

**WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Present:** Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Lynda Hoyle and Cllrs David Barnett, Colin Veitch, Stuart Savage, Alan Mercer and Gemma Gibbs, together with Ward Cllr Dale Needham, a member of the public and prior to the meeting taking place, the Police & Crime Commissioner, Jonathan Evison.

The 15-minute question time was offered to Jonathan who spoke and discussed for roughly an hour about his role as the Police & Crime Commissioner. An appraisal is attached as Appendix I

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Michelle Wallis.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Councillor present.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were signed as a true record.

**4. Planning Matters**

4.1 Cllrs considered Planning Application 24/02386/PLF | Conversion of existing detached outbuilding with single-storey extensions to side and rear to form annexe ancillary to main dwelling | 27 Main Street, Wilberfoss. A discussion took place with the member of public who is a neighbour of the applicant. They were alarmed that they had not received notification of the development. The Clerk advised that it had been some years since East Riding of Yorkshire Council provided this service and that notifications are now placed solely on lamp post. The Clerk encouraged the use of the Parish Council Agendas published on village notice boards and the Parish Council website where residents can check planning proposals. The Clerk did, however, acknowledge that some applications are received after the Agenda is set and with only 21 days to respond it is impractical to delay the majority of consultations. For planning applications which affect the community, the Clerk has on occasion requested an extension to the time allowed. Cllrs had no objections to the application.

5. Ward Cllr Needham reminded Cllrs to request that any contentious planning applications should be requested to go to committee, where they are considered by a group rather than an individual.

Following Jonathan Evison's appraisal of the role of the PCC, Cllr Needham advised that he will furnish the Clerk with a list of approved contractors who can move SIDS. He asked whether Costcutter have provided a litter bin and the Clerk advised that, having spoken to the Store Manager, it is Head Office who are refusing.

He notified the Council that David Liddle, the Rural Housing Enabler, is keen to talk to Parish Councils about whether there is a need for affordable housing locally. Cllr Veitch suggested that it would be worth a conversation and Cllrs agreed. Following the meeting the Clerk established that the last time the topic was discussed by Wilberfoss Parish Council was in 2002. Cllr Needham will make the necessary contact.

Cllr Needham encouraged Cllrs to attend the Western Parishes council meetings and the Clerk established that the last meeting had taken place in December 2023 and Cllrs Rains and Savage had attended.

Lastly, Cllr Veitch asked that consideration be given by ERYC Highways to reinstate the white lining at junctions in Wilberfoss and the Clerk reported extensive potholing at the entrance to The Paddock.

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 Because the meeting had been preceded by a lengthy discussion with the PCC, the subject of website accessibility was delayed until October.

7.2 The Clerk advised that a wheelie bin has been supplied by ERYC at Church Bridge and a casing to house it will follow.

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

- 8.1 The Police & Crime Commission was offered time to address the Council before the meeting began. An appraisal of the discussion is attached as Appendix I
- 8.2 Following the discussion with the PCC, Cllrs voted unanimously to the purchase of a SID, with the potential of linking with Sutton upon Derwent or Fangfoss Parish Council in the purchase and distribution. At the same time PCC funding will be sought.
- 8.3 It was acknowledged that modifications to the East Riding Local Plan advised extensive screening to the western boundary as suitable site buffer on land behind Moorfield Way, as opposed to the cutting out of the ground to reduce the development in height. What is significant though is the limit of 50 homes on the site, which is much reduced from the 69 proposed by Crest Nicholson. Cllrs agreed that this should represent the upper limit on the number of houses on the site.
- 8.4 Cllrs declined the invitation to the Parish Open Door meeting at South Cave Leisure Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, but would consider future invitations, if they were taking place closer to Wilberfoss.
- 8.5 The discussion regarding spending projects for the 2025/2026 Precept will be properly considered in October. In the meantime, the Clerk will supply forecasted income and expenditure figures and Cllrs were again asked to consider projects.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Hoyle questioned whether the planned walkabout to assess boundary hedges had taken place. Cllr Savage apologised for not having had the time but promised to do so before the next meeting. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact the landowner to cut the hedge opposite the church.

**10. Administration Matters**

- 10.1 Cllrs acknowledged that a transfer between the Reserve Account and the Current Account had been made at the beginning of September to cover invoices authorised at August's meeting. It was acknowledged that the majority of the Council's funds will remain in the Reserve Account and the Clerk has the authority to move funds between Accounts to cover invoices, as and when necessary.

