

## Minutes of BAINTON & ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in the Reading Room, Bainton.**

Present: Councillors Mr M Lucas, Ms S Lucas (Chairman), Mr C Stanton (Vice-Chairman) and Ms I Walsh and Ward Councillor David Over (left at 19:20)

Clerk; Miss J Rice

Members of the public; 2 from the Traffic Calming Working Group plus 3 more.

<b>23/72</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	<b>To receive and note apologies received by the Clerk.</b> There were no apologies, all Councillors were present.
<b>23/73</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
	<b>To receive all declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). There were no declarations of interest made.
<b>23/74</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
	<b>Arrangements will be made for the public to join the meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda.</b> One resident was there for item 81.8 and was invited to speak then. Two residents raised concerns over the effects of the recent flooding and the raw sewerage still in residents' gardens. They praised the community spirit and support to deal with some aspects of the flooding. They also commented that there is confusion over who is responsible for what and the various reasons that affect the impact of high rainfall eg ditches not maintained by landowners, culverts old and inadequate. It was noted that the Welland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) said they will write to landowners to remind them of their responsibilities to keep their ditches clear and free flowing. It was discussed whether a new group "Bainton and Ashton Flooding" might be useful and a decision will be made whether to ask residents about joining. The traffic calming group updated the meeting on the data (just under 60% go over 30mph) being verified and waiting for the Police and Crime Commissioner's office to respond and help. They confirmed they are keen for more people to get involved with the group. The Chairman confirmed that the 20mph project is progressing separately for Bainton and the ward measures are still being discussed to decide on the various options as views are differing at present, especially speeds between villages.
<b>23/75</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (previously circulated)</b>
	<b>To agree the minutes of the last meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 are a true record. Minutes to be signed by the Chairman.</b> The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman, including the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 3/1/24.
<b>23/76</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting for information.</b> There were none.
<b>23/77</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE, TRAINING AND FINANCE</b>
	<b>77.1</b> <b>To receive and discuss quarterly finance position to end of December to use for any decisions, herewith, and resolve any queries, circulated.</b> The finance report was received and noted. The Clerk explained that the basic budget is 76% spent at 75% through the year and that the project expenditure has not been spent as yet, apart from the new website. The asset maintenance and allotment maintenance budgets are still available too. The bank balance of £13202 includes 4k for Sheepwash, £2500 for traffic calming and 1k for nature recovery. An extra £500 grant from the Community Leadership Fund is still to be spent on the County Wildlife Site development and awareness, plus there is £300 grant still for the new bench base at the Sheepwash. General reserves are predicted at 3k at end of year.
	<b>77.2</b> <b>To nominate a new internal financial checker and arrange quarterly checks.</b> It was agreed that Cllr M Lucas will perform this task. <b>Action Cllr M Lucas</b>
	<b>77.3</b> <b>To note Parish Councillor vacancy notice displayed and agree recruitment campaign if necessary.</b> It was agreed to put this in the Parish News and on social media, plus Councillors to approach residents where possible. It was also agreed to do a newsletter with more information on the role and the flood group.

Signed by Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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	77.4	<b>To note training opportunities on social media, FOI, Climate Change and Sustainability, Biodiversity Crisis, data protection and agree bookings.</b> There were no new bookings required – the new Councillor will need basic training in due course.
23/78	<b>REPORT FROM DAVID OVER, WARD COUNCILLOR To receive and note latest report from Cllr Over.</b> Unfortunately, Cllr Over had to leave at 19:20.	
23/79	<b>PARISH PROJECTS</b>	
	79.1	<b>To receive update on new gov.uk website and emails (live from 3/11/23) and resolve any issues – especially if all Councillors on gov.uk addresses.</b> Not all Councillors are signed in as yet, but it is in hand. Action Cllrs
	79.2	<b>To receive and note update from the Nature Recovery Group and agree any expenditure.</b> The latest meeting's minutes were circulated and will be uploaded to the website. There has been a cluster meeting too with other parishes and information on grants available, professional gardeners and trees in crops.
	79.3	<b>To receive and note feedback from James Collingridge, PCC and resolve any actions.</b> The 20mph introduction and process is in hand and other measures to be discussed.
	79.4	<b>To receive update from Traffic Calming Group, including correspondence from resident.</b> This was covered in public time above and correspondence noted.
	79.5	<b>To receive and note update on Highfield Road verges, actions agreed by PCC.</b> There has been no feedback following the meeting on site and this will be chased up. Action Clerk
	79.6	<b>To receive and note update on Sheepwash renovation project.</b> It was noted that the project is slowly progressing and is looking good so far. The weather has been prohibitive but some help is in hand.
	79.7	<b>To consider Parish Council Climate Action Plan/Group.</b> This was discussed and all agreed that the principle is supported and work on nature recovery and the environment is plentiful. More formal groups were ruled out due to resource but a statement that the Parish Council will consider the environment and impact on climate change in every policy and action will be made and committed to. Action Clerk
23/80	<b>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES/VILLAGE AND ASSET MAINTENANCE</b>	
	80.1	<b>To receive information regarding any new maintenance issues and agree any action/expenditure.</b> Cllr Stanton reported that the PCC has changed plans to plant a tree on the Pinfold due to rare orchids in situ there. It was noted that wet leaves are a problem in many places still.
	80.2	<b>To note recent damage to verges and resolve any action.</b> It was noted that the extensive damage due to larger agricultural vehicles using the narrow lanes has been rectified with co-operation from farmers and this was very much appreciated.
	80.3	<b>To receive feedback from Councillor annual assets check of benches, posts, seats and bins, plus play area. To note asset maintenance budget of £450.</b> This will be carried forward.
	80.4	<b>To note issue with recent flooding, foul sewerage and complaints to Anglian Water and resolve further action.</b> See above also public time. Anglian Water has been contacted again regarding the sewage in gardens re-occurring and communication from a resident was noted. The Internal Drainage Board is visiting to check for obstructions and will write to landowners to clear their ditches. A resident group will be explored and also PCC approached for help, plus enquiries made regarding replacement of old, small culverts and excessive water on the road. Action Clerk
23/81	<b>PLANNING To receive details of applications and note or resolve council response.</b>	
	81.1	<b>To note latest on planning enforcement case started for reporting of cars parked/stored on land off B1443, new case officer. Planning Authority awaiting response to Planning Contravention Notice sent to resident and then follow up action is planned.</b> More photos are available if needed and the Enforcement team has confirmed it is following it up and time is needed to let the respondent answer questions and further investigate. It was noted that residents are increasingly concerned about the structure present, the power supply and move from agricultural to industrial due to noise and the activity.
	81.2	<b>23/01408/OUT Outline application with some matters reserved for a S/S 2 bedroom detached bungalow at Stoneycroft, Ufford Road, Bainton. Deadline 8/11/23</b> Response sent. Refused 6/12/23.
	81.3	<b>23/01340/HHFUL Rear S/S extension, front S/S extension and assoc works at Waterside, Ufford Road, Bainton. Deadline extended.</b> Response sent. Permitted 24/11/23.

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	81.4	23/01601/CTR Cherry raise crown to 4m, shape and reduce tree by 2-3m. Deadline 13/12/23. No issues. Permitted 19/12/23.
	81.5	To note response agreed to consultation on sites put forward for draft Peterborough Local Plan. It was noted that following an extraordinary meeting due to timescales, a draft response was agreed and submitted.
	81.6	23/01415/WCPP variation of conditions at Cook's Farm, Bainton Green Road. Response sent, permitted 20/12/23.
	81.7	To receive and note feedback on process for nominating trees for tree preservation orders (TPOs) and agree action. The Tree Officer has been approached and awaiting details.
	81.8	To consider a new planning working group or committee to involve residents' input and decide a way forward. Draft terms of reference circulated. The merits of a working group or a committee were discussed, with the pros and cons of time, resources and deadlines meaning it is difficult to have the additional meetings. It was decided to continue as at present, with Cllr M Lucas gathering information and talking to residents affected and experts before the council meeting where the response will be decided.
	81.9	23/01509/LBC replacement windows on ground floor and front door at 21 Church Lane, Bainton. No issues. Permitted 3/1/24.
23/82	82.1	<b>PARISH/COMMUNITY/PCC LIAISON</b> a) To receive and note feedback from Parish Liaison Group meeting and feedback from Ward meeting. It was noted that there were no meetings recently. Cllr S Lucas is to attend the Local Plan briefing by PCC. b) To receive feedback from Good Neighbours AGM 22/11/23. It was attended and it was noted that membership is growing positively.
23/83		<b>COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE</b> a) Local plan sites allocated observations from resident. This was noted and taken into consideration for the response above. b) Resident communication on the proposed 20mph limit. This was noted and the traffic group have details and expressed a keenness to include more residents in their group. c) An application for a grant from the Community Leadership Fund will be submitted for £500 for more plants in Ashton and signage and plants at the Sheepwash.
23/84	<b>PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS: Payments were agreed to be made/made as follows;</b>	
	84.1	Leics Gardens grass cutting bill £480 paid 5/12/23
	84.2	HMRC employee tax to deduct from January £67.20 paid December 5/12 January £67.40
	84.3	Clerk mileage Oct - Dec £52.65
	84.4	Clerk ink plan share Dec and Jan £4.95 x 2 = £9.90
	84.5	Clerk salary end of January £336.37 plus home office £26 less tax tbc £294.97
	84.6	Xmas trees and lights £240 paid 13/12/2023 £52.56
	84.7	Village Tribune subs from S137 £200
	84.8	Reimburse Cllr Stanton and J Stanton for bulbs/nature recovery info boards £108.10
	84.9	Community Leadership Fund grant received 22/11/23 £500 Instant access interest received £35.75
23/85	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 5/3/2024 at 7pm in the Reading Room, Bainton and the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting will be on 7/5/24.  At the end of the meeting, Councillor C Stanton announced his resignation as Parish Councillor and will confirm this in writing to the Chairman. There will be no opportunity for a bi-election however the Parish Council can co-opt ahead of the May elections if they wish.	

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