

Minutes of Waddingham Annual Parish Meeting
On Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Hall

The Annual Parish meeting was held in the Jubilee Hall under the Chairmanship of Councillor David Waite. Eight electors were in attendance. The Chairman gave his report for the year, which included the following events that had occurred in the Parish in the last year:

- The Parish Council Elections were held in May 2015 and two new Parish Councillors, Councillor's Colin Metcalfe and Laretta Williams were elected to represent Waddingham Parish Council.
- The Parish Council maintained its policy of only donating financial contributions locally, with donations to Waddingham Parochial Church Council to help with maintenance of the Churchyard in the sum of £300 and £200 to the Triangle Magazine to assist with ongoing running costs.
- A request of £6,500 for the Parish Council Precept for 2016/17 was made and granted by West Lindsey District Council, the same precept as in the previous financial year, 2015/16.
- The Annual Return of Accounts for Waddingham Parish Council was completed by the external Auditors Grant Thornton in July 2015 and confirmed as in accordance with proper practices.
- The Chairman thanked Viv Hallam from Bishop Norton for internally auditing the Parish Council Accounts for 2014/15.
- In line with a recommendation from the Auditors, Members had reviewed the Financial Regulations of the Council and updated them in accordance with the latest NALC model Financial Regulations.
- A Risk Assessment has been carried out to ensure any financial risks are maintained by the Parish Council and also, a report was produced confirming the effectiveness of the Internal Audit controls within the Parish Council.
- The Waddingham Parish Council Website is now up and running and proving very popular. The cost of setting up the website was fully funded by the West Lindsey District Council Community Chest Fund. The Chairman thanked Councillor Watson for her work in helping set up the website and many thanks also to Freddie Richardson for his work, time and effort in creating the website.
- In December 2014, the Department for Communities & Local Government issued the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, in order to make information more available for local people to increase democratic accountability. The Parish Council adopted the Transparency Code in July 2015.
- The most significant Planning Application was for the Development of 4 Residential Units on Land Off Silver Street. A special meeting was held in July and eleven members of the Public attended, many expressing concerns. A request to hold a site meeting to discuss all the concerns was turned down by West Lindsey District Council. Despite objections from the Parish Council and Residents, the application was granted in November 2015.
- Work has again been carried out to maintain the Flood Relief Channel and to keep Waddingham Beck clear.
- The Chairman thanked JW Cousins (Farmers) & Sons Ltd for the continued good work cutting the Village Greens and generally keeping it in a good condition.
- The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for their continued good work during 2015/16.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.