



Beswick Parish Council

*Serving Beswick, Kilnwick, Lund Moor, Glebe Farm, Kilnwick Lodges,
Wilholme and outlying homes and businesses of the Parish*

2016-17 Newsletter



Beswick Parish Council 2016-17

Inset: Julia Bugg (Clerk from 1 August 2016). Main:
from l to r - Cllr June Feasby, Cllr Mary Scaife, Cllr
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Beswick Parish Council Meetings, Agenda, Minutes...

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.

Scheduled Meetings in 2017-18:

Wednesday 10 May 2017 (including Annual Meeting)
Wednesday 12 July 2017
Wednesday 13 September 2017
Wednesday 8 November 2017
Wednesday 10 January 2018
Wednesday 14 March 2018

Meetings' Agenda and unconfirmed Minutes are posted on the Council's Notice-Boards in Beswick and Kilnwick villages and can be found on the Council's Website, <http://beswickparishcouncil.org.uk>. 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.

Parish and Parish Council News

The year has been one of exciting developments in the Parish. The Park - an initiative of three local families, now turned into a charitable community project - has taken shape and will be formally opened during September next. All Saints Church featured in a prize-winning national competition that brought much-needed cash for facility improvements which will

provide for the growing number of events hosted. The Parish Council was awarded funds to establish the Kilnwick-Beswick Tuesday Club which aims to bring together retirees for social and cultural events and 'edutainment'. These, together with many other ongoing activities, reflect a vibrant community.

The Parish Council continues to meet bi-monthly in the Village Hall on School Lane in Kilnwick and the shift of location from Beswick & Watton School has been rewarded by a welcome increase in attendance by interested parishioners. Although contentious issues come under consideration - often involving planning applications - this year has, mercifully, been blessed with less focus on the replacement of bus shelters! Those planning applications which have been contentious - not least, the proposed developments within the Walled Garden in Kilnwick, The Park, and, just beyond the parish boundary, the 'glamping' pods in Bracken and the incursions onto public land in Watton - have been given a thorough airing at meetings of the Council. Not everyone comes away happy with the recommendations that go forward to the County Council, of course, but all views are taken into account.

With regret, **David Allan** was forced to resign as Clerk to the Council due to ill-health. We were very sorry to lose his services; he had, in the short time he had been in post, served the community well, having put enormous effort into sorting out the Council's administration, as well as dealing with insurance claims and bus shelter companies, and engaging enthusiastically in all manner of parish-related activities. For all this, he has our grateful thanks.

David's exodus allowed us to recruit **Julia Bugg** and we extend to her a very warm welcome. Many of you will already know Julia since she holds a part-time position as the Administrative Officer at our village school.

A number of families have recently moved into the Parish, taking up residence in what some older residents call "Jerusalem" (i.e. Glebe Farm), Kilnwick, Beswick and our eastern extremity of Wilfholme. The Parish Council extends a warm welcome to our newcomers and hopes to get to know those it has yet to meet.

On a sad note, this year saw the passing of a former Chair of the Parish Council. **Cliff Wright's** funeral took place on 24 January. Cliff was known to

everyone in the Parish and had been a very active Chair. He'd continued to attend Parish Council meetings right up to the last year of his long life. We shall miss his wise contributions and his friendship. Our sympathies go out to Joan, Alison and Graham.

Rural Rides

When did you last get out your (pedal) bike? The single-track roads of the Parish and surrounding areas offer a number of amazing opportunities to see our wonderful, changing countryside. You can appreciate so much more from a bike, travelling at modest speed and sitting high in the saddle, and you're getting vital exercise that'll keep the doctor at bay! What's more, this is a largely carbon-neutral way of travelling.

The Parish Council Website now carries maps and descriptions of several circular and 'there-and-back' rides starting from Kilnwick (see <http://beswickparishcouncil.org.uk/local-cycle-rides.aspx>). They range from 5 miles to 10-12 miles and all run along quiet country roads. Most are also suitable for children and retirees and they will get you to places you might ordinarily never visit. Go and see the Koi carp in South Dalton or the wildfowl paradise of Wilfholme Landing; visit Kirkburn church for its Norman font or stand on the local high spot near Burn Butts and see if you can see Saltend on the Humber and Flamborough Head.

