

Beswick Parish Council

*Serving Kilnwick, Beswick, Lund Moor, Glebe Farm, Kilnwick Lodges,
Wilfholme and outlying homes and businesses.*

2014-15 Newsletter

Meetings of The Parish Council are normally held at 19:00 on the second Wednesday of alternate months between September and July, usually in Kilnwick Village Hall, School Lane, Kilnwick. Should matters demanding urgent attention arise during intervening months, extraordinary meetings will be held. Venues of these extraordinary meetings may vary and will appear on Agenda.

Meetings' Agenda and unconfirmed Minutes are posted on the Council's Notice-Boards in Beswick and Kilnwick villages. These are also distributed as email attachments. Parishioners wishing to receive Agenda and Minutes by email are invited to provide The Clerk with their email addresses.

Parishioners wishing to raise issues for consideration as part of Council meetings' agenda should contact The Clerk in the first instance and at least three weeks before a scheduled meeting.



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Kilwick Beck Revealed

This winter last, you'll have seen parts of Kilwick Beck that you've not seen for decades! Removal of vegetation upstream from The Old Hall as far as Crabtree Lane extends earlier channel clearance operations. But, given current concerns about alleviation of the threat of flooding in the River Hull and an increasing acknowledgement that slowing headwater runoff reduces downstream flood risk, it is unclear what rationale there is for clearing the channel. Thirty or 40 years of flow-retarding, riparian vegetation growth has been removed at a stroke. Crabtree Lane might be slightly less likely to go under in a flood such as that of 2007, but the weir and a newly cut spillway at Kilwick Beck House will come under greater pressure. Does the right hand know what the left is doing?



Channel clearance, Kilwick Beck downstream of Crabtree Lane

New Foot Bridge

For a couple of weeks in January, you might have had to retrace your steps if you were out for a walk and not wearing wellies! Without notice, the footbridge over Kilwick Beck on Footpath 10, NE of Kilwick village, had been removed.



The new footbridge over Kilwick Beck

It was a little while back that we alerted East Riding Council to the fact that the bridge had a problem of rot. We're very pleased that it has now been replaced with a new one. As a Parish, we have an extensive network of public rights of way – both footpaths and bridleways. But, Footpath 10 is arguably one of the most used, serving not only the villagers of Kilwick, but also providing a well-trod route to and

from Watton. So, our thanks go out to Simon Parker, our area Countryside Access Officer, and the Rights of Way Team at County Hall for swift replacement of a valuable link.

Upcoming Elections

Elections for the Parish Council are scheduled for 7 May, the same day the nation goes to the polls in a General Election. Polling stations will be set up in both Beswick and Kilnwick. Further information about elections and about standing for election can be found on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Web Site at <http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/council/elections-and-voting/elections/>.

Wellsprings Drain Wind Farm Proposal

Many will know that Energie Kontor has conducted a local consultation on a proposed 7-turbine wind farm at Wellsprings Drain. If approved and constructed, the turbines would lie at the intersection of two lines, one drawn between Bainton and Hutton and the other drawn between Kilnwick and Southburn/Kirkburn. The turbine closest to Beswick Parish would be three kilometres (1.8 miles) NNW of Kilnwick village (see www.wellspringsdrainwindfarm.co.uk). The tips of the turbine blades would reach 125 m (410 ft) from base and 90% of each turbine would be visible from Kilnwick village. For those who require ecclesiastical comparators, the proposed turbines are nearly twice the height of the steeple of South Dalton church. The impact would be no different for Beswick, except that the turbines are 5 km (3 miles) distant. Indeed, the proposed wind farm would lie within 5 km (3 miles) of 13 villages as well as the outskirts of Driffild, and all would have direct sight-lines because of the flat nature of the topography.

Whilst Beswick Parish Council is mindful of the need for 'green' energy

generation in the face of changing climate and the imperative of greater national self-reliance in energy production, and, indeed, has supported small-scale green energy generation in the vicinity, it will oppose the proposal on at least two grounds: (1) **Landscape Saturation**. Existing, approved and known proposed wind energy developments visible from the Parish are: 9 wind farms, 3 mid-size single turbines; and 7 single or twin small turbines; (2) Large turbines when sited at height on the Wolds produce **long-distance visual intrusion** and consequent **erosion of landscape amenity** for residents and tourists alike.

Defibrillator – Saving Lives

Your Parish Council is currently seeking funds to install and service a defibrillator. Locally accessible defibrillators are thought to be crucial in treating heart attacks, saving vital minutes if paramedics are not immediately able to attend a patient. Once the funding package has been secured, a bright yellow box will be installed on the external wall of Kilnwick Village Hall in School Lane, by kind permission of Kilnwick Village Hall Association and the Parochial Church Council. The Village Hall Association has generously agreed to cover the ongoing costs of electricity required to maintain the machine in working order. Annual servicing will be a charge on the Parish Precept. Access to the defibrillator will be gained by a push-button code provided by Yorkshire Ambulance Service following a call to the Emergency Number. Instructions for use of the defibrillator are simple and straightforward.

At the time of going to press, we are pleased to announce that East Riding of Yorkshire has made a substantial grant towards purchase of a defibrillator. If funds are required to supplement the grant, the Parish Council intends to make a call for

donations. So, watch out for a leaflet through your letter-box.

