

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WILBERFOSS

7.00 PM

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

1. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of Wilberfoss Parish Council, Cllr Richard Rains
2. A Report from the Chairman of the Wilberfoss Community Centre was acknowledged and becomes Appendix I
3. A report from the Chairman of the Wilberfoss Playing Fields Association was no received.
4. A verbal report from the Church Wardens of St John the Baptist Church was given and becomes Appendix II
5. A report from Wilberfoss in Bloom was read by Vivien Gyll and becomes Appendix III
6. A report from the Chair of Wilberfoss Allotment Association was acknowledged and becomes Appendix IV
7. A verbal report from the Chair of the School Governors was given and becomes Appendix V.
8. The Open Forum was utilised to draw the Parish Council's attention to parked vehicles on Main Street which prevented access for the bus service. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council adds a request to the Newsletter intermittently to ask residents to park considerately. Cllr Mercer suggested that parking outside the village shop is just as likely to be people living outside Wilberfoss.

## **APPENDIX I**

### **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 a wood-fired pizza van, children's parties and martial arts to indoor bowls and table tennis. Feedback from the users remains very positive and the centre is popular among one-off visitors and regular users alike.

Since last year we have started to develop our long-term sustainability plan; this involves aspirations to:

- Install a new eco-friendly heating system
- Install solar panels/batteries
- Look to further improve the infrastructure of the centre to minimise costs and emissions

Of course, all this will require funding and Sarah is working hard to look at grants to cover the initial costs; we have already commissioned and received an energy survey and future energy savings will pay for the rest and ensure the centre is fit for the next 25 years.

The centre accounts are managed by Garry Peacock and are in good order although we have faced pressures from heating/electricity costs. 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 2024 and beyond.

**Chris Clegg**

Community Centre Chair

## APPENDIX II

### St John the Baptist Church

As the new Church Warden, Moira Penny advised that the Church has role of 71 electors who are keen to encourage younger membership. The Vicar, Simon, visits Wilberfoss School weekly and the school has services in the church.

Jigsaw Club is well attended and is an opportunity socialise and meet others.

Prayer Bears is a Christian-based stay and play activity for pre-schoolers. A Teddy Bears picnic was enjoyed recently.

Church Wardens have resurrected the 100 Club which provides cash prizes and church fundraising on a 60:40 split.

There are regular collections for York Food Bank, and the scheme is well supported by the community.

As an active churchgoer, Moira's husband supports the Mission for Seafarers and woolly hats (without bobbles) can be knitted for those at sea who are often Filipino and feel the cold, even in summer.

The Church will have a 'Bottle on a String' stall at this year's Duck Race and this year's Craft Fair will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

The Church offers pastoral visits to community members and there is no requirement to be a churchgoer to benefit from these visits.

St John the Baptists Church has an open-door policy where the church is unmanned but can be used for quiet reflection. Books are available should anyone wish to read on site.

Community Paybacks are currently being used for maintenance of the churchyard and their work has been carried out to a high standard.

Members of the church congregation lead the parade to the memorial on Remembrance Sunday and more recently members have formed a church choir and small orchestra.

On a personal level, Moira thanked the Parish Council for their efforts on behalf of the community.

**Appendix III**  
**Wilberfoss in Bloom**  
**Volunteer community gardening group established 2007**

We are pleased to report another productive year. We now have 13 active members; unfortunately one member had to step down last year but we gained two new members which is great. As always, we have had 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 disappointing summer weather meant that we were not as challenged with watering but it is still a big job to maintain the lovely displays.

In addition to our normal planting and general maintenance, we had an evening in June when we cleaned and tidied around the potato grader at the Pocklington entrance, a very messy but satisfying job when completed. The CIIR display and bunting for the Kings Coronation looked great, with thanks to the Parish Council for the donation of funds for the plants.

In order to help with our ongoing plant watering challenges we have / are increasing the number of perennial plants. Thanks to the Parish Council contribution from Precept funds we have purchased a number of perennials which we will plant in the Moorfield way planters at the end of May when we remove the winter planting.

This year we have benefited from support from two youth groups. The Stamford Bridge Scouts (those living in Wilberfoss) offered their assistance and helped with emptying the beds for the Autumn planting. They also assisted with the Christmas tree decorations. They may also adopt a planter for watering. We also received funds raised by the Youth Group 'World Workers', sponsored by EYCC, from a bake sale they held near the butchers in August. They worked really hard and quickly sold out of their lovely cakes and bakes, a big thank you to them for their kind donation.

Our fundraising events, essential to pay for the plants, compost and other items, have again been a great success. We had a sell-out cake stall at the Duck Race in May with delicious cakes and bakes made by our members and donated by friends. The Spring Plant Sale, also in May, was a great success with good passing trade and most of the plants sold. In September we provided refreshments at the Twitchers Theatre Performance in the Community Centre. A great event which everyone who helped enjoyed and it raised a small amount for our funds.

We had an extremely 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!

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.

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 2024**

## APPENDIX IV

### Wilberfoss Allotments Association

**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.

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 are currently two people on the waiting list. We are trying to reduce the amount of quarter plots.

### 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)	£50.00 per year
Half Plot	(10m x 15m)	£35.00 per year
Quarter Plot	(10m x 7.1/2)	£27.50 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, such as 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. The allotments could not be run without the energetic participation of our Committee members.

### 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. A new mower may be purchased soon.

Nicola and Pelham Glenn - 14 May 2024

Co-Chairs Wilberfoss Allotments Association

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## **APPENDIX V**

### **Wilberfoss CE Primary School**

As Chair of the School Governors, Lynda Hoyle reported that the academy status, gained on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, had proven to be a very positive move, making the school feel part of a bigger family. Kris Henderson, Wilberfoss CE Head, has become Director of Primary Education for the Academy.

SATS results have been some of the best in the country and have been praised by the government.

Within the school sport and music is stronger and overall everything is very positive.