**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:-

Post Haste (Newsletter production)	£375.00
Clerk's salary	-
Broadband & Mobile Expenses	£69.99
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£517.37
PKF LitteJohn (External Auditor fee)	£252.00
Pestforce (Mole Eradication)	£234.00
Wilberfoss Community Centre (Hire Charges)	£22.00
SC Windows (bi-annual bus shelter clean)	£81.50

As the Clerk is now the sole employee of the Council, the salary payment has been redacted.

Meeting closed:- 21.38 The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 7.30 pm

Chair ..... Clerk .....

## APPENDIX 1

### Visit by Jonathan Evison, Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Jonathan Evison was welcomed to the Parish Council meeting and spoke at length about his role as the PCC. His focus has been to:-

- Increase the number of police officers in the Humberside Police Force
- Increase the visibility of those police officers
- Improve the calibre of those police officers
- Tackle problems in the Police Control Room
- Tackle road safety issues
- Tackle crimes against women and girls – both internally and in the Yorkshire & Lincolnshire regions

He was proud to convey that Humberside Police Force is the only force in the UK to be awarded an [outstanding rank status](#). He advised that with only 1.3% of police officers in the UK, Humberside Police was responsible for arresting 10% of the criminals in the recent UK riots and disturbances. Of the 105 arrested in Hull, 47 have been convicted. Humberside Police Force has the highest detection rates in the country, and they now have the best performing Control Room in the country where 96% of 999 calls are answered within 7 seconds and 84% of 101 (non-urgent calls) are answered within 30 seconds. The Control Room has a 3% drop-off rate, well below the UK average of 38%. In the UK-wide Police Satisfaction Surveys, Humberside Police ranked 37<sup>th</sup> three years ago, 18<sup>th</sup> two years ago and 3<sup>rd</sup> last year, showing a continual ongoing improvement.

There are currently 2,338 warranted officers, up from approximately 1,550 8 years ago, with 150 PCSOs and 120 Special Officers. There has been an uplift in officers over the last 2-3 years.

Humberside Police Force are also assisted by 170 volunteers with skills such as IT, Accounting and people who 'know their patch'. These volunteers assist in schemes such as Farm Watch and Vale Watch.

Jonathan acknowledged that an increase in police officers will undoubtedly see an increase in arrests but that other factors are not keeping pace – prison places, probation staff and court staff.

Acknowledging that 80% of crime is committed by those who re-offend, he is heavily involved in youth engagements schemes and is looking at a project that has been introduced in the south west of the country where offenders are given the opportunity to train in aspects of the building trade.

Jonathan acknowledged that there needs to be a focus on police officer retention rates as only 50% of officers have 5 or more years' service. This has a knock-on effect in training new recruits.

He was keen to advise that although Pocklington Police Station has limited staff numbers on site, a number of specialised neighbourhood response teams are tackling crimes, citing [Operation Galaxy](#) as an example. He also acknowledged the importance of community Facebook pages and the uploading of dashcam/cyclecam/bodycam/smartphone video footage in the fight against crime. The latter was integral in securing convictions in the recent riots in Hull.

He promoted [Operation Snap](#) a [secure online platform](#) that allows members of the public to submit video evidence of driving offences that they have witnessed. Its purpose is to improve road safety and to prosecute those that place others at risk. The service has been produced with the several cyclecams and bodycams that will be distributed to members of the public who are on our roads on a regular basis. One third of video evidence uploaded to Operation Snap has proven effective in a conviction.

Jonathan advised that the highest crime rates in the Humberside Police District are that of organised crime gangs, drug offences, sexual offences, speeding and antisocial behaviour.

He promoted [My Community Alert](#) – the free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, giving people live information about incidents happening in their area.

Cllr Barnett raised the issue of SIDS (Speed Indicator Devices) and the difficulties the Clerk had faced in her dealings with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Jonathan advised that, although speeding is often not the actual cause of an accident, it is antisocial in communities and drivers need to be re-educated about road safety. He has worked with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to change their policy on SIDS and assured Councillors that there are still funds available to help Parish

and Town Councils to purchase a SID for their communities. He also promoted the effectiveness of [Community Speedwatch](#) - a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds. The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police, with the aim of educating drivers to slow down. If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings police can prosecute them. He also noted a new generation of speed cameras equipped with automatic number plate recognition, which will be available for use in the near future. They require citizens to download their data and email them to the police, although this process should be easy and short.

Ward Cllr Needham encouraged Councillors to talk to PC John Day at Pocklington Police Station if they have any concerns in the community. His visible presence has been effective over issues in Barmby Moor and Pocklington.

Cllrs were extremely grateful to Jonathan for taking the time to visit Wilberfoss, a village he had never visited before but which he said had a feel of the Cotswolds!