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**MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
At Wilberfoss Community Centre, Main Street, Wilberfoss**

Present: Chairman Lesley Hoyer, Vice Chairman Pete Armstrong and Councillors Tricia Room, David Smith, Monica Hodgson and Mandy Brisco, District Councillor Steve Lane and representatives from community groups who were asked to report to the meeting

Apologies: Councillors Sue Butterfield and Mike Skelton

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Lesley Hoyer who welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a précis of the Council's year. Like all the evening's reports, this can be downloaded from the Parish Council's website and is recorded as *Appendix 1*

The meeting was then addressed by Tam Stalker who gave a demonstration of the public access defibrillator. He reminded those present of the need to increase the number of volunteers of the NHS First Responder Scheme and provided data that indicated there had been 456 callouts since the scheme began in 2009.

Chris Gray then addressed the meeting as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch and his report is recorded as *Appendix 2*

Sarah Wills acted as representative for the Wilberfoss Playing Fields Association and read a report from the Chairman. This is recorded as *Appendix 3*.

As Chairman, Chris Gray delivered the report for the Community Centre Management Committee and this is recorded as *Appendix 4*.

Mandy Brisco addressed the Council with a report from the Wilberfoss in Bloom group. This report is recorded as *Appendix 5*.

The meeting was then addressed by Kirsty Browne who provided details of the proposed Community Orchard. The scheme would need support from the community and funds have been applied for from the Orchard Windfall Project.

Alan Dibb delivered a report on behalf of the Allotment Association, recorded as *Appendix 6*

Mandy Brisco reminded those present of the forthcoming Annual Scarecrow Festival which is taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for this year's event is Children's TV Characters and scarecrows will be left in situ until 7.00 pm. Funds raised will be divided between the Women's Institute, Women of Wilberfoss WI and Funding for research into brain tumours in children in memory of Oscar Hughes.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Thank you all for coming and welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting. Thanks again to all our Cllrs new and old for their help and support throughout the year and to Sarah Wills who keeps everything running smoothly for us. Each year brings new challenges and initiatives and as a group we couldn't do this without the help and support of each other.

Sadly we've said goodbye to a couple of councillors (Les Smith & Nick Olley) and welcomed Mandy Brisco who joined us in January of this year. We still have a vacancy at present, so if anyone is interest in joining us, please email Sarah Wills.

For further information on what the PC has done and is doing, please check our Website, Facebook Page and the village noticeboards and please do come and see us at our regularly monthly meetings and talk to us about what matters to you.

**What is the Parish Council doing?**

We continue to contribute to the Community Centre which receives annual support from us and we continue to employ our litter picker to help keep the village tidy and we hope that this is noticeable to all our village residents.

We are continuing to work with the ERYC Dog Warden to resolve the issue of dog fouling throughout the village and know that at least one person within the village has been fined for this issue within the last few months.

We're looking into whether or not we can get funding for an additional bus shelter within the village but will then have to take into consideration residents views especially those living next to where a shelter may be placed. Keep your eye on the Village News, Facebook and Village Noticeboards for further information.

We've been approached by a local resident regarding the speeding traffic on Storking Lane. This is something which we have approached ERYC about in the past and will continue to do so.

There were also issues raised by this resident regarding a tree blocking signage and an exposed manhole, all of these items have been raised in the past to ERYC and we have recently raised them at our recent Streetscene walkabout together with the issue of the village grass cutting.

A Community First Responder is a volunteer who is trained by the ambulance service to attend emergency calls in the area where they live or work. Their aim is to reach a potential life threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew arrives on scene. Wilberfoss Community First Responder scheme is looking to increase their team members, so, if you have spare time and would like to get involved, we would like to hear from you

Thanks to the hard work of Councillor Monica Duffy and the generosity of a local businessman, the village now has its own water pump! It will be housed by a member of the Village Flood Group and will allow us to react more quickly to any flooding situation.

Congratulations to everyone who used the Recycling Facilities in the village this quarter. You've helped to secure a further £196.34, taking the total of our funding pot to £940.38. Please keep thinking about ways to spend it. We're looking for an environmental project that will benefit the community.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### WILBERFOSS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

2013 - 2014

It has been another quiet year in the village, with only minor events occurring, long may this continue.

We currently have six coordinators covering the village and luckily due to the few incidents we are managing to cope with that number.

We still get one or two 'cold calling' salesmen but these seem to reduce each year which is good and let us hope it reduces again in the coming year.

