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MINUTES

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Present: Chairman Judy Abernethy, Vice Chairman David Smith and Councillors Richard Rains, Claire Norman, Steve Abernethy, Lynda Hoyle and David Barnett together with Ward Councillor Paul West and Liberal Democrat candidate Diana Stewart.

The 15 minute question time was not utilised.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Dominic Johnson. There had been no applications for the current vacancy.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Councillor present.
3. The Minutes of the Meetings of 21st January 2021 were signed as a true record and will be delivered to the Clerk by the Chairman.
4. **Planning Matters**
 - 4.1 Councillors considered Planning Application 20/03933/OUT | Outline - Erection of a building to form 5 small industrial units for tenancy by small businesses (All matters reserved) | Land North West of Southfield Farm Hull Road Wilberfoss East Riding of Yorkshire YO41 5NT and shared concerns about the increase in traffic accessing and leaving the A1079 at close proximity to the eastern junction of Wilberfoss.
 - 4.2 Councillors considered Planning Application 21/00130/PLF | Change of use from agricultural land to a dog walking area with associated car park and 1.9m high timber post and wire mesh fencing and timber gates | Land North West Of Eastfield House Farm Hull Road Wilberfoss East Riding Of Yorkshire YO41 5PD and raised concerns about the removal of a dog waste.
 - 4.3 Councillors considered Planning Application 21/00248/PLF | Erection of single storey extension to rear | 52 The Paddock Wilberfoss East Riding Of Yorkshire YO41 5LZ and had no observations to make.
 - 4.4 Councillors were notified that permission had been granted for Planning Application 20/03494 | Erection of two storey and single storey extension | Birchfield, Sand Lane, Wilberfoss.
 - 4.5 Councillors were notified that permission had been granted for Planning Application 20/01585 | Erection of two detached dwellings with detached garages following demolition of redundant farm buildings | land and buildings east of Brook House Farm, 11 Main Street, Wilberfoss. Councillors had objected to this planning application because of its proximity to Foss Beck. Several of the conditions within the permission were read out and the development will be closely monitored for adherence to those conditions.
 - 4.6 Councillors were notified that permission had been granted for Planning Application 20/02490 | Resurfacing of existing loose gravelled parking area with a porous tarmac surface | Wilberfoss Play Area, Storking Lane, Wilberfoss.
 - 4.7 Councillors were notified that planning permission had been granted for Planning Application 20/03494 | Erection of a two storey and single storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side | Birchfield, Sand Lane, Wilberfoss.
5. Ward Cllr Paul West reported that the council tax will rise by 3.9% which will still leave a shortfall of £8 million in the budget over the next 4 years. £1 million has been set aside for adult social services and a further £1 million for children's services. ERYC are trying to encourage businesses to the East Riding by promoting a digital corridor along the A1079. ERYC's plan is to build 1,000 homes but it is unclear at present where these homes will be located. In the past, towns and larger villages have been the main focus but going forward focus may be on individual homes in smaller settlements.

Councillor West spoke briefly about devolution which would offer more localised decision making if the East Riding were

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to join with the City of Hull. Central Government has made no decision yet.

Cllr West had no further information on the submitted proposal for changes to the A1079 and he was asked by Cllr Steve Abernethy whether any studies had been undertaken regarding air quality along the A1079 corridor. Cllr West agreed to looking into this and report back.

A brief discussion took place regarding the offer by KCOM to bring faster broadband speeds to the village. Cllr Barnett remarked that he was happy with his broadband speed and several other Councillors agreed. The Clerk advised that broadband speeds have not been identified as a concern through the ongoing Parish Plan. Cllr West suggested that KCOM may still bring the infrastructure to the village and he offered to make enquiries on the Parish Council's behalf. At this point Cllr West left the meeting.

6. The Clerk advised that there had been no urgent decisions since the previous meeting.

7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings**

7.1 Cllr Rains advised that having received an initial quote of £780 for the provision of a Book Exchange, he is making further enquiries with alternative joiners recommended to him and will report back.

7.2 The Clerk advised that the Village Biodiversity Plan is still taking shape and a proposal has been put forward to a local landowner to consider the sale or lease of their land to incorporate the planting of wood. Pat Rains is meeting with representatives from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to discuss the Biodiversity Plan at length.

7.3 The Chair advised that she had approached a number of homeowners on Willow Park Road directly about the provision of a litter bin and salt bin. Although there had been no objection to the salt bin, there was objection to a litter bin. The Clerk suggested that it would be difficult to site a litter bin where there had been objection, but she would check with ERYC regarding the rules. A request has been submitted to ERYC for a salt bin although it is not clear this stage whether the Parish Council will have fund the purchase and/or fill the salt bin.

8. **Environment & Community matters (to include Highways and Footways, Health, Education, Transport, Policing, Street lighting and Community Groups).**

8.1 It was acknowledged that the flag will not be raised for the birthday of the Duke of York which means that the next flag flying date is 10th March 2021.

8.2 Following notification of planning approval, the Chair advised that the resurfacing of the play area car park is due to take place on the 22nd February. The new goal posts, part-funded by the Parish Council have been delivered. Finally, a new cooker has been ordered for the kitchen at the Pavilion.

8.3 The Chair advised that she had spoken to Richard Dunne who was responsible for the stonework at St John the Baptist Church. Although retired, he was happy to provide an appraisal of work he thought necessary to the village War Memorial. His recommendations in the short term would be to repair the concrete plinths with epoxy resin and specialist mortar. In the longer term some of the stonework may need replacing. Councillors were in agreement to Mr Dunne seeking quotes for the work. It was acknowledged that the cost of any extensive work would need to be factored into future budgeting or applied for through grant funding pots.

8.4 A discussion regarding KCOM had taken place earlier in the meeting.

8.5 It was acknowledged that Costcutter will be closed between the 20th February and the 9th March for a re-fit. A pop-up shop will be available in the old sorting office but will only supply essentials. The Post Office will not be operational during the re-fit and undelivered parcels will need to be collected from the sorting office in Huntington. Cllr Barnett remarked that the notice at the shop is not obvious. Although details have been circulated extensively through social medial channels, it was acknowledged that it would have been helpful if a more adequate notice had been placed in the monthly Newsletter in January.

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The Clerk advised that Humberside Police have set up a Rural Task Force to protect communities, wildlife and heritage. Furthermore, she confirmed that hare coursing had been witnessed in the neighbouring parish of Catton. Incidents can be reported via 101 or in an emergency 999.

9. **Councillors Reports for future Agendas**

9.1 Cllr Rains asked that consideration be given to the provision of additional benches in the village and Cllr Hoyle had a note to request the same. Cllr Rains offered to provide a map of existing benches and suggestions for suitable additional sites.

- 9.2 Cllr Smith asked that the next Agenda include an opportunity to discuss the old road over the brow of Wilberfoss Hill which is currently an eyesore and encourages litter. There has also been evidence of drug taking.
- 9.3 The Chair asked for regular reminders about the textile bank and the Clerk agreed to ask for a permanent feature in the monthly Newsletter.
- 9.4 A discussion took place about the Coronavirus Mosaic and the fact that some of the tiles are failing. Cllr Rains advised that he had spoken to the artist and will purchase the recommended sealant. In addition, Cllr Johnson had notified the Clerk that brass screws were on order and the plaque would be fitted over the coming days.

10. **Administration Matters**

- 10.1 Although not on the Agenda a discussion took place regarding the Annual Parish Meeting as the legislation to hold remote meetings is due to cease on the 7th May 2021. For safety reasons, it was agreed to bring the Annual Parish Meeting forward so that it falls within the remote meeting legislation timeframe. A date was not set but it was acknowledged that it must take place between the 1st March and the 1st June each year.

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 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 or at www.wilberfossparish.org.uk.)

- 11.1 The Clerk/RFO sought payment for the following transactions: -

Staff salaries	£674.84
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£521.26
Post Haste Limited (Newsletter production)	£285.00
Clerk's telephone and broadband quarterly expenses	£182.97
ERNLLCA (Annual Meeting in a Virtual World training)	£24.00
1&1 IONOS (website hosting)	£5.99

- 11.2 The Clerk provided Councillors with a receipt from Wilberfoss in Bloom to acknowledge safe receipt of the funding proceeds from the sale of the Lockdown Calendar.

Meeting closed 20.54

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