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**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on Thursday 19th May 2016
At Wilberfoss Community Centre, Main Street, Wilberfoss**

Present: Chairman Lesley Hoyer, Vice Chairman David Smith and Councillors Chris Clegg, Norma Randall, Mandy Brisco, James Cann, Dave Appleton and Elaine Etherington together with representatives from The Allotment Association, Wilberfoss in Bloom and Wilberfoss Brownies and Guides.

There were no apologies for absence.

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Lesley Hoyer, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. A lengthy discussion took place on how, as a community, we could engage better with the community. Along with Facebook and Twitter pages, it was agreed that an overhaul of the monthly Newsletter is necessary and Councillor Cann again offered to liaise with the Editor, Darryl Jobson. The Clerk suggested adding a monthly role profile from those working voluntarily in the village in the hope that it might inspire others to join voluntary groups or support village events. Like all the evening's reports, this can be downloaded from the Parish Council's website, along with reports from the following voluntary groups.

The Neighbourhood Watch
The Community Centre Management Committee
The Wilberfoss in Bloom
The Allotment Association
The Annual Scarecrow Festival

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

19 May 2016

Thank you all for coming and welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting. As always huge thanks to all our Cllrs for their help and support throughout the year, to Sarah Wills who keeps everything running smoothly for us and also coordinates our Social Media (Facebook Page) ensuring that everyone's kept in touch with what's happening in an around Wilberfoss for us and to David Smillie who audit's our accounts every year. As you will all be aware, each year brings new challenges to the Parish Council and to all of us here today representing different groups throughout the village and we couldn't meet these challenges without the help and support of each other.

Sadly we've said goodbye to Sue Butterfield this year and to Mike Skelton but have welcomed Cllrs James Cann, Elaine Etherington & Dave Appleton.

A HUGE thanks to Cllr Chris Clegg who re-joined us last year and has been instrumental in putting together an action plan for us which helps us keep tracks of our aims for the forthcoming years. Chris also keeps our Website updated, organised the Elder's Party and keeps our Flags flying and who as I was writing this report had completed the London Marathon coming home in 4 hours and 27 minutes and is now "Walking With The Wounded" on their 2016 Cumbrian Challenge, a tough 31 km hike, with 1641m of ascent on 1 day. This is a fantastic charity to support so well done to Chris and his friends for taking part in this. If you would like to sponsor them, please go to:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=oldandbold&isTeam=true&d-49489-p=1>

As always check out our Website, Facebook Page and Village Noticeboards and do let us know what matters to you

What have we done this year?

We contributed towards a new boiler for the Playing Fields Association, we held our 1st photography competition and the 2nd one is now underway. We've supported the PFA's grant application for a Defibrillator and we've assisted Wilberfoss in Bloom with new signs for their awards and towards the cost of the paint for the village bridges.

We're currently working with East Riding Council to install a new York Bound bus shelter on the A1079 at the Pocklington Exit and are considering our options, if any, for Wilberfoss (Cherry) Hill and will in due course be looking at our Action Plan for 2016/17 and beyond including giving further consideration to the installation of new and more traditional lighting at Church Bridge.

Thanks to Cllr Clegg and with the assistance of Dougie & Alison Cowgill and lots of volunteers we hosted an excellent elder's party in January at The Pavilion and are looking forward to doing the same again next year.

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.

Recycle Credits

Each year, the Parish Council receives monies from East Riding Council for the recycling bins in the car park at The Pavilion which in turn is then passed onto groups, etc in the community. We received £764.88 in recycle credits this past year and have in turn spent those monies on the photography competition and the streetlighting on the lane leading to the play area, pavilion and recycling facility.

Maybe suggest that we've had a very proactive and positive year and mention the bus shelter and church bridge lighting in the coming 12 months.

Our Petition

Finally we should mention that with the assistance of Cllr Clegg and through change.org we are hosting a petition for a roundabout in Wilberfoss which in the first couple of days of going live has attracted over 500 Supporters. If you want to have your say, please go to:

<https://www.change.org/p/sothcott-parliament-uk-wilberfoss-demands-roundabout-access-onto-the-a1079-the-current-junctions-are-not-safe?>

WILBERFOSS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

2015 - 2016

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. In an attempt to increase the number of coordinators this year we distributed leaflets right round the village asking for people to join us, only receiving one volunteer who is very welcome.

There have been a few 'Cold Callers' again this year but nothing like the number we used to get. This year we have put some effort into sorting out the Neighbourhood Watch signs around the village. We have replaced 12 signs that had been up since the 1980's and were badly faded, and have also installed 9 new signs in areas that were not covered.

We have attended the annual East Riding Neighbourhood Watch Networking event in Beverley which was very well attended and covered three key subjects; Adult and Child Safeguarding, Domestic Security Surveying and National Neighbourhood Watch Strategy. This meeting 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 from the Pocklington Police, which are all circulated to our coordinators.

Chris Gray
Chairman

Wilberfoss Community Centre

Chairman's Annual Report May 2016

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. The Community Centre continues to be well used being the best adaptable facility in the area.

We have spent money this year on servicing and repairs to the room dividers in addition to the usual costs for maintaining the Community Centre in excellent condition. We have plans to convert all the lighting to LED which will save quite a bit on our electricity bill and also save the effort of constantly replacing tubes and starters. We applied for a grant from WREN but this was turned down, we also applied for one from EON and are awaiting that result.

We have ended the year with a small surplus, which is thanks to 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

WILBERFOSS IN BLOOM
ANNUAL REPORT: JANUARY 2016

We are pleased to report that 2015 was another fruitful, if difficult, year for Wilberfoss in Bloom. We decided not to enter into the Yorkshire in Bloom competition for 2015 opting instead to take stock and to build upon what we have achieved so far. Unfortunately our numbers are still very low despite repeated efforts made to encourage new members.

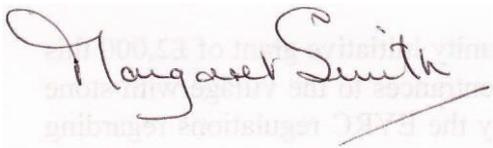
We still continue to maintain our flower beds and planters to a high standard for the enjoyment and pleasure of residents and visitors. Plaques to celebrate our 2014 Gold Award have been placed on the entrance planters. These were kindly paid for by the Parish Council. The new planters are now in place at the corner of Storking Lane and Main Street and are much admired by everyone. Thanks to Mark Tuffs for his expertise in making these for us and to York College students for constructing the bases. We also commissioned the College to create an information board for our wild life area. The students did a great job and this is now in place. New planters have also been made for the Memorial Garden, the Citizens' Link and the church bridge and the wooden surround on the triangle bed has been renewed. These were made for us by Recycling Unlimited, a Hull based charity which employs disadvantaged people to help them integrate and contribute to the community. A new bench which commemorates our 2014 Gold Award now sits next to the bus stop on Beckside where it is frequently in use. It has been very skillfully carved and we are most grateful to Mike Skelton for his very generous gift to the village. Again York College students were involved in making the base on which it rests. Some small planting troughs were put in place at Costcutter and the Community Centre. These have not proved to be too successful and we are looking to replace them with larger ones. Sadly our links with the school gardening club have ended owing to the retirement of the parent who ran it and no replacement has yet been found. We continue to try to maintain our links with the Kiddies Nursery and have planted up some large plants around their bog garden. When our numbers increase we would hope to further develop this area. The village bridges were given a facelift this year thanks to the Community Payback Scheme. We contacted this group in the Spring and they agreed to send a workforce along to do the job if we provided the paint and equipment. A further community group RePaint were contacted and they provided the paint at a nominal cost. The work was completed over a number of weeks and all five bridges now have a fresh coat of paint giving the village a bright new look. The Parish Council reimbursed the cost of the paint and equipment to our group.

We were fortunate enough to be awarded a Duke of York Community Initiative grant of £2,000 this year in order to replace the existing wooden planters at the two entrances to the village with stone built ones. Unfortunately our plans were somewhat curtailed by the EYRC regulations regarding building on the public highway. After some delay it has been agreed to replace the wood with stone but not involving any excavation to the highway. To date we have not been able to find a suitable builder but we are continuing to search and hope to start the work early in the new year. As a separate project we have permission from EYRC to build a stone planter on the junction of Ings Road/Storking Lane and hopefully this will be done in conjunction with the entrance planters.

Our commitment and involvement in village events has continued. We participated in the Duck Race, the Christmas Fair and the annual scarecrow competition, the theme this year being Disney film characters. We chose Jungle Book and made a 'jungle' in the grass garden featuring lots of characters from the film. We have sponsored a seat at the Sports Club and held our annual plant sale outside the Costcutter store in May which was very well supported by all members of the community who also donated many of the plants and cuttings and two local young girls helped on our stall. Our links with Stamford Bridge In Bloom continue to flourish and we have shared advice and information throughout the year. They kindly invited us to judge their annual Best Garden competition in August and two members of the group attended their presentation evening in September. We were also guests at the opening of their newly refurbished station. The village Christmas tree was once again supplied by Phil Etherington and a lovely display of lights brightened up Main Street -our grateful thanks go to Phil and to Cliff Frost for supplying the power. Fund raising continues to keep our accounts in a healthy position through plant sales, donation boxes at Costcutter, the Sports Club, David Smith's nursery and a bucket collection. In addition we are still selling Wilberfoss In Bloom pens and notelets. This year we held a 'Blooming Garden Party' in July at the Community Centre with stalls, games and afternoon teas. The event was a success with lots of hard work put in by members and many other helpers. The Party in the Park at the Sports Club was attended by our group with a 'treasure hunt' game and stall raising funds. Residents continue to be most generous by donating cash, gifts of bulbs and items which we have sold to raise funds and our thanks go to them, our sponsors Cliff Frost, Costcutter, Graham Cartwright, Acer Garden Services, and the Parish Council for their continued encouragement and support. The In Bloom calendar for 2016 was produced but

sales have been slow. Grateful thanks once again to Nick and Tomoko Olley for their time and expertise. We have had a very generous donation of two large bags of daffodil bulbs from Andy Harper at ERYC. One bag has been planted along the hedgerow leading up Cherry Hill to complete the bulb planting in this area and the other was planted among the trees in the Guides' Jubilee Wood.

The group have decided not to enter the In Bloom competition for 2016 due to lack of members. Our priority is to keep the village looking at its best within the constraints of time and personnel available. On reflection I feel we have achieved a great deal this year against all odds and we will renew our efforts to encourage new members and take the group forward keeping up the enthusiasm, team work and good humour.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Margaret Smith Chairperson

Wilberfoss Allotments Association Report to Parish Council May 2016

Now in its 9th year of existence, the Allotments Association continues to thrive. Once again we have full occupation of the 21 plots, many of which are now divided into half plots and, in one case, 2 quarter plots in order to accommodate a growing number of allotmenters. In total there are currently 37 tenants with a further 6 names on the waiting list.

The one acre site at the far end of a field beyond Willow Park Road has developed considerably over the past 8 years. Many plots now have well established fruit trees and soft fruit bushes and around half the plots have either a shed or a greenhouse. Two members also keep chickens.

The newly planted hedge along the perimeter facing the village is growing well, despite being waterlogged for much of the past winter! In time the hedge, which was funded by a grant from the Parish Council's Allotments Fund, will provide a shelter break for the allotments and screen the site from the village. Our next project will be to renew the posts which support the perimeter fence along the same southern edge of the site.

The access track at the back of Fieldhead became very badly rutted during the winter due to heavy rain and damage caused by contractors' vehicles. We are hoping in the near future to get hold of a quantity of road planings to repair the track.

At the end of next year, we will have completed our first 10 years on the site and the lease will be due for renewal. We have had some initial discussion with our landlord Grant Burton who is keen to continue the arrangement. It will be necessary however to negotiate a new lease with the Parish Council since we understand that the allotment field is now owned by Grant's sister in law. Grant has said that he will instruct the family solicitor to draw up a new agreement and we shall look forward to extending our stay on the site for a further 10 years.

Alan Dibb

Chairman, Wilberfoss Allotments Association

The Wilberfoss Scarecrow Festival

Will be held again this year on the weekend of 3rd and 4th September. The theme is Cartoon Characters and we have chosen to support the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and FOWS (Friends of Wilberfoss School).

We will be marketing the event through Facebook, local radio and newspapers, national "what's on" websites and in surrounding villages and businesses. The Scarecrow team will be meeting again in June in order to put plans in place to market the event and to consider how to attract businesses to sponsor the event.

We are deeply saddened of the loss of one of our key team members, Ian Brisco, who did a fantastic job keeping us all on track. His enthusiasm and organisational skills will be deeply missed and at the moment we do not know how we will be able to manage without him.

A number of entries have already been received but we really need more to ensure the event continues to grow year on year and are really hoping residents will support us again, as they have done in previous years. We had a few duplications last year and we are aiming to avoid this. We raised £1200 last year and hope to exceed this in support of our very worthwhile chosen charities so really hope this year's event is a great success.