

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

17th February 2022

Present: Chair Judy Abernethy, Vice Chair David Smith and Councillors Richard Rains, Steve Abernethy, Lynda Hoyle, David Barnett and Dominic Johnson, together with Ward Councillor David Sykes.

The 15 minute question time was not utilised.

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Claire Norman and Michelle Wallis.
2. There were no declarations made by any Councillor present.
3. The Minutes of the Meetings of the 20th January were signed as a true record.
4. **Planning Matters**
 - 4.1 Councillors were notified that Planning Application 21/04527 | Erection of a single storey extension to side | 1 St Oswald's Close, Wilberfoss had been granted permission.
 - 4.2 Councillors were notified that Planning Application 21/04654 | Erection of a two storey and single storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory | 17 Field Head, Wilberfoss had been granted permission.
5. Ward Cllr David Sykes spoke briefly about the county deal under the proposed Devolution. He reported on the number of COVID cases in the East Riding, advising that 100 or so people remain in hospital although cases are declining in the young and old. He advised that Woldgate School had been successful in a bid to re-build parts of the school but he was unable to offer a timeline for the works. Lastly, he advised Councillors of the £150 council tax rebate which is due to be paid to households in council tax bands A-D to help with rising energy bills. The funds will be paid directly in April.

Ward Cllr Sykes was again questioned about the planning permission secured to create a dog walking field off Storking Lane and in particular the lack of evidence to suggest that Ward Cllr Paul West requested, on behalf of the Parish Council, that the planning application go to committee. Councillors feel particularly disgruntled at the lack of contact from Cllr West and his inability to provide the evidence needed.
6. The Clerk advised that, following a request from the Council's grounds maintenance contractor, she had instructed mole eradication in anticipation of the start of the cutting season.
7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings**
 - 7.1 Councillors were in favour of continuing maintenance work to the copse of trees on Ings Road in anticipation of planting a tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Chair suggested the planting of a fruit tree. The Council was also in favour of buying a plaque through the [Royal British Legion Industries](#), a charity that provides employment, support, housing and care to the British armed forces. It was acknowledged that the maintenance work would be covered by the Quarry grant.
 - 7.2 The Clerk advised that the funding bid to secure monies for the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations has been delayed until events over the bank holiday weekend can be established.
8. **Environment & Community matters** (to include Highways and Footways, Health, Education, Transport, Policing, Street lighting and Community Groups).
 - 8.1 The Chair advised that the Bar & Kitchen Manager at The Pavilion has already left the Pavilion and it is currently closed. A new Manager is anticipated to be in situ by the beginning of March and all bookings that the PFA have been made aware of will be honoured.

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8.2 As Chair of the School Governors, Cllr Hoyle reported that life at school is very quickly returning to normal and discussions are currently taking place to allow parents back inside. It was acknowledged that the parents' evenings on Zoom had offered flexibility to parents working away or with childcare issues and this could be continued for some families.

9. **Councillors Reports for future Agendas**

9.1 Cllr Steve Abernethy advised that the fingerpost to Footpath 4 has still not been replaced, despite being identified on the village walkabout. In addition, the warning of a bend sign at the western end of Main Street is extremely faded and needs replacing. Again, this was identified in the village walkabout. The Clerk will chase.

9.2 Cllr Rains reminded the Clerk of the collapse of stones covering an outlet pipe which discharges into a ditch on Beckside. He was asked to provide photographic evidence which the Clerk can pass to East Riding of Yorkshire Council as a visual aid.

9.3 The Chair advised that she has again reported the hole dug by East Riding of Yorkshire Council on Wold View Road. ERYC has again promised to fill the hole if the utility company will not take responsibility. This has been ongoing since July 2021!

9.4 The Vice Chairman advised of a sink hole that has appeared at the front of the grass garden on Main Street. Subsequent to the meeting he has established that the land is owned by the butcher's shop. He has been assured that the hole is not in danger of falling further and the Vice Chairman has offered to fill the hole with the gravel that is on site.

9.5 Cllr Rains advised that way-markers have been fixed to posts off Birker Lane offering two opportunities to walk permissive footpaths. The first is identified as the footpath which the Parish Council has agreed to keep clear, linking the track off Birker Lane to Footpath 6 and the second leads to Foss Farm, although is only permissive to the ditch which runs parallel to Footpath 6.

9.6 Cllr Hoyle advised that the first meeting of the Quarry Panel has been delayed until the beginning of March 2022.

10. **Administration Matters**

10.1 Councillors noted correspondence from Newbald Parish Council, which had not been seen by all Councillors as it had only been circulated late that afternoon.

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

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| Combined staff salaries | £655.48 |
| Post Haste (newsletter production) | £265.00 |
| James Horsley Limited (grounds maintenance) | £521.26 |
| Wilberfoss Community Centre (hire charges) | £15.00 |
| Clerk's telephone and broadband expenses | £184.86 |
| J Atkinson & Son (road planings for the allotment road) | £105.60 |

It was acknowledged that the invoice from J Atkinson & Son will be covered by reserve funds held on account for the Allotment Association.

Meeting closed 20.39

..... Chair Cllr Abernethy Clerk