

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

20th February 2025

Present: Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Lynda Hoyle and Cllrs Colin Veitch, Stuart Savage and Alan Mercer

The 15-minute question time was not utilised.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Gibbs and Ward Councillors. The two Councillor vacancies will continue to be advertised through the notice boards, the Newsletter and on the Parish Council website.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Councillor present.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the 16th January 2025 were signed as a true record.
4. **Planning Matters**
 - 4.1 Cllrs were notified that a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land and buildings for the storage, maintenance and subsequent sale of industrial equipment (Use Classes B2 and B8) | Endfield Machinery Sales Limited, Unit 4, Storking Lane, Wilberfoss had gone to appeal.
 - 4.2 Cllrs were notified that an application for the erection of single storey extension to side and rear and two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory and garage | 20 Field Head, Wilberfoss had been approved.
 - 4.3 Cllrs were notified that an application to site a timber lodge for use as an agricultural worker's dwelling (temporary), erection of a toilet/shower block and office/storage building for CS camping and change of use of land for the storage of caravans (Retrospective application) | Egremont Pines, Newbridge Lane, Wilberfoss had been declined.
 - 4.4 The Clerk notified Cllrs that the Anaerobic Digestion facility planning application has been validated and that a meeting had been offered by the applicant. Cllrs agreed that a face-to-face would be helpful, potentially with Catton Parish Council so the Clerk will make contact.
5. No Ward Councillor was present at the meeting.
6. The Clerk advised that no urgent decisions had been made since the last meeting but at some point over the coming weeks there will be a need to instruct the mole eradication team before the grass cutting season starts.
7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings.**
 - 7.1 Prior to the meeting the Clerk had shared details about Auto Speed Watch, which is currently being trialled by the Police Crime Commissioner, and which could provide an alternative to Speed Indicator Devices. The Clerk was tasked with gathering information of their effectiveness. In the meantime, Cllr Veitch agreed to make some further enquiries about SIDs, mainly due to weight restrictions imposed by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Cllrs were asked to consider the Licensing Agreement for the provision of SIDs and there was a query on the number of times they were required to be moved. The Clerk advised that Sutton on Derwent had received one verbal quote for the movement of the units and the Clerk will also ask ERYC Streetlighting for a quote to install a lighting column and the cost of the ongoing movement of the devices.
 - 7.2 The Clerk was pleased to report that 24 people have signed up to the Community First Aid course. Three sessions of 3 hours each will be provided during March. The Parish Council will cover the cost of renting a room in the Community Centre.
 - 7.3 The Clerk advised that the proposed location for re-siting the litter bin on Field Head had not been approved by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, due to a lack of footpath. Cllr Veitch suggested an alternative style of litter bin which requires the user to open a door. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries. It was also questioned whether 3 of the sides of the existing bin could be covered so that the smell of dog foul is more contained.

- 7.4 Cllrs were encouraged by the response from the Countryside Access Officer to their request to add an additional gate to offer safer access the amenity land off Storking Lane. The gate would limit the need to walk along the verge into oncoming traffic. Public consultation will be carried out before a decision is made. In addition, the gate between Middlecroft and the amenity land will be re-fitted with a plastic latch to reduce the noise made when the gate swings shut.
8. **Environment & Community Matters (to include Highways & Footways, Health, Education, Policing, Street Lighting and Community Groups)**
- 8.1 Cllr Veitch suggested that the Council take a more direct approach regarding the Flood Warden Scheme, targeting homes that are affected by flooding. It was agreed that homeowners on Beckside, Storking Lane and Foss Beck Close would be approached.
- 8.2 Following notification from East Riding of Yorkshire Council of funding available for bus shelters, a discussion took place about the provision of a shelter at the western entrance to the village. It was acknowledged that the location of the bus stop could change if planning permission is granted on land behind Moorfield Way so instead Cllrs discussed the site at the Butcher's Shop, where school children wait in numbers. Due to footpath constraints the shelter would have to be open ended. An Expression of Interest will be submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Funding is not guaranteed but Cllrs agreed to offer to fund 50% of the cost, should an application be successful.
- 8.3 The Clerk had chased ERYC Highways for an update on the project to dual a stretch of the A1079, providing a roundabout at Wilberfoss. The response contradicts correspondence sent to a resident, who had been told that it is unlikely that Wilberfoss will qualify for funding, suggesting that the project is still awaiting consideration by central Government.
- 8.4 Cllrs were notified of funding through East Riding of Yorkshire Council's VE & VJ Anniversary Community Fund and were encouraged to think of projects to mark the occasion. The Parish Council can collaborate with community groups.
- 8.5 Cllrs considered correspondence regarding a long-serving member of the community and agreed to erect a plaque in their honour at Wilberfoss Community Centre. Ring-fenced funds allocated for community projects will be utilised.
- 8.6 Correspondence from a resident regarding the deterioration of the A1079 was passed to Ward Cllrs who in turn have sent it to East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Cllr Veitch has knowledge of such building materials and suggested the issue is stress cracks and that the road surface will improve in warmer months.
- 8.7 Cllrs considered correspondence from a resident regarding inadequate bus services through the village and the dangers of crossing the A1079, particularly for senior residents. East Yorkshire Buses' Managing Director has suggested that time constraints prevent some services coming through villages and Cllr Savage suggested the Council requests that the X45 and X46 bus service be re-routed through the village, eastbound only. This would increase the opportunity for residents travelling to Pocklington and beyond but the impact on the service would be minimal as the driver is accessing and existing the village on the left. It was agreed that a template requesting such changes will be uploaded to the Parish Council's website, offering residents an opportunity to support the suggestion by writing to East Yorkshire Buses.
9. **Councillors' Reports for future Agendas**
- 9.1 Cllr Hoyle asked whether there had been any further update on the planning application from Crest Nicholson to build 70 new homes in the village. The Clerk advised that until the East Riding Local Plan is approved by central Government, it is unlikely that the planning application will progress.
10. **Administration Matters**
- 10.1 The Clerk advised that she had chased the bank about Cllr Gibbs becoming as a signatory. The request is still being processed.
- 10.2 It was agreed to delay the discussion about the Retentions Policy until Cllr Gibbs is available. In the meantime, Cllrs agreed to create an archive of historic material currently being held by residents. If necessary, a suitable locked cabinet will be purchase.

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 the 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 and on the parish website (www.wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk).

11.1 Following a transfer of £1,700 from the Instant Access account to the Current Account, the Clerk sought approval of the following payments:-

Clerk's salary (not disclosed)	-
Clerk's broadband/landline expenses	59.99
Post Haste (Newsletter production)	£300.00
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£517.37
Wilberfoss Community Centre (hire charges)	£22.00
Easy Web Sites (website hosting and .gov.uk email management)	£62.04

Meeting closed:- 21.13. The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 20th March 2025 from 7.30 pm

Chair Clerk