

**WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Present:** Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Lynda Hoyle and Cllrs David Barnett, Colin Veitch, Stuart Savage and Alan Mercer, together with Ward Cllr Dale Needham, a member of the public and prior to the meeting taking place, David Siddle, East Riding of Yorkshire Council Rural Housing Enabler.

The 15-minute question time was offered to David who spoke about his role. An appraisal is attached as Appendix I

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Gemma Gibbs. It was acknowledged that Cllr Michelle Wallis had resigned. The Clerk advised that the vacancy notices are on display in the Parish Council notice boards and she further confirmed that there have been no applications for the current vacancy.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Councillor present.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were signed as a true record.

**4. Planning Matters**

- 4.1 Cllrs spoke at length about the proposal by Engie to site an Anaerobic Digestion facility on Long Lane, between Wilberfoss and Catton parishes.

The Chair confirmed his attendance at the Open Meeting provided by Engie and gave an appraisal of discussions he had had with representatives of Engie. Cllrs share genuine concerns about the increase in traffic on the A1079, odours coming from the site, the potential for an increase in houseflies due to the collection of chicken waste, the impact of leaks into the watercourse and a concern that too many of these facilities are being built within close proximity to each other, which could result in a lack of waste to fuel the digester locally. Councillors are keen to visit existing Engie sites and talk to local communities impacted by their facilities.

Without a better understanding of the impact on communities, and without further consideration by Engie, Wilberfoss Parish Council is currently opposed to the proposal.

5. Ward Cllr Needham encouraged Cllrs to attend an upcoming consultation meeting proposing the designate the [Yorkshire Wolds as an Area of Natural Beauty](#). Several drop-in events are taking place, with the nearest ones being at Pocklington Scout Hut on the 13<sup>th</sup> November between 12.00 pm and 6.00 pm and Millington Village Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> November between 12.00 pm and 7.00 pm.
6. There had been no urgent decisions taken since the last meeting.

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

- 7.1 It was acknowledged that the Clerk's attempts to find a local resident willing to assist the Council in meeting website accessibility legislation had not been fruitful. Having had three supplier quotes, a unanimous decision was taken to appoint Easy Websites to upgrade the Parish Council website, providing a .gov.uk domain name and hosting the site.
- 7.2 Following incidents of antisocial behaviour in the village, the Clerk advised that PC John Day from Humberside Police has advised that it would not be prudent for the Parish Council to post pictures of suspected offenders online. Cllr Savage asked the Clerk to enquire whether photographs of offenders are of interest to the police directly though.
- 7.3 The Clerk advised that she had reached out to Sutton on Derwent Parish Council and sent a subsequent chaser asking whether they would like to submit a joint application to the PCC for funding to purchase a Speed Indicator Device. A response is awaited. In the meantime, the Clerk has begun the process of completing the funding application. Although it was acknowledged that 3 locations covering Main Street and Storking Lane have been

identified, an initial site location of Ling Lane/Storking Lane will be proposed. Here residents have made a makeshift 30 mph sign and there are no footpaths into the village.

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

8.1 David Siddle, Rural Housing Enabler, had addressed the meeting in the 15 question time allocated before the meeting. He spoke about his role as the East Riding Rural Housing Enabler, a role he carries out on a part-time basis and is the only RHE in the East Riding. His role is to:-

- Promote the delivery of affordable housing in smaller communities
- Identify first time buyers/seniors and/or people living alone who may not be able to afford market value properties
- Identify Rural Exception Sites
- Support Town and Parish Councils who identify a need for affordable housing

It was established that a Rural Exception Site is one which is outside of a development boundary but if identified would only provide homes for people living within the parish or those with a strong connection to the parish. This is unlike shared ownership provided by private developers where these properties are open to all and in some cases, through the staircase scheme could be wholly owned by the person who initially bought them through a shared ownership scheme.

David will not at this stage conduct a Housing Needs Survey but was keen to share his role with the Parish Council if a need was ever identified locally in the future.

8.2 Cllrs were asked to consider projects for the 2025-2026 Precept.

Cllr Veitch suggested the Council considers employing someone to clean street furniture and bridges a couple of times a year, similar to the current arrangements for the bus shelters. The Clerk advised that she will chase East Riding of Yorkshire Council about felling of the Ash tree on Church Bridge, which has Ash dieback. This may help to keep Church Bridge clean.

Cllr Veitch re-visited the issue of the lack of white lining to junctions in Wilberfoss and Cllr Needham was given Butcher's Bridge, Beckside and Willow Park Road as examples. Cllr Needham advised that he had reported the potholing and white lining of the junction of The Paddock.

8.3 Cllr Savage proposed that the Parish Council offer a First Aid course to residents. Cllr Veitch suggested the Clerk approach St John's Ambulance.

8.4 Cllrs acknowledged that East Riding of Yorkshire Council will no longer offer periodic checks on salt stocks in salt bins and Cllrs agreed to check individual bins on their travels around the village.

8.5 The Clerk advised that she had been approached by a resident who is interested in a tour of the new prison facility at Full Sutton. It was acknowledged that residents may be interested, and some Cllrs showed an interest too. The Clerk will make enquiries, but it was acknowledged that residents would need to make their own way to site.

8.6 Cllrs Savage and Mercer offered to act as traffic wardens for the upcoming Remembrance Sunday and Cllr Rains agreed to represent the Parish Council at the event. The Clerk confirmed that she is expecting the wreath over the coming week.

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

9.1 Cllr Savage provided the Clerk with a small list of homes where vegetation is obstructing the pavement and asked the Clerk to make direct contact. On his walk around the village, Cllr Savage had been encouraged by the number of homeowners who had responded to the Parish Council's initial request to maintain boundary hedges.

9.2 Cllr Savage acknowledged the benefit of the new X45 bus service but, having discovered that the bus will only run along the A1079 corridor, and will not loop through Main Street, Wilberfoss, he advised that many of the seniors in the community will miss out on the service because they are understandably too afraid to cross the busy A1079. The Clerk was requested to contact EYMS to ask for consideration to be given to bringing either the X45 or X46 service through the village.

9.3 The Clerk was asked for any update regarding the continuation of the annual Duck Race, and she was pleased to report that the Duck Race Association has had an injection of new member.

10. **Administration Matters**

10.1 Following a trial of the Parish Council’s WhatsApp Channel, and despite advertising the facility, there had been less than 20 followers for more than 3 months. Cllrs voted unanimously to withdraw the facility and save electors £10 a month in mobile fees.

10.2 Cllr Barnett suggested that the ERNNLCA-supplied Sexual and General Harassment policy did not fit the working arrangements of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to review it and return it to Council at a future date.

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](http://www.wilberfossparish.org.uk)).*

11.1 The Clerk sought approval of the following payments:-

Clerk’s salary <i>(redacted as the sole employee)</i>	-
Broadband & Mobile Expenses	£69.99
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (streetlighting agreement)	£482.54
Post Haste (Newsletter production)	£30.00
Wilberfoss Community Centre (Hire Charges)	£27.50
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£517.37
IONOS Cloud Limited (website hosting)	£15.00

The Clerk notified Cllrs that the second instalment of the 2024/2025 Precept had been received and a transfer of funds has been made from the Current Account to the Reserve Account.

Meeting closed:- 21.27 The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 from 7.30 pm

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