**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30 January 2017 at 7.30pm 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 P Metcalf (**PM)**, Cllr C Adams **(CA)**, Cllr B Froggatt **(BF)** Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council), Mr Corrigan (Ramblers Association) & 9 residents.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested all points to be precise and clear due to the full agenda.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr S Christie **(SC)**
2. **Declarations of interest**  Cllr C Adams, Agenda item 6(v) Neswick Lane road damage

1. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 21st November 2016 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record. Proposed by **DW** and seconded by **JC**

The minutes of 4th January 2017 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record. Proposed by **SS** and seconded by **CA**

1. **Matters Arising** - None
2. **Highway Matters**
3. **Street Lighting** Update from CA, who has been in communication with ERYC.
* The next lighting columns to be changed are on the main road and the work is programmed for 2020-21.
* The luminaire replacement programme is being rolled out to the lighting type that shows the biggest saving first, unfortunately, the ERYC lights in Bainton are already the most energy efficient of that light source and are therefore not due to be replaced in this financial year.
* ERYC have, when the parish lights are due a lamp replacement/electrical test, been swapping to more energy efficient luminaires instead.
* The parish lights are due again in 2019-20. This upgrade is done at no extra cost above the SLA fee.
* The cost if BPC wanted to pay for the work earlier would be £220 per light and the saving would be around £26 per light per year.

CA wrote to ERYC providing detailed information and stating that the responsibility for Street Lighting on Church Street and Dead Lane should lie with ERYC and constitutes an unfair financial burden on BPC for the following reasons:

* 1. Current street light spacing complies with DoT spacing criteria for public highway speed restricted roads and Church Street and Dead Lane are speed restricted roads.
* 2. Four of the six currently un-adapted lights cannot be regarded as "Footpath Lights" as there is no footpath.
* 3. Residents of Bainton are currently paying twice for the privilege of street lighting, firstly through their council tax and secondly via the Parish Precept.

ERYC responded with the following: -

* In the late nineties & early two thousand parish councils were given an opportunity to upgrade lighting with the potential for adoption but this was stopped as the revenue budgets available were reduced as the recession/austerity measures took hold. Since that point no parish owned lighting whether meeting adoptable standards or not has been adopted by ERYC.
* ERYC agree that BPC are paying through the precept and council tax for street lighting, but so are over 90 other Town & Parish Councils and the ERYC payment is for the provision/maintenance of ERYC owned lights.

Now contact has been established CA will continue to pursue the above on behalf of BPC and possibly involve ERYC representatives. Thanks were given to Cllr C Adams for his continued hard work regarding the Parish street lighting.

In addition, BF highlighted the lack of lighting on Church Street around St Andrews Church a subject that has been discussed in previous years. Some residents at the time disagreed with having street lights outside their property and therefore no further action was taken. A letter to BPC was received from a resident recently who stated that he would like to see less light in the village and not more and for the light at the round-a-bout to be removed.

Church Street is a bus and HGV route so should have adequate lighting. BPC would have to pay for extra streetlighting.

1. **Public footpaths** – Footpath Number 4 (FP4) in the parish of Bainton, has been a long-standing issue, going back over 25-30 years. BPC have always wanted to find a long-term solution and have been understanding and flexible to the boundaries involved and remained impartial in the matter.

Mr Corrigan (Chairman of the Ramblers Association) & Mr Beaumont (Owner of Inglenook) were present and had requested time to address the Council on this subject, prior to the meeting (both spoke for 5 minutes).

Mr Beaumont addressed the Council first and gave his account of the history surrounding FP4 in regards to his property. Stated FP4 has never been a public right of way over all his property and permission had been granted to put up the “no right of way signs”

Mr Corrigan informed members of the legal implications and processes that will be followed to resolve the issue of FP4. Mr Corrigan believes that if all interested parties can come to an agreement then ERYC will accept as a way to move forward.

Alistair Nelson (Farm land owner), not present but had contact BPC has concerns that the right of way is being pushed onto his land as he is in receipt of a proposal from ERYC that uses his land to join FP4. Mr Nelson has very kindly allowed, in the past, responsible walkers to use the route but has been advised to close the access immediately. Mr Nelson has informed ERYC that he does not agree with their proposal. Mr Richardson (The Forge) has had similar correspondence from ERYC for FP4 regarding FP4 crossing his paddock.

Conclusion: - Chair and Vice Chair to see a meeting with Mr Mark Drydale (ERYC) independently to work out a constructive way around the issue that works for all parties involved.

