Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020 at 8.30pm in the Village Hall, Bainton

1. **Present**

Mrs B Froggatt (Chair), Mr D Walford (Vice Chair), Mr J Christie (JC), Mr S Smith (SS), Mrs S Christie (SC), Mr P Metcalf (PM), Mrs S Lowes (SL)**,** Mr Andy Allen (AA), Mrs E Brooks (Clerk to the Council). 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

1. **Chairman’s report**

A very difficult year for everybody and will be for some to come, however the work of the Parish council carries on regardless.

The start of the year commenced with the village Street Scene and several members of the PC met with ERYC officials to point out items of work or repair which needed attention. Footpaths in the village which need attention will not be done until next year, but a large parking space has been provided outside the cemetery. We have also had the street lights upgraded on Church Street and Dead lane. On the whole a satisfactory outcome to the meeting.

We were sad to hear that Bowls club are no longer able to operate due to lack of members. Discussions took place with the members and it was decided the PC would take on the responsibility for the green and surrounds. The legal side of the land transfer will take some time to complete.

The editor of the Bellwether decided that she could no longer continue in her role. In the absence of anyone wishing to take on the job, we are indebted our Vice- Chairman who offered to take on the job together with PC members to help with production, content and distribution. Produced on our own printing machine the newly named Bainton Beacon is proving to be a useful and informative means of communication for the village.

We were pleased to welcome our new Vicar Jane Anderson to one of our meetings who told us a little of her background and role as Vicar. We hope she will be happy in Bainton and wish her all the best for the future.

At our meeting in January 2020 we got the first inkling of the coronavirus problem and how it would affect us all. At the March meeting we discovered how serious the problem was and as a PC we should react. Events planned to take place in the village hall were cancelled and a special edition of the Beacon was printed for residents requiring help or advice. As a Parish council we feel that we have responded well to the crisis considering the limited resources at our disposal and the difficult circumstances in which we had to work.

The finances of the PC remain robust under the watchful eye of our Parish clerk whose hard work and attention to detail greatly appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank all members, volunteers, helpers who gave their time and energy in difficult circumstances.

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

None

1. **Close of meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone.