

**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

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

Wilberfoss Community Centre

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

APPENDIX III

WILBERFOSS PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

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

APPENDIX IV

St John the Baptist Church

During the year we have enjoyed lots of successful events, something for everyone including a talk by Cecily Spall, BSc MClfa FSA Scot. entitled 'Hiding in Plain Site'.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee day was held at the end of June. The stone masons who did all the work on the restoration came we had them doing demonstrations. Everyone had an opportunity to try masonry. We also had activities for children, the results of which are at the back of the church for everyone to admire. We borrowed the bunting from the Parish Council and it really looked lovely.

Tam Stalker and Vince Parvin demonstrated the use of the defibrillator.

The Alpha Course ran from September to November and had a steady number of people attending. We hope to run a follow up course in the near future called NOOMA which is a series of films on life, which provoke discussion.

We also had a Christmas Craft Fair in November. This is always a huge success and a way of catching up with each other.

It's just over a year since we started out JIGSAW club. As part of the warden's work, we try to encourage people to come and join in activities and this has proved to be a successful way of encouraging friendship and combating loneliness. Each week we provide cake (what a surprise) and tea and coffee. There is always a jigsaw on the go if folks want to fill in a few pieces whilst they chat.

We support a few charities but concentrate our efforts on the Food Bank, a drop of point is in the church porch. This is well supported. All goods go to the main distribution centre in York.

Stay and Play is a new venture for toddlers, babies and their parents/carers. We ran three taster sessions which were hugely successful so we decided to continue. There is no charge for this activity but donations are welcome to help with the costs.

Our work with the Mission to Seafarers is important to us. The Woolly Hats for Seafarers keeps lots of villagers knitting! Rose continues to knit for the premature baby unit, the tiny little hats are well received.

ACTS 435 is a national charity which was the brainchild of one of our own congregants. Encouraged by the former Archbishop, John Sentamu, the charity was born. The charity links those who wish to give to those who are in desperate need. Donations begin at £10 and you get to choose how the money is spent. Look it up on the WWW.

With people rarely carrying cash these days our plate collections are sparse. This means that we need to work harder and harder at fund raising. With this in mind we have several ideas for events for 23/24 and will be planning discussing at future PCC meetings. The Duck Race is an opportunity to join with others to raise funds and as the organisation is shared it makes life a little easier for us to do.

Our Priest in Charge is in the village every Wednesday. He attends a Zoom meeting with the worship team at 9.30 then heads for a full day which begins at the school assembly. Simon continues with home visits and Holy Communion for those who are not able to get to church. Each month we hold a midweek communion service on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11.30.

The numbers in church on Sunday continue to grow and following the service people enjoy the chat and tea.

Of course, a church always looks inviting and beautiful with the flowers each week. The flower ladies are all volunteers. It is a labour of love and dedication and volunteers supply and arrange the flowers on a rota basis. We are a dwindling number and would welcome helpers (you do not have to be a church goer to do this).

Fortunately, we have a willing group of workers who tirelessly care for our churchyard, mowing and tidying. Wilberfoss in Bloom maintain the flower bed which are glorious all year round.

2023 brings new challenges and exciting new ideas. Our focus this year is on MISSION and OUTREACH. We need all the encouragement and support we can get to keep the doors open and welcome everyone. Our thanks to the Parish Council for the encouragement given to us. Rose Riley and Jo Stalker, Wardens St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

Appendix V

Wilberfoss in Bloom

Volunteer community gardening group established 2007

We are pleased to report another productive year. With 12 active members (and additional invaluable help from partners and friends) we have been busy maintaining the planters, planting winter, spring and summer bulbs and flowers around the village, and looking after the grass and memorial gardens. The lovely summer weather last year meant we were challenged keeping up with the watering, but we worked as a team and managed to maintain the lovely displays.

One of the big projects for last year was clearing and then planting in the memorial garden. As part of this we also removed the planters which were in poor condition. It looks much better now with the new plants doing well. We also created a special display for the Queen's Jubilee in the grass garden in June and have created a new display for the King's Coronation. Many thanks to the Parish Council for the generous contribution to the cost of the plants.

Our fundraising events, essential to pay for the plants, compost and other items, have been a great success. We had a sell-out cake stall at the Duck Race in April with delicious cakes and bakes made by our members and donated by friends. We donated some of our takings to the Ukraine appeal. The Spring Plant Sale in May, which we held for the first time in the grass garden, worked well, with good traffic and most of the plants sold. This was repeated in Autumn and although not as busy was still useful in adding to our funds and raising the profile of the group.

We had a very successful and enjoyable Bingo Night in October which we are planning to repeat this year. Chilli was on the menu and in addition to Bingo 'line' and 'full house' prizes we had a great selection of raffle prizes so most people went away with something! We donated some of our takings to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

As always, we lit up the village with our Christmas tree. With thanks to AV Etherington for the tree and to Richard Rains for help with the electrics to light it up. Although the wind this year meant that a few of the decorations didn't stay on the tree!

We would like to finish this report with a big thank you to all our sponsors and donors, without whom we could not operate, in addition to members of the village for their individual donations, thanks also go to the Parish Council, Frost Butchers, David Smith Garden Centre and The Oddfellows Arms.

May 2023



Wilberfoss in Bloom displays around the village and a beautiful day in December for the Christmas Tree decoration



Queen's Jubilee



King's Coronation



Costcutter



Memorial Garden
Pictures before and after clearing and re-planting



Above - Wilberfoss in Bloom cake stall at 2022 Duck Race



Right - Cake stall and WIB planters in full bloom



Plant Sale



APPENDIX VI

Wilberfoss Allotments Association

was formed in 2007. The allotments are behind Field Head. All are welcome, we have retirees, families, mid-lifers and young people. If anyone is interested, there is usually someone to talk to at the allotments at weekends in better weather. It is a place to chat, and take time out of busy lives digging, planting, weeding and enjoying the produce grown. There are expectations of allotment holders, to keep plots tidy, weeds under control, adhere to health and safety, and rules regarding sheds etc. To use the space to grow vegetables or other plants and flowers.

There are 21 plots, which are divided up into a mixture of full, half and quarter plots. There are currently 40 tenants. All plots are let and there is currently one person on the waiting list.

Fees

All allotment holders are required to sign a tenancy agreement and pay a deposit of £25 which is refundable if the plot is given back in good order. Allotment holders are provided with a Welcome Pack which provides guidance on insurance, health and safety and how we expect their plot to be maintained.

Full Plot (10m x 30m) £30.00 per year

Half Plot (10m x 15m) £15.00 per year

Quarter Plot (10m x 7.1/2) £7.50 per year

Association Fee £20.00 per year

Committee

We have an active Committee of 10 members. AGMs take place in November and a Committee meeting may take place during the year if required. Committee members look after important tasks of grass mowing, track and fence repairs, hedge maintenance and vermin control. Inspections of all allotments are carried out twice a year in Spring and Autumn. Any concerns are raised with allotment holders and Committee members offer support if required.

Benefits

Allotment holders have access to the following:

D.T Brown Seeds. The Association submits one order and receives a 50% discount

There are 3 water tanks, provided on a metered supply

Manure is purchased each year, if available

There is a community shed - mower and tools are available

Discounts available at Deans Garden, Centre Vertigrow and Airfield Nurseries

Future Plans

To continue to provide allotments for the Parish with a friendly and supportive environment. If funding is available we would like to improve the track behind Field Head and beside the field leading to the allotments and renew fencing.

Nicola and Pelham Glenn - 11 May 2023

Co-Chairs Wilberfoss Allotments Association

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