**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.00 pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Cllr B Froggatt, Chairman **(BF),** Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman **(DW),** Cllr S Smith (**SS),** Cllr P Metcalf (**PM),** Cllr S Lowes **(SL)**, Cllr P Galvin **(PG)** Cllr A Allen **(AA)**, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Residents Mr & Mrs Beamount

1. **Apologies for absence** –Cllr S Christie & Cllr J Christie
2. **Declarations of interest –** Cllr P Metcalf Agenda item 6iii

Cllr S Lowes Agenda item 6iii

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1. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 20 January 2020 were offered for approval. A minor amendment to agenda item 12, Any other business from members of the public, the sentence “Land owner to be contacted to request action” is to be removed.

With the minor amendment the minutes were unanimously approved. Proposed by **SS** and Seconded **SL**

1. **Matters Arising –** Members were reminded to ensure that they declare interests at a meeting.

 **COVID 19 to be discussed under Agenda item 6**

1. **Communications & PR to the village**

 **COVID 19 –** In the current situation it is important that residents, especially the elderly and vulnerable in the village feel supported. AA suggested setting up a volunteer group, that he is happy to co-ordinate, creating a bank of people who will assist the more vulnerable with tasks such as shopping or prescription collections. All members were happy to help and the suggestion was supported by all.

An earlier and larger edition of the Bainton Beacon will be distributed and will include basic symptoms, advice and the request for volunteers. Following on from this flyers may be distributed.

1. **Bellwether** – Name changed to Bainton Beacon. New toner cartridge sourced for £24.00, a huge saving and should allow approximately 2500 pages to be printed. Having the availability to print also allows more flexibility. Another toner cartridge to be purchased so there is one in stock.
2. **Notice Board relocation –** Agreed in principle at previous meeting that members would like to see the noticeboard in a more prominent location. A vote was held and all members were in favour of relocating the noticeboard to outside the village hall. Proposed by **AA** & Seconded by **SS**, the exact location will have to be agreed and also discussed with the village hall committee. BF advised that Steve Miller has kindly offered to refurbish the noticeboard. Members wished to minute thanks to Steve Miller.
3. **Bowls Club –** PM advised that all of the Bowls Committee have agreed that the trusteeship needs to be closed down. Once this has been actioned BPC can look into the legal side.
4. **First Aid Training** – In light of the current situation with COVID 19 and the advice from the Government it was agreed to postpone the training. All members agreed. Cancellation notice to be included in the Beacon and Clerk to contact residents who have booked and contact NHS.
5. **Emergency Plan –** Updated and emailed to all members. Website updated. Hard copies to be printed and old version replaced in Village Hall & Church.
6. **Millennium Wood**
7. **Green Lane signage –** Received a response from ERYC regarding the request to install signs advising that the Green lane is ‘unsuitable for motor vehicles’. The email from Mr Addison explained that this is not possible as the unmetalled highway is classed as a public by-way with access to all users including motor vehicles. Members disagreed with the response as the request was for an information sign only which is not barring the use. Members wished a response be sent to that effect to ERYC and ask them to reconsider.
8. **Highway Matters**
9. **Land in front of cemetery** – work has been completed by ERYC. Barry will write to Andrew Addison to Thank on behalf of the Parish Council. SL requested that PPC also be included in his thank you email.
10. **Street Light upgrade –** Clerk has enquired when the upgrade to LED will be implemented. Faulty streetlight on Dead Lane and Church Street to be reported via online portal.
11. **Drainage West End –** Problem continues. Previously reported to Yorkshire Water. Clerk to report to Yorkshire Water again
12. **Bird Scarers –** Causing a nuisance in the village. Explosions start at 6am. The number of explosions are excessive, there are 4 located in one field. Businesses in the village, people who have holiday lets and overnight guests are receiving complaints. Into the fourth month now and residents are very upset. After a full discussion it was agreed that there are too many for too long and that there are other devices available. A letter will be written to explain the issue and request change. AA will provide detailed explosion time; BF will provide Clerk with an address. If no action is taken BPC will report to Environmental Health
13. **Highway Boundary Markers – Low Farm Kirkburn –** Clerk from Kirburn Parish Council contacted BPC as they believe the highway boundary markers, that have been installed recently as part of the civil engineering work on the new entrances to Low Farm as part of the conditions of the planning approval, are not in the correct place. i.e. that they are not where the former hedge was but that they extend the boundary of the arable fields closer to the edge of the highway. This new entrance is on the boundary between the two parishes but that the actual farm buildings conversion and the majority of the land area associated with the property is within Bainton parish boundary. Kirkburn are writing to ERYC and asked if BPC would send independent correspondence on this issue.

DW reminded the Council that BPC did object to this application originally but Highways advised everything was fine to go ahead.

All members agreed that correspondence should be written to ERYC to express our concerns. BF to agree wording with Clerk.

1. **Playground**
2. **Wood Preservative –** Required for the fence & equipment, estimate cost of approximately £80.00. Purchase of wood preservative Proposed by **AA**, Seconded **SS**
3. **Planning applications**
4. **20/00074/PLF – Cherry Tree Cottage Applegarth Lane –** PENDING DW suggested an email requesting grass verges are made good following building material deliveries. Clerk to email ERYC planning
5. **Any planning applications arising** - None
6. **Finance & Administration**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £607.62 Reserve account £3669.91 Action Fund £400.13.

 PAYMENTS - CLERK SALARY £446.97

 CLERK EXPENSES £4.00 JANICE SUMMERS (Bellwether) £30.00

 FLAIR OFFICE SUPPLIES £24.36

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

**DW –** We may need to be flexible over the coming months due to COVID19. An emergency meeting may be required

**BF** – Village Hall AGM on Thursday 7pm

* **From members of the public**

**Dykes –** Mr & Mrs Beamount explained that keeping the Dykes clear helps the whole village. Good housekeeping is required to ensure the dykes do not get blocked. The dykes work well but they need to be kept clear to work effectively. Mr Beaumont has himself communicated with Megginson and Mr Nelson on this issue. ERYC Flood engineer has walked the Dykes and will write to the land owners reminding them of their responsibility.

**Noticeboard –** Village Hall Committee were hoping BPC were going to discuss the relocation. Village Hall committee will add this to their agenda.

**Dog Waste -** Seen an increase recently. Add reminder to The Beacon, to remind owners of their responsibility. Clerk to source more stickers for the village.

**Drain** – The drain at the bus stop is blocked, (South Lane), very small drain that possibly needs to be larger.

1. **Date of next meeting (AGM):** 11 May 2020 at 7.00pm, Village Hall, Bainton

**Meeting closed at 8.16 pm**