**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 8.00pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Cllr P Bradnum, Chair (**PB)**, Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman **(DW),** Cllr J Christie (**JC)**, Cllr S Lowes (**SL)**, Cllr S Smith (**SS)**, Cllr C Adams (**CA)**, Cllr B Froggatt (**BF)**, Cllr P Metcalf (**PM)**, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Chris Webster PCSO & 3 residents.
2. **Apologies for absence** - None
3. **Declarations of interest** - None
4. **Previous Minutes**

Minutes from 23rd March 2016 were unanimously approved as a correct record, **proposed by** SS and **seconded by** JC

* PCSO Chris Webster was in attendance and was allowed to speak first. He introduced himself and advised that he is also a Wildlife Officer.

Main issue in Bainton is speeding.

He reported damage to a vehicle on South Lane on weekend of 7th May, the vehicle was keyed.

He would be in support of a 20MPH limit along Church Street.

Issues along the Green Lane – If BPC provide times and dates, they will monitor. All vehicles must be taxed and insured to use a green lane and any damage to pond then drivers can be prosecuted.

Chris Webster was thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point.

 \*\* A silence was held in memory of Miles Lakes \*\*

1. **Matters Arising** – Resident, Mr Welford, suggested a defibrillator for the village – Add to next agenda.
2. **Highway Matters**
3. **Dog fouling –** Pam Bradnum had an onsite meeting with ERYC to confirm the location of the new litter bin on Leafield road. Installation date not confirmed. PB commented on the level of dog dirt on Preston Lane. No facility on this lane therefore people will abuse, the installation of a litter bin has receded the problem on Neswick Lane considerably, therefore a new bin on Preston lane would be an option/solution. Due to the cost it was decided to monitor the situation and PB will add a notice in the Bellwether. Add to next agenda.
4. **Neswick lane verge markers** – ERYC have confirmed that the markers will be installed correctly asap, ticket raised, apologised for the delay.
5. **Grass Triangle -** As suggested before verge markers can be installed to protect the grass triangle, any damage caused to highway verge would also be rectified. ERYC state that there are no plans/ budget for improvement along Neswick lane, nor can they stop traffic using it, however an ad-hoc inspection will be carried out by ERYC and any actionable repairs found will be dealt with.
6. **Pot Holes –** Leafield road pot holes are satisfactory at the moment. Pot holes on Neswick lane to be reported to ERYC by the Clerk.
7. **Footpath (to round a bout)** – ERYC have arranged to have the footpath sided out and swept, also an engineer’s request has been submitted for Slurry Sealing to the footpath.  Drainage works are also in place. SL advised that young offenders have been in this area cleaning.
8. **Parking/traffic on Church Street** – Police informed about the vehicle parking mounting the footpath on Church Street and it has been confirmed that they have spoken to the resident concerned.

Clerk has received emails from residents regarding traffic on Church Street and the Bus route after the Bellwether notice. All emails circulated prior to the meeting.

**Points highlighted in correspondence regarding traffic on Church Street:**

* High speed of traffic on Church Street – people need to slow down
* 20mph zone would hopefully slow people down and keep Church Street safer.
* Church Street is narrow with no footpath on one side and 2 blind corners
* A one-way system along Church Street could prove difficult especially in Summer months when the main road is busy.

After discussing all the views the Clerk was asked to discuss a 20mph zone on Church Street with ERYC Highways

Add to next agenda

 **Changing the bus route so that it stays on the main road and does not pass down Church street:**

 **Views for:**

* Busses are delayed on a regular basis
* Difficult for the bus to pull back out on to main road into busy traffic
* Bus causes damage to the grass verges on narrow sections of Church Street
* More central for all residents of the village if bus was to stop along the main road
* Removing the bus route around Church Street would also help reduce amount of traffic on this narrow road
* Bus uses the whole road to go around the 2 blind corners – dangerous for vehicles coming the other way

 **Views against:**

* Bus driver has made no complaints
* Routes around Kirburn and Tibthorpe are much narrower
* Residents like to wait for the bus on Church Street as it is quieter

The bus to the village is definitely a service that we need and wish to retain, but changing the route slightly could be the most constructive solution and providing a more central service. No decisions made at the meeting as more detailed information is required, such as the actual routes the bus takes. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Clerk to obtain a copy of all the bus routes through Bainton and their destination.

