**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 March 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) Plus 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** -None
2. **Declarations of interest**  Cllr C Adams, Agenda item 11 iiiplanning application17/00324/PLF
3. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 30th January 2017 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record. Proposed by **PM** and seconded by **DW**

The minutes of 14th March 2017 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record. Proposed by **BF** and seconded by **SL**

1. **Matters Arising** – Village walk-a-bout scheduled, email all members the date (18th April 2017 at 9.30 am)
2. **Highway Matters**
3. **Street Lighting** – BF raised the issue of lack of light on Church Street especially around the Church & Hudson Terrace, suggested adding 1 or 2 streetlights. CA advised this is cost prohibited as ERYC have no funds available so either BPC raise funds or wait until 2019 when ERYC scheduled to renew the street lights. DW agreed with the need for more street lighting but reminded the Council that in previous years a few residents objected. Members agreed to ask the opinion of residents via the Bellwether (PB) and write to elected members (Clerk) asking them to put pressure on ERYC regarding the street light scheme. Proposed **BF** Seconded **PM**
4. **Neswick Lane/Applegarth Lane** - Grass triangle damage getting worse, number of pot holes increasing. SS reported a dead, hollow tree (last tree on the right before the first bend) Clerk to report to ERYC
5. **Drainage** – Leaking drain on Back street in the process of being fixed.
6. **Avonside** – Clerk to write and **r**equest that the trees and hedge are cut back to comply with the planning conditions.
7. **Dog Fouling –** Ongoing issue. A notice was placed in the latest edition of the Bellwether to highlight again to residents. BF questioned if the waste bin on Preston lane was in the best position, after discussion it was agreed the bin was well located and being used.
8. **Public footpaths** – No further issues.
9. **Fracking** - No update.
10. **Playground** - Playground maintenance, forward to next agenda
11. **Millennium Wood**

Around a dozen of the new trees have been deliberately damaged along Leafield Road. Several items of rubbish, that children use to build a den had also been slung across part of the field.  The canes have been taken, rabbit guards thrown away & the saplings snapped. This is criminal damage for which BPC are prepared to pursue further. This is disappointing and very disrespectful. PB to add this to the next Bellwether.

Need to purchase Roundup, more canes and ties – purchase with Millennium wood funds

**Green lane** – Ron Whatling has requested to walk the Green lane with BPC to discuss and advise on the development of the woodland corridor. All Councillors welcomed the opportunity. DW to contact Ron regarding dates.

Ron Whatling had also highlighted the state of the Green lane for motorised traffic prior to the meeting via email and had requested to involve the media.  ERYC has a statuary duty to maintain the lane to a reasonable standard for all traffic to pass but most members felt that the depth of the ruts were now working to our advantage, in that it 'self-policed' the lane, by vastly reducing the number of vehicles using the route.  This in turn has reduced illegal fly tipping & hare coursing, both of which were problematic last year. In view of this the members would prefer that the media were not involved.

1. **Communications & PR to the village** – DW requested thanks be minuted to Lisa Byass (present at the meeting) for the work she carries out with the editing of the Bellwether. It was also suggested that thanks are given to all people of the village that volunteer their time on a regular basis, Lisa Byass to add into an edition of the Bellwether.
2. **Planning applications**
3. **16/01895/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn, extension and alterations. – PENDING CONSIDERATION**
4. **16/03475/PLF** - Westfield Farm Driffield Road Bainton - PENDING CONSIDERATION
5. **17/00324/PLF** - Ivy Cottage, Applegarth Lane - APPROVED
6. **17/00271/CM** – Milenco Specialists Ltd, Middleton Road Kilnwick – Members generally welcomed the plans, but looking at the proposals there is currently no intention to screen the proposed facility on its Western Boundary other than by an existing hedge. This means the facility will be very visible from the B1248. Members felt that more effort should be made to break up the mass of the building by additional planting. Any external lighting attached to the building should not illuminate beyond the site boundary. Proposed **SC** Seconded **DW**
7. Any other planning applications arising - **17/00644/PLF** – Eastgarth, Main Street, Bainton. No objection to this planning application as long as traditional materials are used and it is in keeping with the surrounding properties. Proposed **BF** Seconded **CA**

DW highlighted that ERYC new policy regarding planning applications will mean that everyone will need to register to the online portal to allow them to be notified, view and comment on applications. This therefore assumes that everyone has access to a computer. The new policy is undemocratic and disgraceful. Clerk to inform ERYC and copy elected members regarding our concerns.

1. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £1665.66, Reserve account £6669.91, Action Fund £947.72. Audit pack received from Little John.

Invoice received for the hire of the village hall 2016/17 totalling £96.00 payment agreed, Proposed **DW** Seconded **CA**

PAYMENTS - CLERK SALARY £383.33

CLERK EXPENSES £58.68

VILLAGE HALL HIRE £96.00

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

* **From elected members** – None
* **From members of the public**

Mr Byass suggested all Council members contact numbers be advertised in the Bellwether as he had a phone call from a resident recently due to his telephone number being the only one available in the newsletter. The Chair advised that the contact details are displayed in the notice board and on the website.

Mr Byass informed the Council that a gentleman was caught by Mr Beachall picking daffodils by the armful at the layby, when asked not to as it was illegal he became confrontational. The number plate was noted. The Chair advised that the Police should be informed. Clerk to forward the telephone number for our Community Police Officer.

**15. Date of next meeting** 22nd May 2017 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton