Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 22nd May at 8.30pm in the Village Hall, Bainton

1. **Present**

Mrs P Bradnum (Chair), Mr D Walford (Vice Chairman), Mr J Christie, Mrs S Christie, Mrs S Lowes, Mr S Smith, Mr C Adams, Mr B Froggatt, Mr P Metcalf, Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council) & 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

1. **Chairman’s report**

The Chair had circulated her report, which summarised 2016/217, prior to the meeting. All members had read the report. Report attached.

1. **Matters raised by the residents of the parish**

Resident had enquired about a road from Preston Lane to Westfield Farm (from a planning application) – PB advised that as far as the PC are aware this road was not going to be used in conjunction with this application.

1. **Close of meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

**CHAIRMAN REPORT 2016/17**

I would like to say thank you to the members of the council who have done such a lot this year for the good of every resident of our village. I would also like to thank our clerk Elaine for her continued support, IT skills and help to keep us all up to date with new changes to our working patterns.

**Bellwether**

I am so glad Lisa Byass decided to take the Bellwether over when Val felt she could not continue. Lisa is doing a great job and it keeps the village informed of all the great activities on offer, as well as information on the dealings of the Parish Council. I think Val did a fantastic job and chose the right person to take over.

**Crime and policing**

Driffield police keep us informed through David Walford of any issues that arise. We seem to be seeing more petty crime and cyber- crime than we have had in the past, but fortunately not as much as other areas.

**Highways issues**

This is very frustrating, the state of our roads and footpaths continue to deteriorate yet the East Riding of Yorkshire Council say they do not have the finances to repair our roads until 2019/20. We are a main road for traffic to the coast and l think their view is unacceptable, especially with such heavy vehicles using the roads. This also affects the minor roads especially Neswick Lane.

Traffic continues to increase especially during the summer months when it can be quite difficult to get out onto the main road or cross it, even at the pelican crossing. We do not have any information regarding our phone box but l do hope we are able to keep it, with such heavy traffic use l am sure it is a safety issue. Should Fracking come to our area the traffic will become even more of a problem.

**Millennium wood**

The planting of more trees has been a great success even though vandals have caused us a problem. It was lovely to see the two Oak trees planted by the playground, one of which was to celebrate the life of Miles who is greatly missed.

**Future**

This is hard to predict, especially as the status of Fracking in our area is unknown, if it is close to our village the traffic will double and we will suffer a lot of disruption.

I think the Parish Council is very clear about its responsibilities to our village, especially on the issue of transparency and spending our precept. We make a big effort to inform every one of our meetings, via our web-site and notice board. The minuets are put onto our web-site and in the church book, and we do a short write up of what we debate at meetings into the Bellwether. I must however caution councillors about passing on e-mails to a third party, this must not be done without asking the permission of whoever sent the e-mail.

I still believe it is vital the Parish Council stays completely neutral and independent of any other organisation.

Pam Bradnum, Chairman.