1. **Neswick Lane/Applegarth Lane road damage** – No further developments. The lane is currently a mess, which CA has discussed with the farmer. Heavy goods vehicles still using this route due to SAT NAV taking them via the shortest route to other villages. BPC have repeatedly requested farmers to direct their farm traffic in via Kirkburn (so not to pass through any village) unfortunately commercial operations will use the shortest route and nothing can be done about that. CA is still formulating a view on how to approach ERYC regarding the grass triangle and damage to Ivy Cottage.
2. **Dog Fouling/Litter bins** – New litter bin has been installed on Preston lane. ERYC replaced the litter bin on Main street.
3. **Drainage**
* YW have carried out tests upon the pumps in the sewage pumping station (SPS) and confirmed that they are pumping as designed.
* The outcome of the tests mean that the issues in Church Street are not due to the SPS operating incorrectly.
* YW are planning to survey the sewer in between the SPS and the sewage treatment works at Tibthorpe to make sure there are no restrictions / partial blockages which could be contributing to the surcharge events.
* YW has also identified that the sewer in Church Street is a combined one, rather than ‘foul’ as marked on sewer records. Since combined systems can often reach capacity during heavy rain, YW are trying to identify where clean surface water / groundwater inputs are entering the system and, where possible, to intercept and direct those inputs into surface water sewers, thereby reducing pressures on the sewer in Church Street.
* Once they have concluded their investigations, YW will be in a better position to consider the available options for a remedy of the current issues.
* They may need to consider if the SPS in Church Street needs to be upgraded, and / or if they need to provide additional storage capacity there. Both of these would be longer term solutions and in the meantime YW would also need to consider mitigation measures during predicted heavy rain to address current issues.
* The Environment Agency’s observations are that the surcharging reports tend to coincide with wetter months and correspondingly decrease during drier months.
* In terms of our regulatory position, The Environment Agency are currently satisfied that YW is making progress in their investigations and taking reasonable measures to further reduce the potential impact of the surcharge events upon the environment.

All to continue to monitor the drain and report any incidents to the Environment Agency.

1. **Fracking** - No update. DW asked it to be noted that the fracking meeting in November may have had poor attendance due to there not being a reminder in the Bellwether, the meeting had been announced in the previous issue.
2. **Playground**
3. **Playground maintenance** – forward to next agenda
4. **Millennium Wood**
5. **Woodland Trust** – All trees now planted. There was a formal unveiling on Saturday 28th January. Ron Whatling and Pam Bradnum un-veiled the plaque to commemorate the planting & extension of the Millennium Wood project, along Leafield Road & Green Lane**.**  Thanks to the many volunteers that helped to plant & maintain the trees, to Stephen Jenneson for mounting & fixing the two plaques & our ERYC councillors that kindly assisted with the administrative issues & final planting.

A further successful application to The Woodland Trust, a wildlife fruit tree pack has been received and the 3 trees have now been planted.

Purchased a back-pack sprayer & chemicals to maintain the Millennium wood as agreed at November meeting. Weed killer will be purchased later in the Season.

**Memorial Miles Lakes** –Two English oak trees planted either side of the playground. Colin & Andrew Lakes, kindly un-veiled the plaque to commemorate that life of Miles Lakes, along with the final spade of earth, on the English oak trees planted in his memory.

Clerk to write a letter of “Thanks” to Mr Stephen Jenneson and Mr Ron Whatling.

1. **Communications & PR to the village**
2. **Emergency planning –** Six hard copies of the completed plan were distributed to the members of the plans activating team and an electronic copy passed to the clerk. The plan must now be emailed to heps@eastriding.gov.uk and uploaded to the parish website.
3. **Consultation on the East Riding of Yorkshire Statement of Community Involvement –** emailed documentation prior to the meeting. Information was not found to be user friendly.
4. **Consultation on East Riding of Yorkshire Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule - –** emailed documentation prior to the meeting. Information was not found to be user friendly.
5. **Planning applications**
6. **16/01895/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn, extension and alterations. – PENDING CONSIDERATION**
7. **16/03475/PLF** - Westfield Farm Driffield Road Bainton - PENDING CONSIDERATION
8. Any other planning applications arising - None
9. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £2327.95, Reserve account £6669.91, Action Fund £947.72.

1. Website domain renewal – Renewal cost £26.83 plus vat for 5 years, required to comply with Transparency code. Renewal proposed by DW seconded by CA. Clerk to renew via Easily.co.uk
2. Transparency code grant – A balance of £128.50 in accounts from previous grant. Can apply for a grant this year if further equipment is needed to help the council comply with the Transparency code, unable to apply for equipment already purchased or already have in place. Clerk to enquire if a second printer could be applied for to use for the Bellwether.

DW attended the budget seminar but found this to be very dis-appointing

 PAYMENTS - CLERK SALARY £383.33

 CLERK EXPENSES £7.10

 HENLEYS NURSERIES (M’ Wood) £45.48

 Mr D WALFORD (Millennium Wood) £18.97

1. **Any other business from elected members or members of the public**
* **From elected members** – None
* **From members of the public** – Resident Mr Gaskin spoke about Footpath No.4 and the history surrounding the matter. No records to show that FP4 was stopped or shortened in the past and land registry shows FP4 as a public highway. He also questioned the PC’s Standing Orders.

**15. Date of next meeting** 27th March 2017 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton