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**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on Thursday 21st May 2015
At Wilberfoss Community Centre, Main Street, Wilberfoss**

Present: Chairman Lesley Hoyer, Vice Chairman David Smith, Sue Butterfield and Mike Skelton, and Chris Gray who is Chairman of the Wilberfoss Community Centre and Neighbourhood Watch group and one member of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Chris Clegg, Mandy Brisco and Norma Randall.

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*

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*.

The report from the Wilberfoss in Bloom group will be recorded as *Appendix 5*.

Sue Butterfield confirmed that last year's Scarecrow Festival had been a huge success, raising nearly £900 for the three charities it supported. This year's event will take place on the 5th and 6th September in support of Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The theme will be Disney.

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm

All the Appendices are downloadable from the Parish website at www.wilberfossparish.org. If you would specifically like to see a paper copy please contact the Parish Clerk.

APPENDIX 1
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
21 May 2015

Thank you all for coming and welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting. Thanks again to all our Cllrs for their help and support throughout the year and to Sarah Wills who keeps everything running smoothly for us. I'd also like to thank David Smilie who audit's our accounts every year ensuring we are in the best financial position possible. Each year brings new challenges to the Parish Council and as a group we couldn't meet these without the help and support of each other.

Sadly we've said goodbye to a three of our councillors (Peter Armstrong, Tricia Room & Monica Duffy) and welcomed Norma Randall who joined us late last year and Chris Clegg who returned following his sabbatical in France. Following this year's elections, we had 2 councillors who decided not to stand and therefore we now have 2 vacancies to fill by co-option, so if anyone is interest in joining us, please email Sarah Wills.

We'd love to see more people at our monthly meetings, so for further information on what the PC has done and is doing, please check our Website, Facebook Page and the village noticeboards and let us know about what matters to you.

What have we done this year?

We've carried out maintenance works and re-lettering to our War Memorial and are looking at adding further names to this. We contributed £300 from the recycling credits to the Junior Football Club for new kits and a very kind parishioner also made a very generous donation too. We assisted WiB with a donation to their new signs and have to thank Mike Skelton for the beautiful bench that he provided in recognition of WiB's Gold award. We're running a photography competition and thanks to Chris Clegg for organising this, more details on our website and Facebook page.

In relation to finances, we have this year held the precept and have a healthy balance at present which we are looking to spend in the forthcoming year.

What is the Parish Council doing?

Thanks to Chris Clegg, this year we've put together an action plan below of what we like to do and where we can contribute funds and we'd welcome any feedback/further suggestions.

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| PFA - track lighting | £ 500.00 | Consideration of a further light down the access road to the Pavilion |
| Electricity – Becksides | £ 500.00 | Consideration of provision of electricity to Becksides to allow Xmas Tree to be placed there/assist with duck race |
| Recycling area - concrete | £ 500.00 | Slabs underneath recycling bins to facilitate winter access for all |
| Nature trail – Footpath 4 "The Wilberfoss Wander" | £ 900.00 | TBC |
| Bus shelter | £ 3,000.00 | Location TBC |
| Information boards | £ 1,000.00 | Consider placing at village entrances (x 2) |
| WiB renewals | £ 500.00 | Renewal of area displays/planters |
| Replacement lights on Church Bridge | £ 500.00 | To be in keeping with village feel. Possibly LED lights. |
| Painting of bridges over beck plus general beck area tidy up | £ 1,000.00 | ERYC/HSW issues to be investigated as this may not be possible |
| Official signage on A1079 | £ - | To highlight village attractions (eg church/pub/Pavilion) |

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| French "boules" piste at Pavilion | £ 250.00 | 3 way split of cost with PFA/WPC/Boules club |
| Repair potholes at PFA | £ 1,500.00 | In lieu of expensive resurfacing |

We're also running a photo competition (details attached) and are considering the addition of further names to our War Memorial.

Finally, we would like to ask all Villagers for their help & assistance. As most of you are aware, exiting the village onto the A1079 is at times very difficult and with the possibility of the addition of 44 New Persimmon Homes in the village, it's important that we keep pushing ERYC & Highways to provide a roundabout on the A1079 at Wilberfoss. To strengthen our case however, it's important that all accidents are recorded however small or large they are and we'd really like it if you would pass this onto all your friends and neighbours. There is a form on our website that can be completed and emailed to Sarah Wills or if you don't have website access, then please ask your local Parish Councillor who will assist in providing you with a copy of the form. It's only brief but will help us to collate as much information as possible.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who contributes to the upkeep of Wilberfoss and am sure that you will all agree with me that thanks to Wilberfoss in Bloom, our Litter Picker, Neighbourhood Watch and all the community groups that Wilberfoss is a great place to live.

APPENDIX 2

WILBERFOSS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

2014 - 2015

It has been another quiet year in the village, with just one or two incidents occurring. Compared with Stamford Bridge we are quite lucky, and 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.

There has been a slight increase in 'cold calling' salesmen this year, but where possible they have been reported to East Riding Trading Standards who then write to the companies involved. The sign at the top of the village was badly faded and had to be replaced but I don't think that had anything to do with the increase.

We have attended an East Riding Neighbourhood Watch Networking event in Beverley this year which was aimed at "What a Neighbourhood Watch is", and what purpose it serves in the community. It also gave us an opportunity to talk to people from other Neighbourhood Watch groups from across the East Riding.

I receive regular emails from the Neighbourhood Watch people in Beverley and also a monthly Bulletin on local issues, which are all circulated to our coordinators.

Chris Gray
Chairman

APPENDIX 3

PFA – REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2015

The last 12 months has been the most successful year for the Playing Fields Association in many, many years.

Dougie and Alison Cowgill took over the running of the bar and kitchen last May and the footfall has increased substantially. Food is now served on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday and this has made a huge difference. For the first time in the last 6 years the voluntary committee feels a lot less under pressure!

We continue to fundraise and rely on the support of the community and we have been overwhelmed by the donations that villagers have made towards our sponsored seating initiative. There will soon be 8 picnic tables, complete with parasols, sitting on our recently installed patio. That's seating for 64 people! The outdoor space we are able to provide has already made a difference to families with young children and the provision of permanent outdoor seating can only improve the situation.

We currently have a number of bids in place and are trying desperately to secure funding towards the cost of new grass cutting equipment. The Football Foundation has pledged just shy of £7,000 but our bid for matched funding from Sport England was unsuccessful. We can re-submit the application but we need to provide further evidence of who will benefit from their investment. The playing fields have recently become the home of a new Archery Club who use the facilities 3 times a week and the field is also used by a Holiday Club, a dog agility class and boot camp type fitness classes. This, along with the existing user groups, should help us with our bid and we have asked our new users for letters of support to submit with the re-submitted application.

Some of you may already have helped us in another of our funding bids - this time for the provision of floodlighting. We are competing against another 937 projects to try and secure £5,000 from the Aviva Community Fund for our £10,000 project and we have until the last day in May to encourage as much support as possible.

We are also trying to secure funding towards the provision of a small wind turbine which will help substantially with the provision of lighting and hot water. We have a meeting with Npower in the coming weeks.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Pavilion over the last 12 months. Some committees find it hard to motivate themselves to fundraise but when you can see your efforts being appreciated that's a motivator in itself.

We hope that the community of Wilberfoss will continue to enjoy the Pavilion and all it has to offer.

APPENDIX 4

Wilberfoss Community Centre

Chairman's Annual Report May 2015

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 Ballroom Dancing, an Art Class, Mum's and Tots group and fitness classes, also a new fish and chip man will be at the Centre on Thursday teatimes. The Community Centre continues to be well used being the best adaptable facility in the area.

We have spent money this year on 50 new chairs which are more comfortable than the old ones, and had an additional outside light fitted to cover a dark area on the front path.

We have ended the year with a surplus, thanks to the support from the Parish Council and another year of increased hiring income which has made up for our reduced income from fundraising.

We employ three staff, a manager a cleaner and a caretaker. Sue and Alan keep the Centre clean and tidy and prepared ready for each user when they arrive, and 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 TO PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2015

We are delighted to report that the past year has been very successful for Wilberfoss in Bloom culminating in our Gold Award for 2014 of which we are extremely proud. We made special displays to celebrate the Tour de France and the RHS 50th birthday and we also won a Gold Award for St. John the Baptist Church. The team worked very hard to achieve this result which we feel was richly deserved.

We continue to maintain our flower beds and planters to a high standard in addition to finding new and interesting ways to show our village to its best advantage for the enjoyment and pleasure of residents and visitors. More daffodil bulbs were planted along Cherry Hill, the grass garden on Main Street was re-gravelled and together with the newly planted lavender hedge which is now maturing and the planting of a clematis it is looking well established. The garden on Beckside is now maturing and a beautiful hand crafted bench has been created and donated to the village by Mike Skelton in recognition of our Gold Award - this has been placed next to the garden on Beckside. A small bed has been created in the churchyard for plants to be used in flower arrangements in the Church. Two small retaining walls have been built in front of the borders at Costcutter which have really smartened up the front and helped to retain the planting. The teen garden continues to mature and we donated more plants and a log roll edging this year to complete the garden. The new planters have been finished and students from York College laid the bases for us. The planters are now in place on Main Street. We helped to site and plant a flowering cherry tree in the play area donated by two pupils from our primary school. The girls raised money from the sale of cakes as part of their Lifestyle project. Our links with the gardening club have been strengthened this year and we hope to build on this during 2015. We helped them to plant up a small orchard on the school field and donated an apple tree on behalf of In Bloom.

Our commitment and involvement in village events has continued and we participated in the Duck Race, the Christmas Tree Festival at church, the Christmas Fair and the annual scarecrow competition. We held a plant sale outside the Costcutter store which was very well supported by all members of the community who also donated many of the plants and cuttings and two pupils from the school helped us to sell the plants. This year we have forged links with Stamford Bridge In Bloom and in September two members of the group were invited to judge their annual Best Garden competition. The village Christmas tree was once again donated by Phil Hetherington - thanks to him and to Cliff Frost for supplying the power.

We continue to raise funds through plant sales, donation boxes at Costcutter and David Smith's nursery. We have Wilberfoss In Bloom pens and notelets for sale and residents continue to be most generous by donating cash, gifts of bulbs etc. and our thanks go to them, our sponsors Cliff Frost, Costcutter, The Oddfellows Arms, Graham Cartwright, Acer Garden Services, Linden Homes, YCA and the Parish Council for their continued encouragement and support. We sold Christmas cards again this year but decided not to publish an In Bloom calendar for 2015 - we are planning on producing one for 2016. Thanks to Nick and Tomoko Olley for their time and expertise.

The group have decided not to enter the In Bloom competition for 2015. Our numbers have become depleted due to ill health and members moving away from the village but as always we hope to encourage new members, take the year out to build upon what we have achieved so far and if numbers allow, look for new projects. We look forward to 2015 with enthusiasm, great team work and as always good humour.

Margaret Smith
Chairperson