

Bainton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7.00 pm in Bainton Village Hall

- 1. Present:** Cllr B Froggatt, Chairman (**BF**), Cllr D Walford, Vice Chairman (**DW**), Cllr S Smith (**SS**), Cllr P Metcalf (**PM**), Cllr S Lowes (**SL**), Cllr S Christie (**SC**), Cllr J Christie (**JC**), Cllr M Clarke (**MC**), Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council) 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first face-to-face meeting since the COVID pandemic.

- 2. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Felicity Temple
- 3. Declarations of interest – Agenda item 9 Bowls club** - Cllr P Metcalf (**PM**), Cllr S Lowes (**SL**), Cllr S Christie (**SC**), Cllr J Christie (**JC**)

- 4. Previous Minutes**

The minutes 26th April 2021 were offered for approval and were unanimously approved. Proposed **DW** and Seconded **PM**

- 5. Matters Arising**

No village walk-a-bout date confirmed for this year yet.
Food bank packs have now been returned

- 6. Vacancy**

A vacancy remains on the Parish Council. The vacancy is advertised each month in the Beacon and remains advertised on the Parish noticeboard (village hall window).

- 7. Highway Matters**

- i) Green Lane/Millennium Wood** – BF has written to ER Highways to complain regarding the state of the Green Lane. The lane remains unfit for purpose and dangerous to walk. DW has recently taken photographs to show the extent of the damage. The ruts are over 1m deep and almost 1 mile of the lane is impassable, the lane is part of the Minster Way and should be to a standard that means people can move along it safely. Since the email, BF wrote, and with the assistance of Ward Councillor Felicity Temple, there is now an onsite meeting being held on Wednesday 28th July 2021 with the Head of Highways department. Contacting the Media was discussed but it was agreed that it should be put on hold until after the meeting. DW and BF will report the outcome of the meeting.
- ii) Potholes** – The condition of the roads and footpaths in the village are appalling and this will be raised at the next village walk-a-bout. DW also suggested that a village walk-a-bout with Felicity Temple may be beneficial. The potholes reported after the last PC meeting have been repaired. South Lane and Church Street are particularly bad still. The potholes along Applegarth Lane and Neswick Lane have been marked up with Yellow lines, which will hopefully mean that they will be repaired in the near future.
- iii) Drains** – There has been works to the drains at Preston Lane/West End, routing the water from the fields to the north side of the houses. This hopefully will have resolved the overflowing drain reported earlier in the year.

- 8. Communications & PR to the village**

- i) Bainton Beacon** – DW reminded everyone that any news or articles for the newsletter should be submitted as soon as possible. Received seven sponsorships so far this year. New printer is working well.
- ii) Noticeboard** – The quotes to install the noticeboard at a different location were expensive as the ER Council insist that a Council approved supplier must be used. Therefore, the noticeboard has been renovated and re-instated in its former location. BF requested Thanks be made to Steve Smith for his hard work digging the holes for the noticeboard. DW and the Clerk will have keys to the lock. A notice to be included in the Beacon for who people should contact if they wish to display anything.
- iii) Social committee** – SS raised the point that there have been many house sales recently in the village and therefore new residents, it was suggested a welcome pack might be a nice idea and a social night to welcome people and bring the village together, possibly at Wolds Village. Details to be decided.

Historically there have been many clubs/groups in the village. It would be nice to get people involved in the village again. All members were in favour of resurrecting the social committee, there are funds available in the social committee fund. A notice will be added to the Beacon, SS and PM offered to be points of contact.

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9. Bowls Club

The Bowls club are to have a final meeting in which they will formally close the Bowls club. Following this, the legal side will have to be set up to transfer the trustee ownership over. An update will be given at the next meeting.

10. Playground

BF & SS have been looking after the playground and keeping it tidy. The laminated sign recently displayed advising users that they use the area at their own risk has been damaged already, but a resident has kindly offered to sign write, Chair and Clerk to confirm the wording.

Last year the railings were sprayed but the rest of the equipment requires a coat of creosote this year. In the near future, a working party should be arranged to complete this along with the bus shelter. It is important that the equipment be kept in good working order.

11. Planning applications

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| i) 21/00706/PLF – Oakwood West End update | Application approved |
| ii) 21/00847/CM – Milenco Ltd, Middleton road | Application approved |
| iii) 21/01568/PLF – Horn Hill Poultry Farm | Application approved |
| iv) 21/01834/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn | Pending consideration |
- DW & BF had an invite from the new owner of Low Farm to meet so the plans for the property could be explained. The renovations are for one substantial family home and they intend to retain as much of the original footprint as possible and landscaping it to help blend into the area.
- v) Any planning applications arising – None

All Councillors were reminded that it is their legal obligation as elected members to respond to emails regarding planning applications. Please can all members respond within 7 days to allow Clerk to plan accordingly.

12. Finance & Administration

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £3640.09 Reserve account £3669.91 Action Fund £0.

- i) **Parish Council Laptop** – Currently very slow and hindering Clerks productivity, unable to carry out Clerk role without the correct equipment. DW has an IT contact that has offered to look at it without cost to the PC. Laptop purchased through the transparency grant in 2016/2017 and estimate to replace would be around £450. Firstly, look into if the laptop can be fixed. Clerk to look into whether there are any grants available for IT equipment at present. Add to the next agenda for an update.

13. Any other business

- **Elected Members** - None
- **Members of the public** – Mr & Mrs Beaumont have recently cleared out the dykes around their property and requested that the PC contact the land owners concerned to clear the areas that they are responsible for. Clerk to write to the land owners

14. Date of next meeting: 27 September 2021 at 7pm

Meeting closed 20:35 pm