

# WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present:** Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Lynda Hoyle and Cllrs David Barnett, Michelle Wallis, Dominic Johnson, Colin Veitch and Karen Innis, together with Ward Councillor Andrew Cousins and 14 members of the public.

The 15-minute public question time was utilised by Paul Butler, Town Planner and Paul Thornton, Land & Planning for Crest Nicholson, who have submitted a proposal for 69 dwellings on land off Main Street, Wilberfoss. Prior to the meeting, the Parish Council raised a number of issue, some of which were addressed in the hour long discussion between the Parish Council, Crest Nicholson representatives and local residents. Due to time constraints a number of questions remained unanswered. The Clerk will liaise with Paul Butler to seek further information. Having missed the cut-off for the August's Newsletter, an appraisal of the conversation will be included in September's Newsletter and the same information will be added to the village website.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mercer and Cllrs were notified of the resignation of Cllr David Smith. David was thanked for his long service and his commitment to the role over the last 13 years. It was acknowledged that he had acted as Vice Chairman for a number of years and represented the Parish Council on a number of external committees.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors present.
3. The Minutes of the Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were signed as a true record.
4. **Planning Matters**
  - 4.1 The discussion regarding the proposal for 69 dwellings was discussed during the public question time allocated before the meeting.
5. Ward Councillor Andrew Cousins spoke about the A1079 dualling and roundabout proposal, suggesting that a decision will be many years away. In addition, East Riding of Yorkshire Council currently has a £7 million highways deficit, although it is unclear whether the multi-million-pound proposal, if granted, would be fully-funded by central Government.
6. No urgent decisions have been taken since the last meeting.
7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings.**
  - 7.1 An appraisal of the Village Taskforce Walkabout was delayed until the written schedule is received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. A brief discussion did however take place regarding weed spraying in the village. The Clerk had taken a call from an East Riding representative who suggested that the Parish Council had asked for cessation of the spraying. This is not the case and weed spraying of curbs, etc will resume.
8. **Environment & Community Matters (to include Highways & Footways, Health, Education, Policing, Street Lighting and Community Groups)**
  - 8.1 Cllr Hoyle reported on an excellent year for SATS results, where results have exceeded the national average in most categories. It was reported that capacity to take additional children at the school is currently very limited.
  - 8.2 A discussion took place regarding the parameters of the funds collected through the textile recycling and it was acknowledged that as the Community Centre grounds house the bank, and the Community Centre is currently running at an annual shortfall, funds collected will in future contribute directly to the running of the Community Centre. No agreement was reached to contribute financially towards the running of the Tuesday Chat sessions.

8.3 The Clerk advised that she is currently trying to source the services of a mole trapper as mole activity on Beckside, in particular, is hampering the grounds maintenance contractor's efforts to cut the grass. Cllr Veitch urged the Clerk to seek a fixed fee for mole removal.

9. **Councillors' Reports for future Agendas**

9.1 Cllr Veitch enquired as to whether any progress had been made in seeking costs to install speed activation signage. It was acknowledged that the Council is waiting for contact from East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Highways Department to ascertain suitable siting locations. The Clerk had made enquiries of two neighbouring parishes, but their cameras were installed some time ago by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Both parishes act as a thoroughfare and are impacted significantly more than Wilberfoss by heavy traffic.

10. **Administration Matters**

10.1 Banking documentation was signed to remove two previous Cllrs as bank signatories. Cllrs Veitch and Wallis agreed to become signatories. The Clerk will draw up the necessary paperwork.

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.wilberfossparish.org.uk](http://www.wilberfossparish.org.uk))*

11.1 The Clerk sought approval of the following payments:-

Poste Haste (Newsletter production)	£300.00
Supreme Clean – bi-annual bus shelter clean	£80.00
Wilberfoss Community Centre (hire charges)	£16.50
James Horsley Limited	£565.07
Combined staff wages	£759.87
IONOS Cloud Limited (website hosting)	£22.74

Meeting closed:- 21.20

The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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