Our annual meeting held last October was attended by both the Police and the Neighbourhood Watch Support Officer from Beverley, and I regularly see our local PCSO to talk about issues in the village. I also receive regular e-mails from the Police with information on crimes in the Pocklington Provincial region.

Chris Gray  
Chairman

## APPENDIX 3

### PFA REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2014

This year has probably been one of the most tiring, yet exciting years for the PFA Committee in recent times.

The village can now boast a first rate sporting facility with 4 Football Foundation approved changing rooms and two referees rooms to compete with any in the surrounding area. Upgraded toilets now provide disabled and baby changing facilities and none of this could have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of 12 voluntary members. A special thank you goes to Paul Gibney, the PFA's Vice Chairman, who has tirelessly made contact with hundreds of funding providers and has to date secured around £150,000 in grant funding.

Despite having achieved so much already, the quest for funding won't stop until a total refurbishment has been achieved. A serving hatch from the kitchen to the outside wall will shortly be installed to enable refreshment to be served on football match and training days. Following the replacement of the patio doors, a patio will be installed to make the most of the outside space and at some stage the Committee hopes to replace the four windows in the main function room with ones that are more energy efficient. Probably the most exciting thing to happen recently is the fact that we now have tenants who run the bar and kitchen, thus relieving the stress of this from the voluntary committee members. Dougie and Alison Cowgill live in the village and they have already made an impact. Dougie is a singer (and has taken center stage already with a brilliant performance) and Alison is a chef. She is currently providing basket meals at between £5 and £6 and their aim is to keep the prices at the Pavilion affordable for the people of Wilberfoss.

To sum up I'd like to say on behalf of the Committee, thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. To anyone currently volunteering on a committee who is looking for funding, there is plenty of money out there. You just need commitment and a 'don't take no for an answer' attitude. I shall be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. I hope that now that the facilities are ones to be proud of, others in the village will be willing to take on some of the responsibility of taking The Pavilion from strength to strength. There's never been a more exciting time to join the PFA.

## APPENDIX 4

### Wilberfoss Community Centre

#### Chairman's Annual Report May 2014

We continue to see very good support from long term users, the 'Bakery' is continuing to do well and we have gained a few new users this year particularly Baby Ballet and Derwent Danceworks. The Community Centre continues to be well used being the best adaptable facility in the area.

We have spent a lot of money this year ensuring that the Community Centre is maintained to the highest standards, fitting new curtains round the higher level areas, a new water heater for the kitchen and some 'new' 6 sided tables. Complementing all this we were successful in getting a complete new kitchen thanks to the generosity of Howden Kitchens. We had been concerned about the room dividers for a while, but we have had them serviced and they are now in excellent condition.

We have ended the year with a surplus, thanks to the continued financial support from the Parish Council and another excellent year of fundraising, however next year's fundraising will be at a lower level as we will not be able to cover as many activities as before.

We employ three staff, a manager a cleaner and a caretaker. Sarah as manager does a great job of finding new users and being available to sort out the hiring and other aspects of the centre.

Let's hope that the Community Centre continues to provide a marvellous resource for Wilberfoss for many years to come.

Chris Gray  
Chairman

## APPENDIX 5

### Wilberfoss In Bloom

#### REPORT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014

Wilberfoss in Bloom have had another very busy and successful year despite some of our members being out of action due to illness and others retiring from the group. We have continued to maintain the planters and gardens and improve other areas around the village.

In the autumn of 2013 we bought some additional bulbs and these were planted throughout the village including under the trees at the Pocklington entrance, at the top of Main Street, on the banking of the A1079 and at the bottom of Moorfield Way. Again we were fortunate to receive a generous donation of free bulbs from EYRC. Phil Hetherington provided the village Christmas tree once again and Cliff Frost the butcher kindly supplied the electricity.

Fund raising has continued throughout the year including two plant sales in May, a cake stall at the annual Duck Race and the production of a successful Wilberfoss in Bloom calendar and in addition this year, Christmas cards depicting winter scenes of the village. Again grateful thanks go to Nick and Tomoko Olley for all their hard work on this initiative. The collecting boxes at Costcutter and David Smith provide very welcome funds and we continue to enjoy the sponsorship of several local businesses.