On behalf of cyclists, here is a plea to those road users who sit comfortably in a chair, enjoying the stability of four wheels as they travel our single-track roads: a tonne or more of metal moving past a bike is frightening if that tonne or more is moving at speed and passes very close. Inconsiderate drivers will often leave less than a foot between a cyclist and their vehicle and experience shows that some can be travelling at speeds as high as 40 or more mph. Cyclists are human beings just like vehicle drivers; think of them this way. After all, you'd give a horse a

wide berth and pass slowly; so, why not a human being? Cyclists have as many rights to the road as motorists (despite the false claim by the misinformed that these rights come only with payment of a road fund licence fee); but, they are infinitely more vulnerable than a human sitting inside a car; and the Highway Code has explicit advice for vehicle drivers about the care

Slow down and give cyclists a wide berth on our single-track roads!



they should show cyclists. If, as a driver, you've not recently ridden your bike, you may be unaware of the aggression (frequently intentional) shown to cyclists. So, please be considerate and slow right down! Let's hope you get a friendly 'thank-you' in return and that the world can remain a happy place.

Historic Kilwick

You may have heard older parishioners talk about 'Kilwick Lodges'? Indeed, it is a term still used when referring to that part of the Parish where Wilfolme Lane crosses the A164 Beverley Road. The name dates from the 18th century when the entrance to what is now dubbed Wilfolme Lane was graced with two lodges that marked the entrance to the Kilwick Estate. They signalled to visitors that, further along the Lane, they would approach the Georgian grandeur of Kilwick House, former seat of the Grimston family.



Kilwick Lodges on the A164, at one-time, the Beverley-Driffild Turnpike.

Clare Ellin - Kilwick's celebrated local poet - writing in the Yorkshire Post (date unknown, probably the early to mid 1960s), declares, with sadness, that the fate of the Lodges had been sealed by impending improvements to the trunk road. The Lodges were soon to be demolished to accommodate road widening and the alignment of the Beswick by-pass. (We might wonder whether such destruction of architectural heritage would be permitted today?) She also delves into the Grimston archive to reminisce about the one-time seasonal travel of the Grimston entourage past the Lodges en route for Kilwick House from another of the family's seats at Grimston Garth on the Holderness coast, the wagons and the Grimston's coach having crossed the River Hull on the Wilfolme Ferry three miles to the east.

The Park, Kilwick

The following has been provided by **Ellen Beddows**, Trustee of The Park.

The Park, Kilwick, a project intended to create a new green public space, is progressing brilliantly - thanks to the support, kindness and help of the community, and with the advice and direction from organisations working with the Charity. Our aim is to create a thriving public space for the community to meet, play, exercise and celebrate, providing education needs, encouraging wildlife and offering volunteering opportunities to all.

The Park is located off the junction of Church Lane and Main Street, Kilwick and is within easy walking distance of all housing. It will include:

- a central 3-acre grassed area for ball games, jogging, dog walking, bicycle riding and use by local exercise groups
- a children's play area - including wooden playground equipment and natural elements such as willow tunnels, grass mounds and log balance beams
- a community orchard
- over an acre of new native woodland, wildflower meadow, and wetland habitat
- a wildlife trail and information boards to provide an educational resource
- picnic benches and log seating for all ages to enjoy their surroundings
- wheelchair access throughout on a level site, and good access via two public footpaths.

The Park will be opened to the public over the weekend 2nd and 3rd September 2017. A Grand Opening Fête will commence proceedings on Saturday, followed by an evening Barn Dance. A family-friendly musical event will be held on Sunday.

The Park will be available for everyone to enjoy, whether Charity Members or not, but we welcome Charity membership (free of charge) to unite those who wish to enjoy the recreational, educational and social elements of this wonderful project.

The project is evolving fast. The land was purchased in April 2016 by three Kilwick families and gifted to *The Park, Kilwick* Charity in perpetuity. Throughout 2016, the Trustees and Members consulted with the community, local educational establishments and many local and national organisations to ensure that the project exceeded all best practices and met the needs of the community.

In fact, of the 450 projects that *Action for Communities in Rural England* worked with in 2016, our project was chosen as one of just ten to be featured as a case study. They stated that this project



The Park, Kilnwick - tree-planting volunteers, November 2016.

represented the very best of grassroots community action. During the latter part of 2016, land drainage works were carried out and almost 70 volunteers helped us plant the first 420 native trees. A further planting of specimen trees, fruit trees and native trees took place in March 2017. We will have planted over an acre of new woodland by the end of 2017. This year we will also de-stone the land, grass the central area, and develop the wildlife habitats and play areas.

The project has been extremely well supported. We have received donations from local residents. These, plus grants from *Village SOS*, *Tesco - Bags of Help*, *Local Postcode Trust*, *Big Lottery - Celebrate England*, and *East Riding of Yorkshire Council Active Creative*, together with ongoing support of *The Woodland Trust*, mean that our project is now over two-thirds funded. We have also had very significant pledges of labour and business support, which mean that our costs are far less than they would otherwise have been.

We have recently introduced an *Adopt a Tree* scheme. In return for a donation to *The Park*, the donor can choose their specimen native or fruit tree, help to plant it (if they wish) and have a plaque engraved with words of their choice, which will be displayed with their tree.

To find out more about the Grand Opening weekend, volunteering events, *Adopting a Tree*, becoming a member of the charity, or simply discovering more about this community project - please see our website www.theparkkilnwick.org. We also send out regular email updates. If you would like to be added to our email list please contact us at:

theparkkilnwick@gmail.com.

Kilnwick's Celebrated Poet

Since settling in the Parish, Frank McGarry has spent considerable time researching the life and poetry of Clare Ellin and has published a book, *Clare Ellin - The Wise Woman of Kilnwick* (Quacks Books, York, ISBN 978-1-904446-72-9), which sets out a narrative of Clare's life and compiles many of her poems. From 1956, Clare lived at Oaks Cottage on Main Street (No. 17). Copies of the book may be obtained from Frank McGarry, The Willows, Kilnwick, YO25 9JG, Tel: 01377 271879, price: £10 plus £2 p&p. It provides a fascinating insight about the village and its inhabitants.

Cover of Frank McGarry's book



Kilnwick-Beswick Tuesday Club

With the help of a generous grant from East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Connecting Communities Fund, the Parish Council has established the Kilnwick-Beswick Tuesday Club. The Club aims to bring together older residents - mainly retirees - of the Parish and friends from neighbouring parishes.

Regular meetings are held in the Village Hall, School Lane, Kilnwick, on the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 to 12:30. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits; bring a cake or tart to share. Shrove Tuesday saw everyone tucking into freshly cooked pancakes!

All of the meetings involve older parishioners getting to know one another and having a good chat. Some include a speaker giving a talk on a topic of local interest. Besides the regular meetings, trips by minibus are planned to venues of cultural and scenic interest that are further afield.

