

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

21st May 2026

Present: Chair Richard Rains and Cllrs Stuart Savage, Alan Mercer, Ross Cleary, Tricia Room and Anna Edwards, together with Ward Cllr Andrew Cousins.

The 15-minute question time was not utilised.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Veitch and Cllr Barnett. There had been no applications for the current vacancy. Advertising and approaches to local residents will continue.
2. There were three declarations of non-pecuniary interest – the first two from Cllr Edwards relating to Agenda items 4.1 and 8.1. The third from Cllr Savage relating to the payment of entertainment for the Elders Party.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the 15th April 2026 were signed as a true record.

4. **Planning Matters**

- 4.1 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/01089/PLF** | Erection of a carport to rear | The Mews House, Church Farm Mews, Birker Lane, Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.2 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/00854/PLF** | Erection of single storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory and construction of dormer window to rear | 9 Ings Road, Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.3 Cllrs considered Planning Application **26/00855/PLF** | Erection of a storage building following demolition of three existing buildings | Endfield Nurseries, Storking Lane, Wilberfoss and had no observations to make.
- 4.4 Cllrs received notification that Planning Application **26/00421/VAR** | The Cottage, Bolton Lane, Wilberfoss had been approved.
- 4.5 Cllrs were notified that Planning Application **26/00428/PLF** | 2 Foss Beck Close, Wilberfoss had been approved.
- 4.6 Cllrs were dissatisfied with a negative response from Crest Nicholson regarding safety issues raised by the Parish Council in September 2023. An onsite meeting with representatives from ERYC Highways, Planning and Transport had confirmed the Parish Council's alternative solution would be acceptable but Crest Nicholson advised they are unwilling to submit revised drawings because a resubmission could delay construction and impact finances.

Questions were raised about whether there had been a failure by the Planning Officer to consider the Parish Council's comments, especially given that the Parish Council had submitted further comment in 2024 and the planning application was only approved in late 2025. It was acknowledged that the proposed changes may even prove to be a cheaper option. Ward Cllr Cousins will request that East Riding of Yorkshire submit a formal rebuttal to challenge the content of Crest Nicholson's response. The Parish Council may consider a formal complaint following the outcome of Cllr Cousins request. In the meantime, the Clerk was tasked with checking the Transport Plan. **ACTION:** Clerk to check that only the western junction of the village will be used by construction traffic.

4.7 Item 4.7 was inadvertently missed from the meeting.

5. In addition to the issues raised in 4.6 above, Cllr Cousins advised that he had met with Louis Saunders, the Public Rights of Way Office to discuss establishing full access to Footpath 2 where strimming was necessary. In addition he requested the reinstatement of Footpath 3 between Wilberfoss and Newton upon Derwent, which was not re-routed when Wilberfoss Quarry was established many years ago.

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 Parish Council expressed its appreciation to the Community Payback Team for their continued work in maintaining the village, including their flexibility in adjusting their grass cutting schedule to ensure the grass was cut ahead of the Annual Duck Race. The team has agreed to repaint the village litter bins when capacity allows, and Councillors voted in favour of purchasing and supplying the necessary materials.

In addition, Cllr Edwards requested that the fingerpost at the junction of Main Street and Storking Lane be repainted, and Cllr Rains requested the snicket between Beckside and Field Head be strimmed. A discussion followed about boundary hedges and the need to keep a meter's access width, something that is not available outside one house on Beckside. **ACTION:** Clerk to liaise with the Community Payback Team and approach the homeowner in question.

Cllr Mercer asked if there was any update on the re-painting of yellow lines on the junction of Main Street and Storking Lane. East Riding of Yorkshire Council had suggested the job would be carried out in the first three months of the year. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate.

It was noted that cars appear to have been left stranded on roadsides in the village which are causing an obstruction. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate.

7.2 The Clerk reported no contact from Andrew Addison, Principal Engineer for the region, regarding the installation of kerbing and bollards to Beckside and Cllr Cousins agreed to follow this up on the Council's behalf.

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

8.1 Cllrs acknowledged a request from Wilberfoss in Bloom to access budgeted funds for 2025-2026 and agreed to release a further £300.00 towards the cost of replacement planters. **ACTION:** Clerk to set up payment for authorisation.

8.2. The Clerk gave an appraisal of a conversation with a representative of the Duck Race Committee, after learning they had plans to cut vegetation along the banks of the beck before the Annual Duck Race. It was acknowledged that May is a crucial time for nesting birds and insects and fish and newt reproduction. **ACTION:** Clerk to relay the Parish Council's suggestion of the event moving to mid-July.

Cllrs agreed to work with Greener Pocklington to plant a native hedge on amenity land off Storking Lane, to further promote biodiversity and create wildlife habitats. **ACTION:** Clerk to liaise with the group.

8.3 A casting vote by the Chair enabled the Parish Council to support Wilberfoss Community Centre in the hire of a bouncy castle for the upcoming Summer Fair. **ACTION:** Clerk to set up payment for authorisation.

8.4 The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Quarry Fund is anticipated towards the end of June when the Council will learn of the funding allocation for 2026-2027. Early indications suggest that the figure will be around £3,500, in line with what was allocated in 2025-2026. **ACTION:** Cllr Veitch to represent Wilberfoss Parish Council at the meeting.

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

9.1 Nothing to report.

10. **Administration Matters**

10.1 The Clerk offered to check whether there was a cost to any GDPR training offered by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. **ACTION:** Clerk to make contact.

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:-

Wilberfoss in Bloom (donation towards cost of planter – agreed in April)	£250.00
Clerk’s salary and work from home allowance & Employer’s NI	Redacted
Clerk’s expenses (Internal Auditor gift)	£38.00
Clerk’s expenses (materials – litter bin on Field Head)	£5.92
Rich Sings Swing (Elders Party Entertainment)	£295.00
Wilberfoss Community Centre (Room Hire)	£22.00
Post Haste (Newsletter production)	£300.00
Wilberfoss in Bloom (2025-2026 budgeted allocation of funding)	£300.00
Wilberfoss Community Centre (Bouncy Castle hire)	£60.00

11.2 The Clerk advised that the first instalment of the 2026-2027 Precept of £13,000 had been received. A transfer of £10,000 was authorised to the Reserve Account.

11.3 A refund of £3,596.40 in VAT has also been received.

The meeting closed at 20.56. The next meeting of Wilberfoss Parish Council will take place on Thursday 18th June from 7.30 pm.

Chair Clerk