

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WILBERFOSS

7.00 PM

20th May 2021

1. Chaired by the Chairman of Wilberfoss Parish Council, the meeting was addressed by Richard Dunn, a retired Chartered Building Surveyor, who had been involved in the restoration of St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss. Richard had been asked to provide an assessment of the village War Memorial and his proposal included some remedial works consisting of repairs, cleaning and landscaping.
2. An Annual Report from the Chair of Wilberfoss Parish Council will be attached as Appendix i
3. An Annual Report from Wilberfoss, Kexby & Newton upon Derwent Playing Fields Association will be attached as Appendix ii
4. An Annual Report from Wilberfoss in Bloom was not received.
5. An Annual Report from St John the Baptist Church will be attached as Appendix iii.
6. An Annual Report from Wilberfoss CE Primary School will be attached as Appendix iv
7. An Annual Report from Wilberfoss Scarecrow Festival committee was not received.
8. An Annual Report from Wilberfoss Community Centre will be attached as Appendix v

Meeting closed 19.27

ANNAUL REPORT 2021

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

It has been a strange and unusual year for everyone. We have held meetings on Zoom and Microsoft Teams. We have had one councillor leave and three joins – welcome – we are now running at full capacity for the first time in many years.

During lockdowns we have helped partner volunteers with vulnerable residents to help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc. Thank you to everyone who was involved. To commemorate those on the frontline of this awful pandemic and to those who sadly did not survive, we have erected a mosaic and plaque to honour their sacrifices and loss. A calendar was printed 'Wilberfoss in Lockdown' which raised £466 for Wilberfoss in Bloom.

We have considered 22 planning applications, set up a Speedwatch campaign group and supported the monthly Newsletter going into full colour production. Every effort has been made to establish a book exchange which seems to be an ongoing project.

The Parish Plan for villagers to give their ideas on what they want this village to achieve in the next 5 years is available on the parish website (www.wilberfossparish.org.uk).

Money is steadily being raised through the Textile recycling bank behind the Community Centre. This is also the site of the new Parish Council storage shed, which houses newly purchased road closure signs for Remembrance Day.

A map of the village has been produced showing potential locations for benches which residents can buy to commemorate loved ones if they wish.

The war memorial needs attention and cleaning this is an ongoing project, possibly taking years to do.

We employ James Horsley to help keep the village looking its best, alongside Wilberfoss in Bloom and have the bus shelters cleaned twice a year.

Judy Abernethy

Chair, Wilberfoss Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT

WILBERFOSS, KEXBY & NEWTON UPON DERWENT PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

We have secured a 10-year Football Foundation Pitch Improvement Grant which covers the main field, junior field and school field. Grant monies are paid over the first 7 years @ 100% the first 2 years, 75% next 2 years and 50% the following 3. This allows us to choose a contractor to do all works recommended on an annual basis by the football foundation following ground condition reports supplied by ourselves. It was also recommended that we purchase a combination tool which allows for slitting, brushing, rolling and rake of the pitches, this we have purchased.

We also achieved the funding required to resurface the main car park, approaches to the Pavilion itself and the car park adjacent to the children's play area. In addition, we have installed a slabbed pathway which runs along the approach road adjacent to the tennis court. This has provided safer access to our facilities for all community members and user groups.

We recently had the Pavilion "function room" floor restored. It was sanded and re-stained and looks like new.

Projects running for this year are,

We have achieved the funding required to provide a swing and roundabout within our play area suitable for children with physical and/or mental disabilities. Each piece of the new equipment will be linked with a wheelchair friendly path supplied in the same wet pour safety surface which surrounds the swing and roundabout. Work will commence in July with Playdale as the chosen suppliers.

We have also achieved the funding to replace all of the wooden fascia boards around the Pavilion (badly rotten in places) with white UPVC replacements. Work commences June 9th. At the same time, we will be replacing the halogen floodlights attached to the Pavilion which light up the patio area with LED replacements.

Sometime towards the end of June we will be installing a smoking shelter adjacent to the Pavilion near the storage container, fitting safety pads to the football pitch floodlighting columns and replacing the broken and existing play area lights with LED replacements.

Finally, we have started the ball rolling with our final piece of the jigsaw project. We are looking to install a floodlit multi use games area which will be installed on the play area which houses the small 5 a side goals and teen shelters. The teen shelters will be moved to an area at the rear of the tennis courts to allow for the installation of the MUGA. We are yet to receive quotes but if successful with fundraising will be of huge benefit to the school, community members and the many user groups we support. Planning permission is likely to be required due to floodlights which we will submit once quotes received, and we have an idea of cost. Everything crossed for this one!

So, all in all another busy year down at the playing fields!

Paul Gibney
Vice Chairman

Appendix iii

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH WILBERFOSS CHURCHWARDEN REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL

2020 was the strangest year many of us will have ever experienced. After an encouraging start to the year with an Interregnum (church in vacancy) we were swiftly made aware of the spreading of Corona Virus and by the end of March everything was in lockdown, churches, shops and normal life came to a standstill. However, the love of God flourishes in all places and after a brief interlude a team of enthusiastic and skilful members built a new community of worshippers using technology and holding services twice a week via Zoom. This enabled many people, both regulars and new visitors to join in with Worship and we are extremely grateful that this could happen and continue the fellowship from Wilberfoss Church.

During May and June, restrictions were lifted slightly which meant that, although the church remained closed for Worship, the last remaining building works could take place in the side chapel and porch area.

We reopened our doors in September, albeit with Covid secure social distancing, masks etc and we were delighted to meet with people in person once again and enjoy a good variety of visiting clergy. Zoom Services also continued for those who were not yet comfortable in attending and we are extremely thankful for all the positive feedback we have received throughout the year.

