**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 July 2017 at 7.30 pm in Bainton Village Hall**

1. **Present**: Cllr B Froggatt, Chair **(BF)**, Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman **(DW),** Cllr P Bradnum (**PB)**,Cllr J Christie (**JC)**, Cllr S Christie (**SC**), Cllr S Lowes (**SL)**, Cllr S Smith (**SS)**, Cllr P Metcalf (**PM)**, Cllr C Adams **(CA)**, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council)

1. **Apologies for absence** -None
2. **Declarations of interest**  - None
3. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 22nd May 2017 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record. Proposed by **PB** and seconded by **CA**.

1. **Matters Arising** – None
2. **Election of Chair** – All members were invited to apply for the position of Chair. One member indicated his interest, Cllr Barry Froggatt. All members were in favour, Proposed by DW Seconded by SS. Barry Froggatt was unanimously elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year and duly signed his acceptance of office. The members thanked PB, the out-going Chair for all her hard work in the role over the last 3 years.
3. **Highway Matters**
4. **Upgrade of street lights** – Nothing further to report
5. **Adopted street lights** – No movement, ERYC’s best estimate to upgrade/renew is 2019. Larger surrounding villages are having lights updated and columns replaced, but smaller villages forgotten. To replace the 6 un-adopted lights, it would cost in the region of £1200, the yearly cost would then reduce but the difference is not significant enough to justify the PC’s investment ahead of 2019. This would only benefit a small proportion of the village and payback would take five years. Clerk to write to ERYC & Ward Councillors to complain.
6. **Lack of street lighting –** Received only two objections regarding additional street lighting on Church Street. Clerk to circulate the latest letter as it was received late. The matter was debated and it was noted that the vast majority of residents would welcome more lighting on Church Street both for security & safety and we must take the wider view into consideration. Another request for comments on the subject, to go in the next Bellwether (BF). For next meeting enquire with ERYC the cost of an additional light, if one was installed would it be a new one and would it effect the Street Light Agreement (Clerk). PB suggested the Church maybe able to assist with lighting, light available at the steps of the church but not being used, DW & SL will mention it at PCC meeting.

1. **Bus service** – PM & JC met with ERYC & EYMS to discuss having some of the bus service cuts re-instated. A strong case was put forward & all concerns & objections to the revised timetable were highlighted. The services in question were not subsidised and therefore the cuts were a commercial decision. We now await a response from EYMS – PM with report at the next meeting.
2. **Bus shelters** – ERYC Paula Parker confirmed that these are the responsibility of the Parish Council. BF offered to assess what work is required and report at the next meeting.
3. **Phone Box –** The phone box has now been removed.
4. **Grass Cutting** – A Resident has been cutting the Grass in the village, but due to complains from other residents he has now been asked to stop by ERYC. PC are not responsible for cutting the grass, ERYC cut approximately every 6 weeks.
5. **Footpath No.4 –** DW was contacted with an enquiry, asking if there had been any resolution to the route. This is a matter for ERYC, the matter was originally referred to ERYC by The Ramblers Association and BPC are also awaiting an outcome. As this issue is 18th on the list it may take 2 ½ to 3 years to be resolved. The ‘Private Road’ signs to the side of the village hall is also a ERYC matter.
6. **Fracking** - No update. Received a Freedom of Information request from Friends of the Earth to provide a schedule of communication and copies of communications between BPC and Gas & Oil companies since Dec 2015 to present day. Clerk emailed a response approved by DW, Vice Chair explaining that we are only a small Council with one paid Clerk and that we entitled to charge for this information, no response as yet. CA suggested that we direct them to our website where they will find all the Minutes of any meetings BPC have held.
7. **Playground** – Play area inspection due in September and it would cost £42 + vat extra to meet inspector. Standard cost for report only £66.50 therefore total cost would be £130.20 Inc. vat. Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of meeting an inspector onsite and decided that the report only option would be satisfactory.

SS suggested that a sub-committee be set up to manage the playground. The sub-committee would include at least one PC member and a group of parents/residents form the village. The Sub-committee could then report findings, costings and suggestions to the PC for approval. BF to add to the Bellwether to request involvement from residents. Clerk to add to the website.

1. **Millennium Wood** – A residents has contacted BPC regarding permission to drop tree logs into the deep ruts on Green Lane. As this is a full highway and permission would have to be granted by ERYC and is therefore outside the jurisdiction of the PC.

Concerns were made regarding shooting parties along Green Lane and the safety around shooting across a public highway. BPC would like to clarify the regulations and ensure that laws are being abided by. DW & Clerk to Liaise and communicate with Community Police Officer

1. **Communications & PR to the village** – BF confirmed the procedure for communicating information, including in the Bellwether.
2. **Planning applications**
3. **16/01895/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn, extension and alterations. – PENDING DECISSION**
4. **17/00271/CM** – Milenco Specialists Ltd, Middleton Road Kilnwick – APPROVED
5. Any other planning applications arising – All members advised of Cottingham Neighbourhood Planning Application – NONE
6. PB raised the issue that Avonside have not attempted to cut their hedge or conifers and again they are starting to obstruct the path. When planning permission was granted stipulations were made that the hedges must be kept in order. Previous letters have been sent to Avonside and no action has been taken to rectify, therefore we will now involve ERYC and write to the Planning department and highways to complain (Clerk)
7. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £3170.98 Reserve account £6669.91 Action Fund £495.13. Clerk confirmed accounts sent to Little John, Auditor.

PAYMENTS - CLERK SALARY £383.33

CLERK EXPENSES £10.08

DW suggested we need to change the authorised bank signatures, following election of new Chairman. Proposal by DW to add Barry Froggatt to list and remove PB, seconded by SC and passed unanimously.

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

* **From elected members**

DW reminded all of his new email address.

SS suggested purchasing a black bin for cemetery which he would then empty to help with overflowing bin outside the cemetery, DW offered large building sacks. SL to check of green bin is still available at the Church then this could be used. SL & DW to report to PCC meeting.

* **From members of the public** - None

1. **Date of next meeting** 25th September 2017 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton

**Meeting closed 20:57**