

Bainton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 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 S Christie (**SC**), Cllr J Christie (**JC**), Cllr M Clarke (**MC**), Cllr P Brierley (**PB**), Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence** – None
3. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Malcolm Clarke (MC) Agenda item 9iii Planning application 21/03425/PLF

4. Previous Minutes

The minutes 29th November 2021 were offered for approval and were unanimously approved. Proposed **DW** and Seconded **SL**

5. **Matters Arising** - None

6. Highway Matters

- i) **Green Lane/Millennium Wood** – Condition of the Green Lane continues to deteriorate, there are ruts of up to 1m in depth. Off road vehicles continue to use the Green Lane and have caused more damage including mature trees being flattened. The cost to repair the Green Lane back to its original state is now estimated to be well over £50k. The Green Lane is no longer functioning as a Green Lane, it is unusable to walkers, bikers & horse riders and is highly unsafe. Complaints have been received from walking groups and local horse riders. There has been no action from ERYC since the on-site meeting in 2021. Suggestions of media involvement, such as a Wolds Weekly article and/or contacting Countryfile were talked about to help raise awareness of the on-going problem.
After discussions it was agreed that:-
BF will contact with Andrew Addison (ERYC) to request immediate closure of the Green Lane due to public safety & explain that matters will be taken further if action is not taken.
Clerk will contact Greg Knight & Ward Councillors to request an urgent site meeting to see the scale of the issue and support in escalating the matter.
- ii) **Footpath** – reports that the footpath from the village heading up to the round-a-bout is covered in thorns and clipping following the hedge being trimmed, thorns are dangerous and causing walkers issues. Clerk to write to ERYC to resolve as this is a highway matter.

7. Communications & PR to the village

- i) Bainton Beacon – Newsletter is currently self-funding and financially looking very healthy. £307 banked from the proceeds of the Christmas/New Year adverts and the Carol singing around the village. The money is to be allocated as follows:-

£86.50 to St Andrew's Church
£86.50 to Bainton Methodist Church.
£2.50 to Bainton Village Hall.
£131.50 to the Bainton Beacon funds.

DW also advised that there is a further £60 donation to be transferred

- ii) Social committee – Making progress with the committee. 1st social event of the year has been arranged on Friday 28th January (Quiz night).

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8. Playground

BF requested authorisation to organise and purchase a disclaimer notice for the playground to comply with insurance. All members in agreement, proposed **SS**, seconded **PM**
MC has kindly maintained the playground.

9. Planning applications

- i) 21/01834/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn - Pending consideration which ERYC.
- ii) 21/03425/PLF – Land of North Lyndale West End - Pending consideration which ERYC.
- iii) 21/03755/PLF – Westfield Farm – Application approved by ERYC

10. Finance & Administration

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £1728.04 Reserve account £3669.91 Action Fund £0.

- i) **Payments** – Expecting a charge from Easily.co.uk imminently. Easily are a domain name & web hosting company, this is needed for our website which we must have to have for transparency reasons.

Clerk Salary £446.97
Easily.co.uk £TBC
St Andrew's Church £86.50
Bainton Methodist Church £86.50
Bainton Village Hall £2.50

- ii) **Budget/precept** – Clerk prepared a budget which was circulated prior to the meeting. DW explained the figures and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to request a precept of £3850 for 2022/23. Proposed **DW** Seconded **PM**, all members were in favour, unanimously agreed. The Chair signed the precept demand.

Clerk Salary to be included on the agenda for the next meeting

11. Any other business

- Elected Members – in view of several new members, DW gave a polite reminder that all Councillors should declare any interests in items on the agenda at the beginning of every meeting for transparency.
- Members of the public - None

12. Date of next meeting: 21 March 2022 at 7pm