also contacted planning department to enquire why this has been allowed (no proper access or car park), planners reply that there has been no change to use therefore no planning is required. Path from layby to the Forest school would be extremely costly. Clerk to contest comments from Planning as the site has changed from a “wood” to a commercial enterprise. Road safety issue - parking on a blind corner & children crossing main road, adequate parking should have been arranged when the business started. Clerk to write letter to ERYC highways/planning & copy to Forest school.
6. **Drainage -** Small coppice near the entrance to the drainage field owned by Messrs Megginson has become congested and is in need of attention before it becomes blocked again. The pipe stops and the area has been filled in. Clerk to contact the farmer request it to be cleared

Information received from ERYC Highways: confirmed that work will soon commence at the round-a-bout to try and improve the drainage and at the same time will tidy the footpath that leads up to the bus stop.

Letter from Yorkshire Water to residents dated 12.01.15, copy available at meeting. Letter informs of illegal discharge (septic tank waste/grease trap waste) into the public sewer network. The drains are being cleared once a week as the 2.5 inch pipe is unable to cope. System needs upgrading, should be able to cope with normal effluent. Clerk to write to YW for clarification and source of the problem.

1. **Flood Liaison Group -** The next meeting of the Flood Liaison Group, to be chaired by Councillor Fraser, will be held at County Hall, Cross Street, Beverley, HU17 9BA on Friday, 20 March 2015 at 10:00am.Due to the number of town and parish councils and flood action groups in the East Riding, places are limited to ONE representative per organisation. GJ offered to attend. Clerk to email ERYC confirmation of attendance
2. **Playground**
3. **Playground grant** – SL & JC have a new application from the “Big Lotto Fund” to complete. This will be the third attempt but only failed on small technically previously. The costing for the playground alterations total approx. £4000, BPC previously agreed (meeting 14.07.14) to contribute £400 towards to the cost to enhance chances of receiving the grant, all members still in agreement. Clerk to provide financial information for application
4. **Community maintenance day** – Date to be agreed at the next meeting, schedule for May time when the weather is better.
5. **Communications & PR to the village**
6. **Village newsletter** – In principle good idea but in theory do not feel that it will work. Unable to justify the finance and would be time consuming, also may duplicate information in the Bellwether. Many extra newsletters relating to the wind farms in the coming months. All members agreed not to pursue.
7. **Website** – A community website, where a host of information can be divulged in a convenient manner, keep all the village news in one place. Driffield School have a Year 10 GCSE Business Studies student who is willing to create a website for Bainton as part of a school project. CA, DW & Clerk to liaise and provide the student via the school with the content that is required for the website. Add to Bellwether
8. **Planning applications**
9. **Wells Springs & High Wood Wind** F**arms -**

EDF application ready to be submitted but EK 4-5 month away from submission stage, as still need to go through formal consultation. The two companies are to share modification costs consequently both formal applications may be submitted together in May/June time. EK sent details of the proposed Community Benefit Fund, BPC circulated & responded 15.12.14. Members agreed requesting EK to attend next meeting would be favourable. Clerk contact EK & invite to next meeting.

1. ***General***
2. 14/02436/PLF - Land east of Aingarth – 2 detached dwellings - REFUSED
3. 14/03648/PLF - Laburnum Bungalow , 2 storey extension to side -.APPROVED
4. 14/03596/PLF - No7 West End. Alternations to boundary fence with fencing & installation of gates- Details of application circulated prior to the meeting. 2 residents present, Mr Norris & Miss Norris, both opposed to the application. Members listened to the concerns. Chair explained that the Parish Council can only express a view on behalf of the village, ERYC are the statutory body. Application falls outside the conservation area. BPC to respond with comments that a hedge would be considered more acceptable & in keeping with the area.
5. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliation circulated prior to the meeting.

1. **Precept** – 2015 Precept confirmed and will be paid in April, total of £3941.05 (£3500+£441.05 grant)
2. **Village Hall fees** – Mr & Mrs Beaumont, Village Hall trustees were present at the meeting. Chair requested clarification of the hire costs, different hire costs advertised. Mr Beaumont explained the financial situation of the Village Hall. Other groups may cease with higher costs & hall would be in danger of losing income. BPC to support the Village Hall. Agreed that BPC will pay £16 for 2 hours.
3. **Village Hall emergency lighting** – Mrs & Mrs Beaumont addressed the members for funding to assist with the emergency lighting updates, required in order to comply with Fire Regulations at the Hall. Quote from Arthur Day totals £431.98 inc VAT.Village Hall incurred extra expenses in 2014, with PAT testing & electrical work carried out. Members agreed that the Hall is an asset to the village and should be supported. Proposed by GJ, seconded DW. All in favour. Invoice to be issued to and paid by BPC.
4. **Clerk’s terms & conditions –** Clerk was asked to leave the room. The clerk’s terms and conditions were discussed. The clerk re-entered the room. The Chair informed the Clerk that the council had made the decision to award a 15% pay rise. Clerk expressed her thanks for the pay rise and thanked everyone for their support. New salary £2300/year from immediate effect.
5. **Adopting ERYC Code of Conduct –** Circulated prior to the meeting. Decision to adopt the ERYC code of conduct was unanimous. Clerk to email confirmation to ERYC
6. **Church Clock –** DW briefed the council on the current status of the Church clock. The clock has broken and the Church committee are trying to raise funds. A specialist will service the clock at a cost of £150. DW proposed BPC donate £75 towards the costs. All members in favour,Proposed DW, seconded CA. DW to notify the church committee & request an invoice.
7. **Any other business From elected members or members of the public**
* **From elected members**
* Electricity surges - reports from local residents regarding electrical equipment malfunctions. PB add to Bellwether report & add to next agenda
* **From members of the public**
* Email received from a resident regarding the poor state of Bainton telephone box – Clerk to contact BT
* Cycle Tour passing through Bainton on 2 May 2015 – PB to add to Bellwether, possible “event” day
* Faster broadband coming to the village in the near future.

**15. Date of next meeting** – 23rd March 2015, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10pm