

WILBERFOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

15th October 2026

Present: Chair Richard Rains, Vice Chair Colin Veitch and Cllrs Stuart Savage and Jon Hurst together with Ward Cllr Andrew Cousins and one member of the public.

Rich Storey addressed the Parish Council during the 15-minute question time to share a business plan he had drawn up for a children's bike park. He advised that after sharing his idea on social media, he has a committee of 8 volunteers with varied skillsets and a confirmed site in the village. Next steps include seeking funding for what he estimates will be a £40K-£60K project. Cllr Veitch suggested the figures are conservative and Cllr Savage proposed he approach Crest Nicholson who may be able to assist with the groundworks as a way of avoiding the cost of removing spoil from the development site. Cllr Savage also proposed the Parish Council might consider factoring funds into next year's Precept. The Clerk confirmed that Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 would permit such expenditure.

Ward Cllr Andrew Cousins asked the Clerk to furnish him with a copy of the business plan provide Rich with his contact details. He advised that he would investigate the Section 106 payment which forms part of the Crest Nicholson planning consent.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Barnett, Alan Mercer, Ross Cleary, Tricia Room and Anna Edwards.
2. There were no declarations of interest made by any Cllr present.
3. The Minutes of the meeting of the 17th September 2026 were signed as a true record.

4. Planning Matters

4.1 No planning applications were received for consultation.

5. Ward Cllr Cousins confirmed he will chase repairs to Church Bridge. He confirmed that the Parish Council's enquiry about blocking access to the top of Wilberfoss Hill had received positive feedback from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

He reported that he had witnessed what appeared to be a collision between two vehicles at the temporary traffic lights on Main Street, in the vicinity of the proposed new bus stop location. He was asked to follow up on information circulated on Facebook suggesting that, in the 1980s and due to safety issues when the two bus stops were located opposite each other, the eastbound bus stop was relocated to the bottom of Wilberfoss Hill and a layby constructed to improve safety.

6. The Clerk reported that she had ordered a replacement battery for the defibrillator at the Community Centre and is awaiting delivery.

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

- 7.1 Church Bridge was discussed earlier in the meeting. Cllrs are concerned the stones remain in the water.
- 7.2 Cllr Veitch advised that the second Speed Indicator Device has been installed. The Clerk reported that a local resident has suggested there may be a fault on it. **ACTION** Cllr Veitch to investigate.
- 7.3 The Clerk advised that the outdoor gym equipment has been installed at the village play area and an invoice has been received from the Playing Fields Association for the £1,000 contribution the Parish Council will make to the project.
- 7.4 Cllr Veitch confirmed that the existing digital bus timetable has been re-located to the bus stop opposite Storking Lane. It was acknowledged that the hedge behind the bus stop requires maintenance. **ACTION:** Clerk to make enquiries regarding ownership of the hedge.
- 7.5 A list of proposed works for the Community Payback team will be drawn up and sent to them. The Clerk enquired whether maintenance of the village grasses is ongoing. Cllr Veitch suggested seeking feedback from residents regarding the work carried out by the team over the year, along with ideas for future projects. **ACTION:** Clerk to draw up an online questionnaire.

- 7.6 The Clerk reported that she had met with Greener Pocklington who propose to plant a 25-meter native hedge against the new fencing in the amenity land. The group is happy to work with the Community Payback team and planting is likely to take place in late November/early December.
- 7.7 The Clerk advised that a landowner has offered to install concrete block on the public highway of Wilberfoss Hill to prevent unauthorised encampments in future. The offer was subject to East Riding of Yorkshire Council approval, which has been given. For safety, East Riding of Yorkshire Council will fit reflective plates to the blocks. The Parish Council is grateful for the support of both parties.
- 7.8 A lengthy discussion had taken place earlier in the meeting regarding the provision of a children's bike park.
8. **Environment & Community Matters (to include Highways & Footways, Health, Education, Policing, Street Lighting and Community Groups)**
- 8.1 A discussion took place regarding the Council's planned Press Release concerning safety issues within Crest Nicholson's proposed road layout for Main Street. As a significant number of Councillors were absent, it was agreed that the details should be recirculated and that a vote be sought on both the intended recipients and the timing of the circulation. **ACTION:** Clerk to circulate the information and collate Councillors' responses.
- 8.2. A discussion took place regarding the forthcoming East Riding of Yorkshire Council's walked highways inspection. Several issues have been raised and added to a schedule to present to the team. Cllrs were encouraged to share any further areas of concern. **ACTION:** Clerk to collate and send to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
9. **Councillors' Reports for future Agendas**
- 9.1 Nothing to Report.
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:-
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| Clerk's salary and work from home allowance & Employer's NI | Redacted |
| Wilberfoss PFA (contribution to outdoor gym equipment) | £1,000.00 |
| Angela Hubbard (plants for the amenity land Brownie Garden) | £23.00 |
| Allerthorpe Parish Council (Councillor training x 7 Cllrs) | £140.00 |
| Wilberfoss Community Centre | £22.00 |
| Post Haste (Newsletter production) | £375.00 |
| Stocksigns (Speed Indicator Device with solar and data capture) | £3,970.80 |
| Clerk's Expenses (defibrillator battery from Defib4Life) | £344.80 |
| Easy Web Sites (website administration) | £64.68 |
- 11.2 The Clerk confirmed receipt of the second instalment of the 2026/2027 Precept and Cllr Veitch reminded the Clerk that discussions regarding the 2027/2028 Precept should begin next month in anticipation of setting the Precept before the deadline in January.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 19th November from 7.30 pm.

Chair Clerk