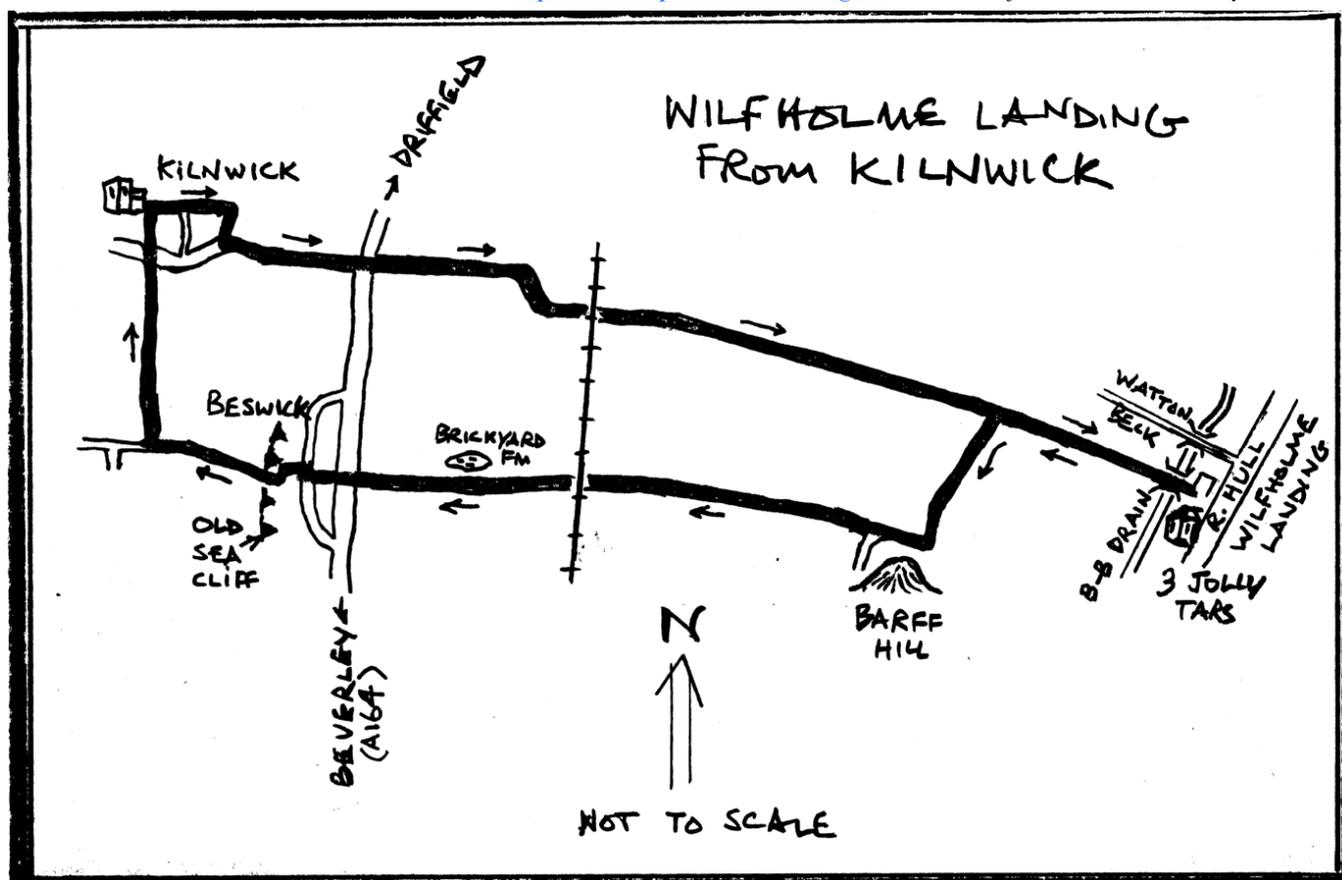
We have regular attendees numbering between 25 and 30 but we'd welcome seeing others yet to hear of the Club. Check the Parish Website for information about meeting dates, speakers and trips - scroll down after entering the URL in your Web browser: <http://beswickparishcouncil.org.uk/community-groups.aspx>. If you need further information, call Cllr Ian Reid on 07971 762422, or speak with other Parish Councillors.

Come and have fun, meet people, hear interesting talks, and go places!

Street Lighting Replacement Fund

Current forecasts indicate that (at present prices) some £8,000 will be needed in or around 2026-27 to replace the Beswick street lights. The Kilnwick street lights are expected to last longer. In order to avoid having to service a substantial loan at the time that renewal of the Beswick lights is due, the Parish Council has decided: (i) that a Street Lighting Renewal Fund be established with effect from 1 April 2017; and (ii) that, subject to review within the Council's annual budget deliberations, the contribution to the Fund will be £800 per annum to be held in a savings account. Making provision for future expenditure on street light replacement inevitably has an impact on the level of the Parish Precept. Indeed, this the reason for the increase in the Precept in 2017-18, which will cover, in part only, the 2017-18 contribution to the Replacement Fund.

One of several leisure cycle rides to be found on the Beswick Parish Council Website:
<http://beswickparishcouncil.org.uk> > Parish Information > Local Cycle Rides



Beswick Parish Map

Extracted from the East Riding of Yorkshire's Data Observatory website; as used on the Parish Website:

www.beswickparishcouncil.org.uk.

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