

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

18th June 2026

Present: Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Colin Veitch and Cllrs David Barnett, Alan Mercer, Ross Cleary, and Anna Edwards, together with Ward Cllr Andrew Cousins.

The 15-minute question time was not utilised.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Savage and Cllr Room. There had been no applications for the current vacancy. Advertising and approaches to residents will continue.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Cllr present.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the 21st May 2026 were signed as a true record.

4. Planning Matters

- 4.1 Cllrs were notified that Planning Application **26/00855/PLF** | Erection of a storage building following demolition of three existing buildings | Endfield Nurseries Storking Lane Wilberfoss had been granted permission.
- 4.2 Cllrs were notified that Planning Application **26/00726/PLF** | Removal of Condition 2 (prefabricated buildings) of planning permission 24/02108/PLF (Siting of Portakabin and construction of associated ramp, steps and balustrade for use in connection with existing day nursery and after school club) to allow the prefabricated buildings to remain in situ at Muddy Boots Nursery Ltd Storking Lane, Wilberfoss had been refused permission.
- 4.3 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/01152/PLF** | Erection of single storey extensions to rear and side following demolition of existing conservatory and garage Location: 11 Moorfield Drive, Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.4 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/01418/PLF** | Erection of first floor extension over existing to side | 16 The Paddock Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.5 Ward Councillor Andrew Cousins reported that, following a disappointing response from the Planning Officer, he will escalate the Parish Council's objections to the revised road layout within the Crest Nicholson development to Stephen Hunt, Executive Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration.

The Planning Officer advised that the approved layout is compliant. Despite acknowledging that the Parish Council's suggested layout would likely be compliant, it is not the Planning Officer's responsibility to suggest an alternative design when a submission is compliant. Although any re-submission fees would be waived, Crest Nicholson have indicated they are unwilling to submit revised plans that may attract further objections, incur additional costs, or risk delaying the development.

- 4.6 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/00401/PLF** | Installation of outdoor gym equipment (Amended Plans) | Wilberfoss Playing Field Storking Lane Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.7 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/01518/PLF** | Erection of a single storey extension to side | 4 St Oswalds Close Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.8 Cllrs received notification that Planning Application **26/00854/PLF** | Erection of single storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory | 9 Ings Road, Wilberfoss has been granted permission.
5. Ward Cllr Cousins reported that the Government is relaxing planning laws, which will in turn reduce the number of Planning Applications referred to the Planning Committee. Of the 90 applications referred this year, only 13 would have met the new criteria. In addition, Local Plans will be reviewed every 3 years,

reduced from the current 5-year cycle. The East Riding of Yorkshire has been allocated a need to build a further 2,000 homes over and above the quota in the existing Local Plan. It is not yet clear how this additional allocation will be distributed.

Ward Cllr Cousins further reported that he has referred the condition of the footpath outside St John the Baptist Church to East Riding Highways and an engineer will visit the site. Cllr Veitch asked that the condition of the footpath on Willow Park Road is also assessed.

Cllr Cousins requested the Clerk to contact Andrew Addison to arrange a site visit regarding the Parish Council's proposal to kerb part of Beckside

Cllrs identified that the historic fingerpost at the junction of Main Street and Storking Lane is in need of maintenance. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate.

6. The Clerk reported there had been no urgent decisions taken since the previous meeting.

7. **Progress Reports and to address any issues outstanding from previous meetings.**

7.1 The Clerk reported she had contacted the Community Payback team, having identified projects that could be carried out by the team. This included the strimming of the permissive path at the end of Birker Lane and maintenance of the War Memorial hedge. **ACTION:** Cllr Veitch will liaise further with the team.

Four privately owned boundary hedges were identified as requiring maintenance. The Clerk reported that at least one property owner in the village has been served a 28-day notice to maintain their boundary hedge. This will be reported in the Newsletter. It was acknowledged that unlike agricultural hedges where there is a complete ban on cutting hedges between March and August, residential property boundary hedges can be maintained, provided there are no actively nesting birds.

7.2 It was reported earlier in the meeting that the Clerk will contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council to arrange a site meeting for a potential project to kerb a section of Beckside.

7.3 Greener Pocklington have agreed to plant a native hedge on amenity land off Storking Lane later in the year. At the time, volunteers from the village will be sought. **ACTION:** Clerk to liaise in due course.

8. **Environment & Community Matters (to include Highways & Footways, Health, Education, Policing, Street Lighting and Community Groups)**

8.1 The Clerk requested Cllr Cousins to check that the lighting columns installed at the junctions of Wilberfoss are those intended by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as the photograph sent to the Clerk by East Riding Street Lighting Department identified two different sizes and those fitted are the shorter of the two. **ACTION:** Cllr Cousins to investigate and report back to Council.

8.2. It had been noted in an earlier part of the meeting that an East Riding of Yorkshire Council engineer is due on site to check pavement conditions. No further meeting was requested by the Parish Council.

8.3 It was acknowledged that the area to the front of Costcutter is not being maintained. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners. **ACTION:** Cllr Edwards to supply the Clerk with photographs to accompany the letter.

8.4 A privately owned tree behind an area planted and maintained by Wilberfoss in Bloom is perceived to be a danger as it is dead, covered in ivy and resting on a hedge close to a bus stop: **ACTION:** Clerk to write to the property owner.

8.5 A temporary road closure will be in place on Beckside in August to accommodate the need to fit telecoms cables. This will be notified to residents through the Newsletter. **ACTION:** Clerk to action.

9. **Councillors' Reports for future Agendas**

9.1 Cllr Veitch confirmed the date of the Quarry Fund meeting and asked the Clerk to add the purchase of a second SID to next month's Agenda, when the funding allocation will be known. A discussion took place about relocating of the existing SID to Ling Lane so that the solar panel can be tested for effectiveness. **ACTION:** Cllr Veitch to contact Jason Mennell, at East Riding Streetlighting.

10. **Administration Matters**

10.1 Nothing to report.

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 the 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 and on the parish website (www.wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk).*

11.1 The Clerk sought approval of the following payments:-

Internal Examiner's postage reimbursement	£7.30
Post Haste (Newsletter production)	£300.00
Wilberfoss Community Centre (Room Hire)	£22.00
Clerk's salary and work from home allowance & Employer's NI	Redacted
Easy Web Sites (website administration)	£64.68

The meeting closed at 20.50. The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 16th July from 7.30 pm.

Chair Clerk