

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WILBERFOSS

7.00 PM

18th May 2023

1. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of Wilberfoss Parish Council, Cllr Richard Rains, who addressed the meeting with an Annual Report of the Parish Council (attached as Appendix I).
2. A Report from the Chairman of the Wilberfoss Community Centre was read and becomes Appendix II
3. A report from the Vice Chairman of the Wilberfoss Playing Fields Association was read and becomes Appendix III
4. A report from the Church Wardens of St John the Baptist Church was read and becomes Appendix IV
5. A report from Wilberfoss in Bloom was read by those representing the group and becomes Appendix V
6. A report from the Chair of Wilberfoss Allotment Association was read and becomes Appendix VI
7. A report from the Head of Wilberfoss CE Primary School was not submitted.
8. The Open Forum was not utilised.

Meeting closed 19.22

APPENDIX I

Wilberfoss Parish Council 2022 / 2023 year review.

It has been an eventful year with Queen Elizabeth the 2nd's Platinum Jubilee followed by her death and then the coronation of King Charles the 3rd.

We have had three prime ministers and newly elected LibDem Pocklington provincial ward councillors.

The war continues in the Ukraine, resulting in an energy price cap and a cost-of-living crisis.

The world cup was held in Qatar, one of the hottest locations on the planet. England had an extreme RED heat warning rising to a maximum recorded temperature of 40.3°C and falling to the lowest in Braemar at -17.3°C.

There have been Rail, nurse, doctor, ambulance, postal and many other workers on strike.

But life in Wilberfoss has carried on.

This year we have had a full year of face-to-face meetings. Covid is still active although numbers tested positive are falling and spring boosters are available.

A new Chair and vice chair were elected in May and over the year the Parish Council built up to its full complement of nine councillors.

The PC have discussed over 25 planning applications and discussed future projects such as CCTV on Windmill Hill, A circular walking route, Bus shelter, village entrance signs, speed monitoring signs, an Interpretation board and many more.

The PC have been able to keep the precept at the 2021 / 2022 level. The enviro scheme and quarry funds having also brought in over £3,000.

Funding has been granted to Bloomers, Elders party, Duck race, table tennis and the Tennis club. Funding was also awarded to the Ings Copse which has been transformed and the planting of the Jubilee tree was undertaken.

The Grass cutting contract was awarded to James Horsley who continues with the good work that he has carried out over the past three years.

A new computer was purchased for the PC and the PC website has been relaunched in an accessible form suitable for all social media devices.

After an intense program of advertising and discussion in the village, the BT full fibre project is now getting the funding and go ahead to supply fibre optic connection to every house in the village.

The PC started off with a healthy bank balance and ended the year in the same vein with monies available to support future projects. A successful audit was carried out on the Parrish accounts and praise was given for the good work in maintaining accurate records.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the councillors for their input and support this year, And finally a huge thankyou to Sarah as Parish clerk for her outstanding hard work and to say that it doesn't go unnoticed.

Thankyou

I Look forward to another successful year for the Parish of Wilberfoss.

Appendix II

Annual Report to the Parish Meeting - Wilberfoss Community Centre 2022-23

I have pleasure to report the activities of the Community Centre for the past 12 months.

As you will be aware, the community centre is overseen by a committee of volunteers; day to day activities are well-managed by Sarah Wills, ably assisted by Sue and Alan Walker.

The centre is very well used, with activities every day and evening throughout the year. User groups range from indoor bowls and table tennis, to children's parties and martial arts. Feedback from the users has been very positive and the centre is popular among one-off visitors and regular users alike.

Since May last year the centre's committee has also begun arranging community events – starting with a speed quiz to celebrate the late Queen's Jubilee and continuing with a Christmas themed speed quiz in December. Both events were well attended and we intend to repeat them; we are also looking to run a more modern take on bingo nights, with musical themed bingo and possibly a film night and garden party. Watch this space!

The centre accounts are managed by Garry Peacock and are in good order following the support received during the COVID pandemic and a good recovery thereafter; pressures from rising costs must be acknowledged and managed, but all in all the centre is a thriving, well-run and welcoming building at the heart of the community both physically and metaphorically.

Finally, I'd like to thank all who have managed, cleaned, used, volunteered in, or simply attended the centre in the last 12 months, and we look forward to more success in 2023 and beyond.

Chris Clegg

Community Centre Chair

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REPORT FROM WILBERFOSS PFA

The Playing Fields Association over recent months has faced its biggest challenge to date with soaring energy costs. We have been lucky enough to secure grant funding through a recent crowdfunding campaign and the Asda foundation without which we would not have been able to pay the bills. It is an ongoing problem and we are now looking at ways we can secure our long term sustainability. Our priority project at the moment is to provide battery storage to our existing solar panel system which will help to reduce our running costs massively.

In other news we have secured funding to purchase a grass slitter which will assist in improving the quality of our pitches and other playing field areas.

We have recently received full planning permission to provide a floodlit multi use games area. This will be situated in the area which houses the 5 a side pitch within the children's play area. It will also involve moving the basketball hoop approximately 10 meters with all other equipment staying in its existing position. We now have 3 years in which to find the £130000 required to turn this into a reality but as stated previously reduction in running costs is our main priority at this moment.

On Saturday 20th May we are holding a family fun day in celebration of King Charles Coronation. Similar to the event last June in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee we have live music, bouncy castles suitable for adults and children, an inflatable assault course, fireworks and kids disco planned to date so all we need now is the weather!

We will continue to provide updates via the village newsletter and our Facebook page for any news and events regarding the playing fields association.

Paul Gibney

Vice Chairman
Wilberfoss PFA