**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in Bainton Village Hall**

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

1. **Apologies for absence** -Cllr P Bradnum (**PB)**
2. **Declarations of interest**  - **SL** & **DW** item 12iii PCC Grant application
3. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of 25 September 2017 were offered for approval. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record. Proposed by **CA** and seconded by **SS**

* **PCSO – The Chair welcomed Mr Christopher Webster** **and invited him to speak first.**

**Neswick/Applegarth Lane**

Mr Webster was aware of complaints regarding Neswick/Applegarth Lane where the verges have taken a beating and farm vehicles have laid a carpet of mud from the blinker post bend to the extension church yard.

Mr Webster had visited the Lane over the weekend to inspect it but found the lane to be passable and therefore ERYC would not take action. Any concerns with regards to the mud causing a hazard in the future should be reported to 101 in the first instance, ERYC will not action without a Police referral.

Members concerns were that no warning signs were put up and no attempt has been made to clean up. It is dangerous and highly inconvenient. Neswick Lane is a public highway not a farm track and should be respected as such**.** Mr WebsterSuggested contacting the farmers directly.

**Green Lane**

Hare coursing is a priority for the Police. The Police are targeting Hare coursers all over the County and managed to catch culprits red handed along Green Lane late November. Mr Webster urged no-one to confront hare coursers. Police would support an application to the Council to have the Green Lane closed November to April as this may help to reduce the situation. DW to investigate the seasonal closure.

All members Thanked Mr Webster for attending and his informative update.

1. **Matters Arising** – Pam Bradnum resigned with immediate effect on 22 November 2017. All members wished to place on record their appreciation for all Pam’s work on the Parish Council and as the Chair. Clerk to write to Pam Bradnum on behalf of all members to express sincere thanks.

Clerk will now notify ERYC of the resignation and BPC must wait permission to co-opt. Once permission is received the vacancy will be advertised in the Bellwether, on the website and on the noticeboard.

1. **Highway Matters**
2. **Upgrade of street lights** - No further update
3. **Adopted street lights -** No further update
4. **Lack of street lighting –** BF & CAmet with Mr Jacobsonfrom ERYC on 6 November 2017 to discuss the possible location of additional street lighting on Church Street and to do a preliminary survey. Also looked at street lighting options on Hudson Terrace but due to the narrow footpath it would not be possible unless fitted a light to the houses but this comes with complications.Await the report from Mr Jacobson.
5. **Bus service** - JC & PM held an informal meeting at the Church to discuss the reduced bus services. Residents from Bainton and surrounding villages attended to discuss how as a group how more pressure could be applied to reinstate some services. The main suggestion that came from the meeting was firstly the need to survey the village to assess the impact of the reduced busses and who it is affecting, this had full support from all members. Following the survey JC & PM hope to meet with EYMS and ERYC to present the evidence with a view to having services reinstated. JC & PM were thanked for their hard work.
6. **Bus shelters** – Both Shelters have now been cleared and had one coat of paint.
7. **Green Lane –** Consider seasonal closure of the Green Lane between November & April. DW to look into this for the next meeting.
8. **Village Taskforce update –** Report received from ERYC and circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk to chase ERYC for a response regarding Mr Chris Adams time limited offer with regards to the grass triangle on Applegarth Lane.
9. **Fracking** – Ineos has development rights over a license block just north of Sledmere. We are nearing the deadline for Cuadrilla to announce the results of their desk top exercise.
10. **Playground** – Playground report received and circulated prior to the meeting. All satisfactory, but need to look at replacing the gate closures/hinges.
11. **Millennium Wood** – New trees have arrived. DW thanked JC, SS & BF for their hard work planting. Considering planting trees around the perimeter of the cemetery. DW requested approval to purchase 100 posts, money would come from the Millennium wood funds. Proposed **SS**, seconded **SL**
12. **Communications & PR to the**
13. **Christmas Extravaganza Feedback** – The fair was a tremendous success. DW thanked everyone for their help and support. £1200 raised for the PCC to assist with the running and heating costs.
14. **Emergency Plan Review** – CA has reviewed and updated the emergency plan. The revised pages were printed and a copy given to everyone so that they can update their individual copy. CA was thanked for undertaking the review.
15. **Bellwether** - Janice Summers has kindly volunteered to be the new editor of the Bellwether. DW suggest that the Clerk write to Janice to thank her and offer support with the newsletter.
16. **Planning applications**
17. **16/01895/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn, extension and alterations. – APPLICATION APPROVED**
18. **17/02291/STVARE** **-** Erection of pig breeding and rearing unit – APPLICATION APPROVED
19. **Financial Issues**

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £2549.57 Reserve account £6669.91 Action Fund £495.13.

1. Bank account signatories – Bank signatories have been updated as per previous meeting agreement.
2. Clerk Salary review – Clerk left the room. At the suggestion of CA a brief discussion was held to review the financial position of the Parish Council and how the Council plan to manage reserves over the coming period.

On the Clerk’s return the Chairman advised that a 10% increase in Salary (back dated to June 2017) had been agreed. Proposed **DW**, seconded **SS** and passed unanimously. The Clerk gave her thanks.

1. PCC Grant - Agreed to support The Church with Grass cutting up to the sum of £280, PCC to provide receipts. Proposed **JC** Seconded **PM**
2. Twilight bus grant - Agreed to support Driffield School and to donate £100 to support the twilight bus. Proposed **PM** Seconded **DW**
3. Insurance renewal - no change to the policy. Invoice received £257.60
4. Street light SLA 2017/2018 - Invoice received, reduced form previous year.
5. Precept 2018/2019 (budget) - Clerk & Vice Chair prepared a budget which was circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to request a precept of £3000 for 2017/18. Proposed **DW** Seconded **CA**

PAYMENTS - CLERK SALARY £383.33

CLERK EXPENSES £6.00

D WALFORD (Millennium Wood) £77.40

PLAYSAFETY LTD £79.80

ERYC £573.98

ZURICH £257.60

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

* **From elected members** – DW advised members of a grant available for wild flowers that he will look into for the Millennium Wood project.

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

1. **Date of next meeting** 29 January 2018 at 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bainton

**Meeting closed at 21:37**