The building is now looking splendid after all the restoration work and we hope that more people will be able to visit in the coming year. We were certainly blessed with the team of builders from HPR who did such a beautiful and respectful job.

Towards the end of the year we were able to begin thinking of future options again and the PCC in consultation with the Area Dean agreed to work together with the Stamford Bridge Group of Parishes and installed the Revd Simon Pritchard as our Priest in Charge from March 2021 for a trial period of at least 2 years. We are now establishing a new pattern of services and looking to grow our congregation once restrictions are further lifted. We are exploring how to best share our resources and Revd Pritchard is looking forward to working with the school and meeting the people of Wilberfoss.

Diane Dawson
Churchwarden

Wilberfoss CE Primary – Parish Council Report 2021

When our school closed its doors in March 2020, I don't think any of us truly envisaged how the year was to unfold and the impact that COVID would have on the world. We initially had in around 5% of the school population, with the vast majority working at home. Our teachers quickly adapted to sending work home, with a lot of email and phone communication with parents to offer support.

In June we started to reopen all of our year groups, and by the first week in July every year group had returned. We were the only primary school in the East Riding to have re-opened so widely - we felt it important that every child had the chance to complete their academic year by seeing their teacher and classmates. Our parents were tremendously appreciative and supportive of our offer, both with home learning and reopening. By July we had 92% of pupils back in school for at least two days a week which was a fantastic way to end the academic year. Our teachers and TAs managed to juggle their time so that we were able to keep some staff members out of school altogether as they were caring for family members and didn't feel able to return – the team rallied around and we made it work which I think made us all feel proud to be part of our school community.

In September, we were back to all children in school, albeit still in class bubbles. We are still having assemblies via Microsoft Teams now, and only at Remembrance did we get our whole school together for the first time in 8 months! With the catch-up plans we had made, 95% of our Y2 children still passed the early reading threshold phonic assessment. And, of course, we managed to film a whole-school Christmas production that whirled its way to family members across the country!

When the next lockdown happened for schools in January 2021, we were much better prepared. We had already evaluated provision and had a plan for the future of our home learning provision should we need it. The changes we planned at the time were to:

- Offer a live session at least once a day to say hello, offer any news and highlight the plan for the day.
- Move to online portals that could be accessed on multiple devices
- Provide feedback on the learning that pupils were doing at home, with help and direction given
- Video tutorials from teachers in school, including for phonics for those children that need it
- More interactions with children at home, including phone calls home from staff in school just to check in and make sure the children realised they were not forgotten

This was a particularly challenging period as teachers were also juggling a much higher 'in school' percentage of pupils, with 39% of children in school from January to March. However, we were able to deliver, and in a recent survey our parents told us that 98% of children were accessing the live sessions and 100% of parents were of the opinion that our home learning provision had improved significantly, 81% strongly agreeing. Thanks to the community and our families we were able to provide more chrome books to children who needed them with fundraising support which was a really great achievement for our community also. Thankfully, we have still not had to close a bubble and have had no staff members testing positive. We feel very lucky for that and thankful to our families for doing their bit to help us maintain our school offer for longer than most.

Since all children have returned to school this term we have made headway with becoming a nurture school, with all children assessed on the Boxall Profile. This is a way of us identifying any trends in development traits or behaviours across our school, but also for individuals. This way we can identify good whole-class strategies for each class and provide some children with more intensive support with help from their parents. We recognise that we work very hard to ensure our children make strong academic progress but by ensuring that we help grow good people who feel secure in their worth and that can articulate their feelings is of equal, if not higher, importance.

We have invested in a nurture room and in more staff training to ensure we move this agenda forward and support our pupils in the best way we can. We are also hoping to add an all-weather surface Multi Use Games Arena (MUGA) that would ensure our children are able to participate in high quality PE regardless of the weather and also have more space to exercise at lunch and breaks. Above all we aim to focus more closely on all aspects of our school vision, which we created together with children and parents:

At Wilberfoss School, we will all strive to:

- ✓ **Believe** in ourselves, dare to try new things and persevere in a bid to reach our full potential
- ✓ Live well together by valuing friendship and respecting ourselves and one another
- ✓ **Grow** good people who can make a difference in school, the wider community and the world
- ✓ Show thankfulness for what we have and show generosity of heart and mind
- ✓ Provide a curriculum that ensures that all children have the opportunity to **achieve** and shine

Mr K Henderson
Headteacher

ANNUAL REPORT WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Wilberfoss Community Centre was forced to close on the 20th March 2020 but we used the time to upgrade the facility with funding secured of £29,000. The upgrade consists of automatic entrances doors, acoustic soundboards throughout the main hall, a dimmable lighting system and new curtains, again with acoustic properties. The acoustics in the Centre are much improved but, as yet, are untested. Our hope is that users will be able to run from adjacent rooms with as much interference as before.

All three staff were furloughed and brought back on flexi-furlough for the short time between July and September when the Centre could re-open. As a property with a rateable value, we have been able to secure Government grants and are in fact in a stronger financial position than we were before the first lockdown. This will enable us to keep our charging structure the same as 2019. Something that has come as both a shock and a relief to our users.

Many of our users have either returned or are scheduled to return over the coming weeks and months.

The removal of an old apple tree and the purchase of 3 picnic benches will offer better use of the garden and a small wildlife area will enhance the garden in due course.

We have welcomed 5 new committee members during lockdown and our hope is that the Community Centre will become more of a community hub. There are currently discussions about a Community Café.

We see a bright future for the Community Centre and are keen to see the return of the successes seen prior to lockdown.

Sarah Wills
Community Centre Manager