Village Fête June 2015

The Village Fête and associated activities are being organized by Kilnwick Village Hall Association for the weekend 13-14 June. All parishioners - from Wilfholme to Lund Moor, Beswick and Kilnwick - and their families and friends are invited to take part. An evening social is planned for Saturday. The outdoor sports and competitions will take place on Sunday on Westfield in Kilnwick. Start practicing for the sack race, get your rounders team together and prepare for the bake-off.

Parish Precept

You'll have seen that the Parish Council has, in 2015-16, for the first time in many years, raised the Precept. The rise is 1.9% relative to that of 2014-15 and means an increase for each household of less than £1. The rise has been approved because costs are increasing whilst, with only one employee, there is no scope for efficiency savings. Council also has a number of plans for expenditure, such as a new bus shelter and defibrillator, and these will require funds.

Fibre-optics Broadband Reaches Beswick and Kilnwick

January saw connection of fibre-optics broadband for Kilnwick and Beswick villages, thanks to funding provided by government through East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Bandwidth has increased enormously and even those distant from the roadside box in Main Street have benefitted from a 15-fold increase in transmission rates. Those nearer the box may be getting over 70 Mb/s.

The Saga of Beswick Bus Shelter!

In 2014, the Newsletter reported replacement of one of the wooden bus shelters in Beswick, following an accident that had destroyed it in November 2013. Sadly, the new shelter was vandalized in October 2014, within only a few months of installation. Three of the four panels of safety glass were shattered. Since the roof and one surviving panel still offer some protection from the weather, the Parish Council has taken the decision to leave the shelter in its present state.



Vandalism in Beswick October 2014

Bus Shelter Southbound at Kilnwick Lodges

Parishioners who keep an eye on the Minutes of the Parish Council's Meetings will be aware of the more-than-a-decade-long struggle to get shelter for bus passengers heading southwards at Kilnwick Lodges. With an east wind, this must arguably be one of the most wind-swept bus stops in the Riding and, with only one bus an hour and a service that not infrequently runs late, waiting for a bus can be both bone-chilling and wet. But, the wait for a shelter is over! Hopefully! After persistent lobbying, East Riding Council has promised to

lay hard standing. Once this is completed, the Parish Council will purchase and install a shelter during summer this year.

Dog Mess

The Parish Council is continually reminded of this environmental and health nuisance. A recent leaflet drop in the two villages was the latest attempt to persuade those dog owners who do not 'clean up' to do so. But, things appear not to have changed. Sadly, it looks as if prosecution might be the only way to bring results. If you see an offence, telephone the Dog Warden Service on **01482 396301**, giving details; or report incidents online at eastriding.gov.uk; or send a message by email to animal.wardens@eastriding.gov.uk.

Drainage Grips – Menace for All Road Users

Our several and busy single-track roads require motorists to pull off the road when faced with opposing traffic. But, have you had cause to regret pulling off because you've found your wheel entering a drainage grip? Have you damaged your vehicle (as reported by several)? Or had to be towed out (as has happened on Wilfholme Lane)? Or, much more seriously, has your bicycle gone into a grip and thrown you off (as sadly happened to the injury of at least one of our parishioners)?



Drainage Grip or Mantrap? Barhill Causeway

The Parish Council recognizes the need to maintain roads through adequate drainage, but has, for some time, questioned East Riding Council about the number and disposition of roadside grips, some of which are cut only a few metres apart (e.g. Beswick Heads) and on opposite sides of the road, such that passing vehicles can't avoid going into them. Some grips and their associated soil throw mean that the local range in roadside ground elevation can exceed as much as a metre.

So far, we've been told that drainage is of paramount importance, the County Council having regard for the state of the roads. Personal injuries and damage to vehicles are, of course, costs that are not normally borne by the County Council!

River Hull Integrated Catchment Strategy

If you haven't seen it and are interested in what plans are afoot to mitigate flood hazard in the River Hull Valley, download the *Preferred Approach* at <http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/council/>

[plans-and-policies/other-plans-and-policies-information/flood-risk/flood-risk-strategy/](#). The Strategy has been developed by the River Hull Advisory Board, members of which include parishioners John Duggleby and Cllr Ian Reid. The Strategy is based on a detailed study of the River Hull catchment, within which lies the whole of the Parish. It has whittled cost-effective options for action down to eight. Of particular pertinence to the Parish is a proposal to upgrade the pumping stations at Wilfholme and Hempholme. Both lift water from the Beverley & Barmston Drain into the river. In addition, dredging of the Hull, particularly downstream of Tickton, is intended to create storage and accommodate water from upstream, so reducing the risk of overbanking as well as allowing longer periods of pumping at Wilfholme and

Hempholme. Longer-term aspirations include headwater landuse and channel changes that would reduce or slow the passage of water towards the River Hull.

Dates for Your Diary

- *Sunday 12 April (time to be announced) - Treasure Hunt, Kilnwick and surrounds.*
- *Saturday 18 April 10:30-13:00 - Daytime Café Event, Village Hall, School Lane, Kilnwick.*
- *Saturday 2 May (time to be announced) – family bike ride to Lund from Kilnwick to cheer on the *Tour de Yorkshire*.*

