

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

21st January 2021

Present: Chairman Judy Abernethy, Vice Chairman David Smith and Councillors Richard Rains, Dominic Johnson, Claire Norman, Steve Abernethy and Lynda Hoyle together with Ward Councillor Kay West.

The 15 minute question time was not utilised.

1. There were no apologies for absence, although the Chairman and Councillor Abernethy were a little late accessing the online meeting so Councillor Rains began proceedings. Councillors consider an application from David Barnett for one of the current vacancies. After a brief discussion David's appointment was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice Chairman. David remained at the meeting as an observer.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Councillor present.
3. The Minutes of the Meetings of 17th December 2020 were signed as a true record and will be delivered to the Clerk by the Chairman.
4. **Planning Matters**
 - 4.1 There were no planning applications to consider and no outcomes to report.
5. Ward Councillor Kay West had little by way of information to provide other than to advise that cases of COVID in the East Riding remain lower than in many other counties in the country but they are still at a critical level. The continuing heavy rain is causing flooding in areas in the East Riding and mobile pumps are being used, currently in the neighbouring village of Stamford Bridge. It had been acknowledged prior to the meeting that water levels in Wilberfoss beck are monitored remotely.
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 The Lockdown Calendar has raised £466 in funding for Wilberfoss in Bloom and only 9 copies remain for sale at Costcutter. The Chair will leave these in situ until the end of January.
 - 7.2 Councillor Rains advised that he has had no further contact from the joiner but that he would chase for a quote for the bookcase to act as a Book Exchange.
 - 7.3 Councillors unanimously agreed that the Village Biodiversity Plan has been very well executed and was a huge accomplishment. Nobody present at the meeting could think of anything further to add or to consider amending. It was given full approval.
 - 7.4 Councillor Johnson advised that the mosaic plaque is ready for collection. He further confirmed that he will collect it and position it below the mosaic on the wall of the butcher's shop on Main Street.
8. **Environment & Community matters (to include Highways and Footways, Health, Education, Transport, Policing, Street lighting and Community Groups).**
 - 8.1 The flag is due to be raised on the 6th and 19th February. Councillor Rains has arranged a 50:50 split of responsibility over the year with Chris Clegg, the Council's second volunteer flag flyer.
 - 8.2 The Chair advised that the monthly PFA meeting had again been cancelled due to lockdown. She was however able to

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confirm that the conifer hedge adjacent to the tennis courts has been reduced in height. In addition, the PFA committee is looking for a suitable smoking shelter, without any luck at present. Furthermore, the goalposts, which have been part-funded by the Parish Council, have been ordered and paid for and are awaiting delivery. Lastly, the planning application submitted by the PFA to re-surface the car park between the play area and the properties on Stoking Lane has been amended to reflect the use of porous tarmac.

- 8.3 The Clerk advised that as a community we have secured £179.52 from the textile recycling facility behind the Community Centre and recycled over a tonne in textiles. Suitable signage is currently being printed and will be fixed to the side of the Community Centre to direct people to the bank.
- 8.4 The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council as to the cost of a litter bin and grit bin to be located on the corner of Willow Park Road and Wold View Road. Consultation with neighbouring residents will be necessary before any installation of a litter bin can take place and it would need to be established that the East Riding refuse collection team would empty the bin. In addition to this it would need to be ascertained who is responsible for filling the grit bin as Ward Councillor Kay West suggested that it may be the Parish Council's responsibility to fund the purchase of grit.
- 8.5 After an introduction from the Chair and agreement that support for the Bill would enhance the work of the Biodiversity Plan committee, Councillors voted unanimously to support the Climate & Ecology Emergency Bill.

9. **Councillors Reports for future Agendas**

- 9.1 Councillor Hoyle asked that the Parish Council consider the correspondence from KCOM offering an alternative broadband for the village. The Clerk agreed to add it to the Agenda for February.
- 9.2 A brief discussion took place acknowledging receipt of promotional material relating to the 2021 Census. The Clerk advised that it will be suitably advertised around the village.
- 9.3 It was acknowledged that the school had raised £3,200 through their Go Fund Me page to obtain a number of Chromebooks for use by pupils schooling at home during lockdown. Councillor Hoyle passed her thanks to the wider community. The Clerk reaffirmed that ERNLLCA had been consulted about whether the Parish Council could fund the school's Go Fund Me page. It was confirmed that is not permissible under the Parish Council's powers. A brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Parish Council owning a Chromebook and loaning it out to members of the community in need. Further discussion will be necessary.

10. **Administration Matters**

- 10.1 Nothing to Report.

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: -

Post Haste Limited (VAT for Lockdown Calendar)	£75.00 **
Microsoft 365 Annual subscription	£59.99 **
Andrews Sign (Mosaic plaque)	£82.80
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£521.26
Post Haste Limited (Newsletter production)	£220.00
Staff salaries	£693.76
1&1 IONOS (website hosting)	£5.99

- 11.2 The Clerk advised that there had been a 4p discrepancy in the Litter Picker's salary that had been rectified this month.
- 11.3 Two invoices paid after last month's meeting are marked with ** above.

Meeting closed 20.23

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