1. **Street Lighting –** CA intends to pursue the street light agreement with ERYC and his aim is to get ERYC to adopt all the street lights which will then reduce the parish councils spend. Currently pay £599 per year, but the lights are not being maintained properly. CA will update at next meeting.
2. **Bainton drainage improvements** – Work completed. Tom Megginson has outlined his desire to ensure that all dykes across his land will be well maintained.  As things stand, the existing dyke will be used up to the new ‘piped’ section & he is keen to monitor how this performs. It was put to the test with heavy rainfall recently, the pipe was 60% full and appeared to be coping. The system needs to be monitored.
3. **Pumping Station –** Currently only one pump working, Yorkshire water called out again due to blockage. Blocked with baby wipes/toilet wipes, items that should not be flushed, mentioned in Bellwether. Water was gushing out of the drain when we had heavy rainfall & this is raw sewage. Yorkshire water can be prosecuted if raw sewage enters the main water coarse, SS was asked to continue reporting this to the environment agency.
4. **Public footpaths –** Need to review the line of several footpaths to the south-east of the village.  Most walkers take routes along the field boundaries, rather than damage the crops, but this is not the official route.  Also, there is the complication of the route across the Beaumont’s back garden, which is far from satisfactory & causes concerns for security & privacy. With input from ALL effected parties & some good will, this may be an opportunity to review the line of the two footpaths crossing the field diagonally, along with the section over Inglenook House.  It will need to be discussed constructively & respectfully to those affected, as a long term solution would be beneficial to all parties & the many walkers that use these routes. Mr & Mrs Beaumont, present at the meeting, would like to be involved in such discussions. A complaint from the land owner regarding dog dirt being left by the users of the unofficial footpath around the back of the village hall was brought to the council’s attention. Add to next agenda
5. **Fracking** - Planners in Yorkshire have recommended approval for an application for shale gas fracking at a site at Kirby Misperton after they concluded that the plans were in line with national planning policy and negative impacts from the development could be mitigated. It was decided that now is an appropriate time to ask the village their views. Two meetings to be arranged, one with Pat Smith, Civil Engineer who has led other fracking meetings & another with Cuadrilla, both as soon as possible. Clerk to contact Cuadrilla, PB to contact Pat Smith.
6. **Playground**
7. **Playground maintenance** – John Christie and resident, Stephen Jenneson, have installed a hand rail to the ramp which leads to the slide at the playground. Very grateful for their work, all agreed a letter of thanks to Steve Jenneson for his help. Clerk to write letter of Thanks.

To comply with the Lotto grant, BPC must display a plague with the logo which they will supply FOC. A small perspex plaque was agreed – clerk to send order form

Clerk received quotes from Playdale for small play equipment under £1k for the empty space at the playground. SS suggested that the playground does not get enough use to spend more funds. Clerk clarified that there are at least 28 children of school age that live in the village and there will be more who do not attend school yet or who attend other schools. JC suggest the parents and children in the village fund raise to help purchase a piece of equipment. It was agreed to return to this issue later in the year. CA pointed out that it would be useful to know what equipment the children would like to have at the park. PB to add to the Bellwether asking views.

Grass at playground needs to be cut, thistles, weeds & overgrown.

1. **Millennium Wood –** Thanks was given to Steve Smith for his work at the pond along Green lane.
2. **Communications & PR to the village**
3. **Clerk terms of contract –** Draft contract between the Clerk and BPC sent prior to the meeting for all members to review. It does not represent any change of terms of our existing Clerk. It is to cover both parties in the event that there is any doubt as to the responsibilities and duties of the Clerk, and to ensure that the clerk is not held responsible for the actions or polices of the Council. Minor amendments to be made, Clerk in agreement with contract.
4. **Emergency planning –**  Chris Adams has prepared a draft Emergency plan for Bainton, circulated prior to the meeting. The plan is based on ERYC level 2 emergency plan. Members were asked to reply to Chris Adams email which highlighted areas that required a decision before the plan can be finalised. The insert, prepared for the Bellwether, was agreed. PB to add to Bellwether
5. **Planning applications**
6. 15/03405/STPLF - Land North of Warren House Farm Lund Warren Lund (Pig breeding unit) – **APPROVED**
7. **15/03936/PLF -** Conversion of and extensions to existing outbuildings to provide two dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling (Glebe Cottage) - Westfield Farm Driffield Road – **PENDING DECISSION**
8. Any other planning applications arising - **None**
9. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £3756.83, Reserve account £6669.91, Action Fund £947.72. Precept received into the account.

1. **Asset register** – Draft prepared and circulated prior to the meeting. One bench was added. Assets agreed.

**PAYMENTS - MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL £31.84** (Commemorative Medals for School)

 **CLERK SALARY £383.33**

 **CLERK EXPENSES £8.00**

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

**From elected members** –

* **From elected members** – None
* **From members of the public** – Memorial for Miles Lakes – to next agenda

**15. Date of next meeting** 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton