

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Wilberfoss Community Centre, Main Street, Wilberfoss**

Present: Chairman Lesley Hoyer, Vice Chairman Dave Smith and Councillors Chris Clegg, Norma Randall, Dave Appleton, James Cann, Elaine Etherington and Louise Ward, together with District Councillor Kay West and Andy Strangeway and one member of the public.

1. There were no apologies although it was acknowledged that Mandy Brisco had tendered her resignation. The Clerk confirmed that she had notified Electoral Services and displayed the necessary notices.

The 15 minute question time was not utilised.

2. There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Wilberfoss Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were signed as a true record.

#### 4 **Planning**

The Council was notified that Planning Application PP-05581769 from Mr and Mrs R Evans for the erection of 2 dwellings at 4 Storking Lane, Wilberfoss have been granted.

The Council was notified that Planning Application 16/03609/PLF | Erection of an extension to the side with accommodation within the roof space | 26 Park Lane Wilberfoss East Riding Of Yorkshire YO41 5PW had been granted.

The Council considered Planning Application 16/04294/PLF | Installation of 2 ventilation cowls to allow ventilation into the building | Telephone Exchange Middle Street Wilberfoss East Riding Of Yorkshire and had no observations to make.

5. District Councillor Kay West notified members that there is likely to be a small percentage increase in council tax this year (no more than 3%). Most of the cost savings necessary will however be achieved through staffing. She further informed the Council that small businesses that fall into the £6,000 a year rateable value will no longer pay business rates. This ceiling will increase to £12,000 in the coming years.

District Councillor Andy Strangeway agreed to chase ERYC for the proposed date of the bridge repairs on Main Street. He confirmed that installation of the non-return valves on the beck are anticipated before the end of the financial year. It was acknowledged that although vegetation had been cut back on the A1079 but further work is needed to make the signage more visible and thus the area safer. The Clerk agreed to liaise with ERYC regarding this. Councillor Strangeway also informed members that an element of re-surfacing had been undertaken on Foss Beck Close.

The Clerk confirmed there had been no urgent decisions taken since the last meeting.

#### 6 **Progress Reports**

Nothing to report other than what was mentioned under District Councillor Strangeway's report.

#### 7 **Environment & Community Matters**

Councillor Clegg offered to raise the flag on both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

A brief discussion took place regarding the Council's 5 year plan where it was acknowledged that the bus shelter erected on the A1079 was being used.

Councillor Clegg advised that numbers for the Elders' Party had reached 55. The first friendship lunch is planned for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February where the first 2 course meal attended by those of state pension age will be funded by the Parish Council. Subsequent meals will have to be paid for by the attendee. Details will be handed out at the Elders Party.

A discussion took place regarding safety to the A1079. It was acknowledged earlier in the meeting that further remedial work to overgrown vegetation is needed. A number of 'brown signs' used to denote local businesses will be moved to provide better visibility.

Councillor Cann agreed to follow up the use of Speed Indicator signs on Storking Lane. He was asked to be mindful of the school holidays in February and April.

The Council considered a suggestion to hard landscape the area previously occupied by the Citizenlink Kiosk. Grant funding may be available and the Clerk was asked to approach a local contractor for an estimate. A suggestion was made to offer the space to residents for a memorial bench and the Clerk was asked to include it in her report for the Newsletter.

The Clerk notified members of a possible change to the maintenance of the public path system whereby ERYC will undertake the work in order to achieve consistency across the county. It was acknowledged that additional cuts may need to take place in order to achieve the high standard that we current benefit from. The Clerk was asked to request a cutting schedule when the scheme comes into place in 2018. A further discussion took place regarding a large drainage hole adjacent to footpath 6 and District Councillor Strangeway offered to bring

the matter to the attention of the Drainage Board. Councillor Clegg again raised the question of the inadequate surface of the snicket running between Willow Park Road and Beckside and the Clerk was asked to seek quotes to surface dress.

It was acknowledged that the litter bin has still not been reinstated outside the shop. Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk checked her records and replacement is anticipated around the end of January as the bin takes 4-6 to be delivered. She has however chased on the Parish Council's behalf.

Councillor Smith reported that signage at the bus stop on Main Street (opposite Storking Lane) has broken and is now missing, despite it being temporarily fixed previously. The Clerk agreed to speak to EYMS.

The Chairman reminded the Clerk that work needed to be undertaken to the surface around a water meter on The Paddock.

Councillor Randall asked that the salt bin on Moorfield Way be reinstated.

Councillor Smith reported that a bollard on Main Street, which is protecting a drain, has been damaged in the recent icy conditions.

**8 Councillors Reports and items for future Agendas:**

Councillor Clegg asked that the Parish Council be kept in the loop with regard to changes to the bus service. He further requested that the Council consider discussing the weight limit on Storking Lane at February's meeting.

Councillors Appleton, Etherington and Cann reported an increase in the amount of dog foul, particularly along Middle Street and the snicket to Ings Road.

It was acknowledged that the bus shelters need cleaning.

Councillor Cann reported that the replacement dog foul signage is not surviving well in the wet weather. The Clerk agreed to report his findings to ERYC Dog Wardens.

**9 Administration**

Councillor Clegg offered to furnish the Clerk with a link to the small business rate changes for use on Facebook and Twitter.

The Clerk asked to be furnished with photographs of the forthcoming Elders Party for use of the Council's Facebook page.

**10 Finance**

Payment was approved for the following cheques:

Chq No 1548	Councillor's Mileage (Brisco)	£7.80
Chq No 1549	Acer Garden Services	£447.60
Chq No 1550	Acer Garden Services (tree removal)	£240.00
Chq No 1571	Queensbury Shelters (bus shelter on A1079)	£4,174.80
Chq No 1551	Clerk's December salary	Confidential
Chq No 1552	Clerk's work from home pay	Confidential
Chq No 1553	Litter Picker	Confidential
Chq No 1554	HM Revenue & Customs	Confidential
Chq No 1555	Councillor's Mileage (Smith)	£7.47

A discussion took place regarding the Precept for 2017-2018 and it was agreed to keep it at the current rate of £16,000.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm

..... Lesley Hoyer (Chairman)

..... S M Wills (Clerk)