

Bainton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th November 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) & 3 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence** – None

3. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Malcolm Clarke agenda item 10ii planning application 21/03425/PLF
Cllr Sue Lowes agenda item 7iii (Access to Church) & agenda item 10
Cllr Phil Metcalf agenda item 7iii (Access to Church) & agenda item 9
Cllr Sue Christie agenda item 10 (Village hall) & agenda item 9
Cllr John Christie agenda item 10 (Village hall) & agenda item 9

4. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes 27th September 2021 were offered for approval and were unanimously approved. Proposed **DW** and Seconded **SC**

5. **Matters Arising** - None

6. **Vacancy**

Resident Paul Brierley expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor prior to the meeting and attended to give a brief overview the attributes that he can bring to the Council.

A closed vote was held to co-opt Mr Brierley which was unanimous. MC proposed that Mr Brierley be co-opted, Seconded by SS, all members unanimously agreed
Clerk to provide Mr Brierley with the relevant forms be completed.

7. **Highway Matters**

- i) **Green Lane/Millennium Wood** – Now seasonal closures have commenced on other local lanes we see more usage on Bainton green lane. With regards to improvement works so far more planings have arrived on site. A local walking group have complained to ERYC regarding the lane not being fit for purpose. Chair to make contact with Ramblers Association to get their opinion and possible assistance with progressing the green lane improvements.
Offer of free trees received but DW kindly declined due to the current state of the Green Lane.
- ii) **Drainage Church Street** – Contact was made with ERYC after last meeting. ERYC have confirmed that Bainton is on the list for investigation works but currently no timescales can be provided.
- iii) **Access to the Church** – Request for handrails on the entrance steps to the Church. SL advised that the Church committee has this in hand. The back entrance access to the Church is also limited due to the mud. As the area past the boundary wall does not belong to the Church and is privately owned the PCC will have to enquire about solutions.

8. **Communications & PR to the village**

- i) Bainton Beacon – Paul Brierley has assisted DW with the latest edition. Money has been raised through the Christmas greetings to help fund the newsletter. More sponsorship funds have been received. The next edition will be the Christmas edition and therefore will be released nearer to the Christmas period.
- ii) Website – Chair would like the site to be more widely utilised. DW to include/advertise this in the Beacon.
- iii) New resident's night – Successful night that brought people together and introduced new comers to

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the village. Lots of positives came from the evening.

iv) Social activities – the new resident's night has helped to gain 6 more volunteers.

9. Bowls club

The bowling green land is a community asset which the bowls club have voted should be put into trusteeship under an official body and then protected as a village amenity for the future. The land was gifted to the village in 1951 and is currently not registered.

A discussion was held as to whether the Parish Council wish to take on the land on behalf of the village and it was agreed that the Parish Council would do their best to secure the land for the future community. PM making enquires.

Proposed by **PM** and seconded by **JC**, all members in favour

10. Village Hall

Mr & Mrs Beaumont (present at the meeting) kindly run the village hall and take responsibility for it as a village asset.

The Chairman complemented Mr & Mrs Beaumont who have been successful in securing grants for the village hall following the pandemic, (the grants do not have to be re-paid). The next meeting of the village hall committee intends to discuss ideas for capital expenditure. To date Wifi has been installed which will benefit all who use the hall. Any other suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to Mr & Mrs Beaumont.

The Chair suggested that the village hall committee consider taking on new members from the Social committee which was welcomed.

It was requested that the minutes of the Village Hall committee be added to the village website. The minutes have never been published before as they are in a minute book not electronic but the committee are happy to look into this.

A request of a financial contribution from the village hall grants towards the future maintenance of the bowling green was discussed. There are factors to consider, such as the current machinery available and whether it is best to outsource the maintenance work or to rely on volunteers.

In view of concerns expressed by several members, all parties are to work together to try & safeguard the long-term status of the land taken by the bowls green & village hall as a 'community asset', registered with the Land Registry by the Parish Council. A sub committee of: PM, JC, Steve Beaumont & Josie Beaumont to meet & report back to future meetings.

11. **Playground** - General maintenance has been carried out by SS & BF

12. Planning applications

- i) 21/01834/PLF – Low Farm Kirkburn - Still pending consideration which ERYC
- ii) 21/03425/PLF – Land of North Lyndale West End - Still pending consideration which ERYC
- iii) 21/03755/PLF – Westfield Farm - Still pending consideration which ERYC
- iv) 21/02913/TCA – Glencoe House – ERYC decision, No Objection (fell & prune)

13. Finance & Administration

Bank reconciliations circulated prior to the meeting. Current account £2624.81 Reserve account £3669.91, Action Fund £0.

- i) Insurance renewal – Zurich insurance renewal due on 1st January 2022. Renewal premium £257.60, Clerk to process payment.
- ii) Street light agreement – ERYC Street light SLA invoice received for £490.46. Clerk to process

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payment.

Payments:

Clerk	£446.97
Flair office supplies	£28.80
ERYC SLA	£490.46
Insurance	£257.60

14. Any other business

- Elected Members – Enquiry regarding a memorial bench. Parish Council happy to discuss a location and assist in liaising with ERYC
- Members of the public - None

15. **Date of next meeting:** 10th January 2022 at 7pm to include the precept.

Meeting closed 9.06 pm