

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

17th November 2022

Present: Chairman Cllr Richard Rains and Cllrs David Barnett, Clare Norman and Dominic Johnson, together with Ward Councillor David Sykes, Simon Clark whose application for one of the vacancies was being consider and Judith Johnson representing Wilberfoss Duck Race Committee.

The 15-minute question time was utilised by Judith to request financial assistances from the Parish Council for the purchase of a community PA system. Details can be found in point 8.2 of these Minutes.

1. There were apologies from Vice Chair Cllr Lynda Hoyle and Cllrs Dave Smith and Michelle Wallis. An application for co-option from Simon Clark was considered. Simon will duly proposed for co-option by the Chair, and seconded by Cllr Johnson.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors.
3. The Minutes of the Meeting of the 20th October 2022 were signed as a true record.
4. **Planning Matters**
 - 4.1 Cllrs considered Planning Application 22/03483/PLF | Erection of a single storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory | 25 Becksde, Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
 - 4.2 Councillors considered Planning Application 22/02410/PLF | Change of use of 5-a-side pitch and construction of a floodlit multi use games area (MUGA) with associated fencing | Wilberfoss Sports Pavilion, Storking Lane, Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
5. Ward Cllr Sykes brought the Humberside Policy Speedwatch campaign to the attention of Councillors. It was acknowledged that Wilberfoss had partaken in the initiative in the past but recruiting volunteers has proven difficult. Cllr Sykes ran through the extensive support offered to households through the Help For Households Campaign. Information has been posted through household letterboxes and further information is available online. He spoke a little about the discussions taking place between Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to become a combined authority.
6. The Clerk advised that there had been no urgent decisions taking since the last meeting.
7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings.**
 - 7.1 In his capacity as one of the members of the Full Fibre community group, Simon was asked to give an update on the Full Fibre Project. He was pleased to report that the community had committed sufficient pledges for Openreach to bring Full Fibre to the village, but pledges must now be validated for the Government to release the funds necessary to pay for the scheme. Validation codes are provided by the Government via email and some people have reported that they are yet to receive their codes. Simon has reported these to Openreach and has set up a link on www.wilberfoss.net where residents can report issues. So far £546,000 of the £793,000 has been validated. The Clerk suggested the group reach residents through the Newsletter who are not on social media.
 - 7.2 A general discussion took place about the way forward at Jubilee Wood, following the withdrawal of the paid gardener. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Mark Waterfield to try and get a definitive list of what work still needs to be carried out before a maintenance plan can be drawn up. The Queen's Green Canopy Tree has still yet to be planted.
 - 7.3 The Clerk reported that her enquiries to East Riding of Yorkshire Council suggest that a funding bid for a mobile CCTV to deter fly tipping on Cherry Hill is likely to be unsuccessful, but she is still liaising with a representative

from ERYC regarding the reinstatement of the gate at the top of Cherry Hill. In addition, mobile CCTV equipment specifically for fly-tipping may be something that can be pursued.

8. **Environment & Community Matters (to include Highways & Footways, Health, Education, Policing, Street Lighting and Community Groups)**

- 8.1 Cllr Hoyle was absent from the meeting so no updating report on Wilberfoss School was available.
- 8.2 Councillors considered a request for funding from Judith Johnson, representing Wilberfoss Duck Race, for the purchase of a community PA system which could be used at village events and by the School. The proposal was for a 3-way split between Wilberfoss School, Wilberfoss Duck Race Committee and Wilberfoss Parish Council. Councillors were in agreement in principle to supporting the purchase with a financial contribution but suggested comparable quotes should be sought before a commitment is made. In addition, the Clerk offered to seek funding through the Do it For East Yorkshire funding put, administered by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It was anticipated that next year's Duck Race will be on a bigger scale, with a road closure in place to offer more room for stallholders.
- 8.3 Councillors considered the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's draft Local Plan. In addition to Wilberfoss sites already allocated in the existing Local Plan, the new Plan includes a development of 50 properties behind existing dwellings on Moorfield Way. It was acknowledged that surveyors have been seen on site and a gap exists between properties on Windmill Meadows to accommodate further development. With this in mind, the Local Plan feels very much finalised in terms of development in Wilberfoss. There were the usual concerns about access onto the A1079, especially as it is understood that new developments are also proposed for Pocklington, Market Weighton and Beverley.
- 8.4 The Clerk reported that she had met with representatives from Envirofriendly Recycling to discuss the community textile bank. Because of issues over the size of the chute, the Clerk will be provided with a key to the bank. The Parish Council has been assured of improved communications so that they can engage the community better. £266.00 in funding has been credited to the Parish Council's account for the first 3 quarters of 2022.
- 8.5 The Clerk was delighted to report that a volunteer has been found to host the Warm Space sessions on alternate Tuesday afternoons. The Clerk, as Community Centre Manager, is acting as liaison. Sessions may run through the winter months and if they are needed, could take place weekly. The Chair suggested making use of the TV on site at the Community Centre.

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

- 9.1 There were no reports from Councillors.

10. **Administration Matters**

- 10.1 The Clerk advised that she had updated the Council's Standing Orders to reflect changes made for tenders for larger Councils. The changes, however, do not impact Wilberfoss Parish Council

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)*

- 11.1 The Clerk sought approval of the following payments:-

The Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Sunday wreath)	£50.00
Combined staff salaries (to include backpay for the Clerk)	£1018.27
Clerk's quarterly telephone and broadband expenses	£195.66
James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance)	£521.26
Wilberfoss Community Centre (room hire)	£16.50
Zurich Insurance (annual renewal)	£362.34
Post Haste (Newsletter production)	£300.00
IONOS (website hosting)	£11.99
Information Commissioners GDPR Data Protection renewal	£35.00

The Clerk advised that £266.00 has been received from Envirofriendly Recycling which brings the community fundraising pot to £3,675.88.

- 11.2 Brief discussions took place regarding the 2023-2024 Precept. It is likely that the Council will submit the same Precept demand as 2022-2023 - £21,000 - but before submitting, Councillors were asked to consider any projects for the forthcoming year.

- 11.3 Councillors acknowledged the new pay scales, agreed by the National Association of Local Councils, and the increase to the Clerk's salary and backpay to 2022. It was acknowledged that the living wage increase anticipated for April 2023 will affect the Litter Picker's hourly rate.

Meeting closed 20.50

..... Chair Richard Rains

Clerk