Our commitment and involvement in village events has continued this year and we have again had stalls at the Duck Race, Christmas Fayre and Church Fayre. We held two plant sales outside the Costcutter store which were hugely supported by all members of the community who also donated many of the plants and cuttings. We took part in the annual Scarecrow competition which was held in September. Permission was obtained from EYRC to tidy up the land adjacent to the bus stop on Beckside. The site was sloping so a retaining wall had to be built and we were most grateful to Andrew Rudsdale a local resident, who volunteered to do this for us. InTurf very kindly donated the topsoil. The team worked very hard and we now have a border planted up with herbaceous perennials which are quickly becoming established. Andrew also built us a small wall around the border in the Costcutter garden which now looks much neater and keeps the planting tidy. In the summer of 2013 we were asked to become involved with the Playing Fields Association and a group of three girls who were taking part in the Humberside Lifestyle Challenge. The PFA were granted funds to install an outside table tennis court and the girls created a fantastic mural and an insect friendly garden to celebrate the 2012 Jubilee Year. We were delighted to become involved and helped them to choose the plants for the garden, plant it up and we now help them to maintain it.

The Jubilee garden continues to mature and together with the snowdrops and daffodils it was a delight to see this Spring. The two raised herb beds at the bottom of Moorfield Way are now well established and residents take advantage of a free supply of fresh herbs. We have recycled the three old wooden bridge planters and these are now planted up and sitting on the Church bridge at the end of Middle Skeet A lavender hedge has been planted along the fence in the grass garden with cuttings donated by the community and we look forward to seeing this develop. The bog garden at the Kiddies Nursery is still an ongoing project for In Bloom and we have planted bog iris, a weeping hazel, pampas grass and bamboo and children from the Primary school have erected a display board which explains the flora and fauna which inhabit the garden.

### **Yorkshire in Bloom**

The Summer judging for 2013 took place on 18th July and again we were delighted to

obtain a Silver Gilt equaling 2012's entry. It's Your Neighbourhood (Windmill Meadows/ Moorfield Way) obtained a Level 3: Developing and St. John the Baptist Church: Silver Gilt. Altogether a very rewarding result for all the hard work put in by the team. The judging for Spring 2014 took place on 4e April with the Summer judging will take place sometime during July.

In October we were delighted to be awarded the prestigious Duke of York Community Initiative Award. Four members of the group attended a lunch and presentation ceremony in Bridlington to accept the award from HRH the Duke of York. It was a marvelous occasion, much enjoyed and an honour for our village. We are now entitled to use the royal logo for the next five years.

### **Future Plans**

We are looking forward to producing a calendar and cards for 2015

The wooden planters at the end of Storking lane will be replaced with new self-watering ones. The inners have already been bought and the wooden outer casing are being made for us by local resident Mark Tuffs.

We still hope to develop the pond/bog area behind the nursery. Although this is on private land we would like to develop this further as a useful nature area for both the primary school and the nursery.

We would like to put on record our grateful thanks to Costcutter, Frost's the butcher and David Smith's Nursery, Yorkshire Countrywomen's, In Turf, the Parish Council, Linden Homes and especially the people of Wilberfoss for their continued support and encouragement.

In summary we have had a very successful year working as a team with good humour and a great community spirit. We look forward to another year of continued achievement for the good and betterment of the village of Wilberfoss.

Margaret Smith,  
Chairperson

## Appendix 6

### Wilberfoss Allotments Association Report for Annual Parish Meeting May 2014

The Allotments Association is in its seventh year and continues to flourish with all plots currently taken. The allotments site behind Fieldhead occupies one acre of a field leased via the Parish Council from the landowner Grant Burton. There are 21 full plots of which 11 are divided into half plots giving a total of 32 plot holders. There is also a short waiting list.

The last 12 months were generally successful from a growing point of view. Last year's weather was a big improvement on the previous year and plot holders' efforts were rewarded with a good harvest of many crops. Strawberries did particularly well last year, so it was unfortunate that 2 plots had their entire crop stolen!! This was a rare and hopefully not to be repeated occurrence as the site has generally been very secure.

The stormy weather of last winter took its toll on a number of perimeter fence posts which, thanks to an allocation of £150 from the Parish Council, we are in the process of replacing. Another issue for the Committee at the moment is the very small number of allotments with minimal cultivation. Lack of proper cultivation is frustrating to neighbouring plot holders and a breach of the tenancy agreement. We plan to produce a strategy to deal with this issue, and will keep the Council informed.

Alan Dibb  
Chairman Wilberfoss Allotments Assocn