The meeting opened at 11.00 am and was attended by 81 members.
The Chairman of the Association, Roger King, welcomed members and guests.

1. **Apologies for absence**
   
   Apologies were received from Ian and Shirley Anderson, Elinor Bailey, Della Brotherston, Brian Purkiss, Christine and Mark Truman, Alison and Nigel Rutter, Enid Webster, Jean Willetts and Jim Wilson.

2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**
   
   The minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19 March 2016, which had been circulated with the June 2016 Newsletter, were signed as approved, proposed by Colin Sherwood and seconded by Eileen Sparks.

3. **Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting**
   
   The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 15 October 2016, which had been circulated with the March 2017 Newsletter, were signed as approved, proposed by Carole Wright and seconded by Anita Dormer.

4. **Annual Report for 2016**
   
   A report prepared by the Chairman, Roger King, had been circulated with the March Newsletter. He thanked the chairmen of the sub-groups who had contributed to his report and also recorded thanks to Della Brotherston, who has retired as newsletter editor, and to Catherine Brophy, who has taken over from Della. His report of the year’s activities was approved.

5. **Accounts for 2016**
   
   The balance sheet and income & expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 had been circulated with the March Newsletter. The Hon. Treasurer, Roger Mortimer, said that there had again been a deficit for the last financial year, mainly because we have tried to keep our donation to the National Trust as high as possible. Members' subscriptions increased with effect from January 2017 and Roger said that it is hoped that the current level of subscriptions can be kept for the next five years.

   Roger invited questions on the accounts. The accounts were then adopted, proposed by Martin Lander, seconded by Evelyn Lander and agreed unanimously.

6. **Donation to the National Trust**
   
   Carole Wright, Treasurer of the Projects Committee, presented a cheque for £6,500 to Clare Alton-Fletcher, the Volunteer and Visitor Experience Manager of the York Area Properties. On behalf of the National Trust, Clare thanked the Association for its generous donation, and she then spoke briefly about how our donations have been used at Goddards, Treasurer’s House and Beningbrough. Major refurbishment has been carried out at Goddards and the house will reopen to the public on 12 April.

7. **Election of Association Officers for 2017-18**
   
   Roger King (Chairman), Peter Denton (Vice Chairman), Jean Haywood (Hon. Secretary) and Roger Mortimer (Hon. Treasurer), having previously been proposed and seconded, were unanimously elected for 2017-18 (proposed by Colin Sherwood and seconded by Evelyn Lander).
8. Election of Members to the Association Committee for 2017-18

Elinor Bailey (Membership Secretary), Christine Truman (Chairman, Projects Committee), Colin Sherwood (Chairman, Programme Committee), Alison Rutter (Chairman, Walks Group) and Carole Wright, having previously been proposed and seconded, were unanimously elected to the main Committee for 2017-18 (proposed by Pauline Walker and seconded by Elizabeth Hjort).

9. Appointment of Accounts Examiners for 2017-18

Proposed by Peter Denton and seconded by Catherine Brophy, the appointment was unanimously agreed of BHP Chartered Accountants as the Association’s Independent Examiners for 2017-18. Thanks were recorded to the company for their financial advice over many years.

10. Chairman’s Remarks

The Chairman drew members’ attention to the good programme of events organised for the forthcoming year. He encouraged members to attend the Palm Court afternoon tea on 27 April and hoped that more will support the monthly lunches at Walmgate Ale House.

11. Any other business

The Chairman mentioned that two of the three day trips already advertised are now fully subscribed. Brian Joscelyne expressed his concern about the increased cost of the Association’s day trips, especially if a couple wished to go. The committee will consider this, but the cost of a day trip is worked out on the basis that not all of the seats on the coach might be filled, and several members commented on how expensive it is to hire a coach. It might therefore be possible to keep costs down if we encourage more people to book and try to ensure that all trips are fully subscribed. A request was made that reminders are sent out electronically and included on the Association’s website about forthcoming day trips and holidays and the number of places still available. It was agreed that this would be helpful for members who have access to a computer and in fact electronic reminders are already being sent out on a regular basis, but we need to remember that many of our members are unable to access online information. There is a need to improve communication, but at present we have a vacancy for someone to manage our website and we need to find a volunteer willing to take on this task.

A plea was made for more members to receive the newsletter electronically, which would help to keep down costs. Roger Mortimer will, in response to a question on the proportion of costs of trips which is included in the Association’s donation to the National Trust, meet the treasurers of the various sub-groups to discuss financial reporting.

An appeal was made for helpers for the summer fair at St Crux on 30 June. The summer garden party will be held at Goddards on Tuesday 8 August, and ticket numbers will be limited to fifty. A booking form will be included with the next newsletter.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11.30 am.