

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

18th January 2024

Present: Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Lynda Hoyle and Cllrs Dominic Johnson, David Barnett, Michelle Wallis, Colin Veitch, Alan Mercer and Stuart Savage, together with Ward Councillor Andrew Cousins.

The 15-minute question time was not utilised

1. Cllrs acknowledged that Cllr Innis had resigned. The Clerk advised that the statutory notices have been displayed and that if 10 electors do not call for an election, the Parish Council can co-opt from the 31st January 2024.
2. There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.
3. The Minutes of the Meeting of the 14th December 2023 were signed as a true record.

4. **Planning Matters**

4.1 Councillors were notified that Planning Application 23/01668/PLF| Change of use of land and buildings from agricultural to B8 Use Class | Endfield Nurseries Storking Lane Wilberfoss has been **granted permission**.

5. Ward Cllr Andrew Cousins advised that there had been no response from ERYC to our queries about parish boundary changes and speed survey results. He confirmed Ward Councillors will continue to chase.

Having failed to get a response from Kier Constructions regarding a contribution to the purchase of speed indicator signage, Cllr Cousins suggested the Clerk reach out to Cllr Leo Hammond who he understands has had some success getting the same for Fangfoss parish. Cllr Veitch also suggested we might approach M&M Wood who have just been given planning permission to a change of use from a storage to a storage and distribution centre at their site on Ling Lane. It was acknowledged that Kier Construction have supported several community projects in the area, to include floodlighting for the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Wilberfoss School.

Cllr Cousins provided Cllrs with a response that mirrored the planning consent for the 15 chalets west of Southfield Farm. The Parish Council was encouraged to monitor progress and request statistics from the site through East Riding of Yorkshire Council, to ensure that the constraints/requirements of the consent are being continually met.

Cllr Cousins encouraged Cllrs to respond to the public consultation regarding the proposed Devolution. He explained in detail what he felt the benefits and disadvantages were in the proposed deal. He encouraged members to attend a face-to-face event at Frances Scaife from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm on 1st February 2024. Cllr Barnett questioned how the Devolution, if passed, would affect the current proposal for a dualling of the A1079 at Wilberfoss. A definitive answer was not known.

Cllr Cousins further advised that at a Western Parishes meeting he had suggested the resurrection of the Action A1079 Campaign Group which he thinks should focus not just on the overall safety of the trunk road, but on white lining and cats eyes that need attention.

6. The Clerk advised of a recent request from the ground maintenance contractor for mole eradication to be carried out before the new cutting season starts. The Clerk further advised that she is having trouble finding a contractor who will leave equipment on public open spaces. Cllr Cousins offered to approach Newton upon Derwent Parish Council to ask whether they have a contact, because the Clerk has had no success speaking to other neighbouring Clerks.

Cllr Veitch enquired as to who is responsible for the maintenance of grass verges on housing estates, in particular on Willow Park Road where one has been badly damaged by construction traffic. The Clerk advised that it is a grey area as some households take on the maintenance responsibility. Cllr Veitch was asked to provide photographic evidence which will be shared with East Riding of Yorkshire Council Planning Department.

7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings.**

- 7.1 The Clerk advised that the end of grant reporting form for the DIFEY fund had been successfully submitted and the remaining £2,500 due from the fund has been credited to the Parish Council's account.
- 7.2 The Clerk advised that despite chasers she and Ward Cllrs have made, the results of the recent speed surveys have still not been forthcoming. Chaser emails will continue, and Cllr Cousins encouraged the Clerk to use the new 'Parish Open Door' facility offered by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Despite a lack of data, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the provision of speed activation signage. The Clerk had secured 3 quotes and Cllrs were in favour of a portable unit. Clarification about what, if any, permissions are needed from East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be sought before any purchase and Cllr Veitch offered to meet with the proposed supplier. It was agreed that if the Parish Council is given the go ahead, two units will be purchased using funds from the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Quarry Fund. Cllr Cousins enquired as to whether the Parish Council would consider a joint purchase with Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council. Cllrs are currently reluctant because the Council has the funds to make the purchase, but they did not rule out renting the equipment in due course.

Cllr Mercer enquired as to who would be responsible for the units and it was acknowledged that they would be the responsibility of Wilberfoss Parish Council.

8. **Environment & Community Matters (to include Highways & Footways, Health, Education, Policing, Street Lighting and Community Groups)**

- 8.1 The Clerk presented Councillors with a letter of complaint linked to anti-social behaviour by neighbours on Moorfield Way. The letter was sent anonymously so a direct response is impossible, but Cllr Cousins advised that he has some flyers that may prove useful.
- 8.2 Cllrs Rains and Savage offered to attend the Town and Parish Council Communities and Environment event, taking place at Burnby Hall.
- 8.3 The Clerk advised that she has begun discussions with volunteers and the landlord at the Oddfellows Arms about events to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Discussions are ongoing about a possible resurrection of the Elders Party to coincide with the Anniversary and a meeting between the previous organiser and current volunteers has been organised. The Chair enquired as to whether East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be providing any funding opportunities. The Clerk advised that nothing has been advertised to date.
- 8.4 Cllr Savage enquired as to whether the X46 bus service could divert through the village because elderly residents he is in contact with are fearful of crossing the A1079 to access the service. Cllr Cousins advised that he would make an initial informal enquiry of a contact he has, pointing out the current safety and access concerns of Wilberfoss residents.
- 8.5 A brief discussion took place regarding the approach the Parish Council will take to vehicles parking on pavements. A Newsletter campaign will be used in the first instance.

9. **Councillors' Reports for future Agendas**

- 9.1 Cllr Veitch asked that Cllrs consider projects to enhance the village so that the Council can consider them at February's meeting and the Council's Action Plan can be updated.
- 9.2 Cllr Savage advised that he had received information to suggest that Openreach are coming to the end of the FTTP project. This was disputed by those in the room who were still waiting to be connected.

10. **Administration Matters**

- 10.1 The Clerk will again share the suggested wording for a Social Media policy to be adopted by the Parish Council.

11. **Finance** (in accordance with *The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, Part 4(19)*) members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting before details of the employees' salaries are revealed but will be permitted to stay for all other payment details. Copies of the Parish Council Minutes are displayed on the two Parish Council village notice boards on Main Street and Willow Park Road and on the parish website (www.wilberfossparish.org.uk).

11.1 The Clerk sought approval of the following payments:-

Combined staff wages	£807.54
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£565.07
Grimston Landscapes (Brownie Garden fence maintenance)	£144.00
IONOS Cloud Limited (website hosting)	£15.00

11.2 Cllrs approved an increase of £1,000 in the Precept for 2024-2025. A demand for £22,000 has subsequently been submitted.

Meeting closed:- 21.28

The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 15th February 2024 from 7.30 pm.

Chair Clerk