



Beswick Parish Council

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2021 -22 Newsletter



Beswick Parish Council at the end of 2021-22. From l to r: standing - Cllr Tony Beddows, Cllr Tony Corscadden, Cllr Ian Reid; sitting - Cllr Ben Jeffrey, Clerk Julia Bugg, Cllr Sarah Beachell. Photo: Ian Reid.

Beswick Parish Council 2022-23

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A Message from our Chair - 2021-22 Another Odd Year!

The year started under national pandemic Lockdown rules, with meetings and business conducted remotely over the wire. At this time, as in 2020-21, the Parish Council made 'attendance' of members possible through use of MS Teams. In general, this proved successful, and no technical problems were reported.

We also made meetings available to our parishioners and were pleased to see and/or hear those who 'joined' us. We were conscious that some who would ordinarily attend regularly in person were 'absent'. No doubt this reflected a variety of factors. For some it will have been frustration at having to use a computer; more worryingly, it might have been an inability, for whatever reason, to connect over the wire.

Despite a nationwide response to an outrageously late-in-the-day government questionnaire survey of local government views on continued use of the Internet to conduct business (the results have still to be published!), the hoped-for ruling extending use of remote meetings never emerged. Without this, parish councils were instructed to return to face-to-face meetings, regardless of any difficulties. Because of this, your Parish Council met in person in July and continues to do so. But, because of the extremely restricted size of the Village Hall and the continued requirements to adopt personal spacing and other Covid-19 infection precautions, regrettably, we have had to restrict the number of parishioners attending.

Given the complications and tribulations of this last year, I would like to extend my thanks, as Chair, to Councillors (both Parish and Ward) and The Clerk for their efforts and forbearance. As everyone is aware, there is still great uncertainty about how we move forward, the more so, as international strife may have significant consequences for all, near and far.

In response to this uncertainty, the Parish Council is

currently exploring the technical requirements for broadcasting meetings to those who have a vested interest in its business. For announcements about progress on this and other issues, keep a watchful eye on the Council's website: <http://beswickparishcouncil.org.uk>.

This year, as last, the Parish Council saw more comings and goings. Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you'll see that we were sad to say goodbye to **Kenny Quinn**. Kenny had served as a parish councillor for more than a decade and was assiduous in this rôle. His last meeting was in September and we were sorry to accept his resignation. Kenny's departure allowed us to advertise a vacancy and we are very pleased to welcome **Ben Jeffrey** as councillor. Ben lives on School Lane in Kilnwick, is a former naval officer and, currently, a Humber Pilot, so, he brings a wealth of experience to the Council.

After 12 years in the role, I have decided that this is my final year as Chair of the Parish Council. In this time, I have enjoyed great support from both Parish and Ward colleagues, and, especially, from successive Clerks, for which I am grateful. But, it is time for other hands to take the tiller.

Professor Ian Reid.
Chair, Beswick Parish Council

Beswick Parish Council Meetings, Agenda, Minutes...

Meetings of The Parish Council are normally held at 7.00 pm on the second Wednesday of alternate months between May and March, 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 be detailed on the Agenda.

Scheduled Meetings in 2022-23:

Wednesday 11 May 2022 (including Annual Meeting)
Wednesday 13 July 2022
Wednesday 14 September 2022
Wednesday 9 November 2022
Wednesday 11 January 2023
Wednesday 8 March 2023

As we move between in-person and virtual meetings, Parishioners are advised to find out about how and where meetings are to be held by looking at the Council's Website or joining the email circulation list. Details will also be posted on the Notice Boards in

Kilnwick and Beswick. It is generally still necessary to book a seat as we continue to socially distance but there is always plenty of availability.

Meetings' Agenda and unconfirmed Minutes are posted on the Council's Notice-Boards in Beswick and Kilnwick villages and may 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. Providing contact information will signify that the provider gives permission for the Clerk to retain the information securely as per the General Data Protection Regulations.

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.

Defibrillator Installed at Remote Wilfholme Landing

The Parish Council, in collaboration with the Environment Agency, has installed its third defibrillator. This life-saving device is located at Wilfholme Landing - the eastern extremity of our seven-mile long parish.

We are especially grateful to Mrs Yvonne Sykes and the estate of her late husband, Dr Alan J Sykes, for donation of the defibrillator, and to Phil Young and the Environment Agency for its installation.



Plaque commemorating the late Dr Alan J Sykes, whose estate donated the defibrillator to Beswick Parish Council. Photo: Ian Reid.

Wilfolme Landing is busier than might be expected, given its remoteness. Apart from local residents, it has a growing number of visitors, including recreational walkers, cyclists, Environment Agency staff servicing the pumping station, anglers, riders who stable their horses at Three Jolly Tars, dog trainers, paddle boarders, kayakers, and bird watchers.

It lies about four miles from the nearest defibrillator (located in Beswick village) along a very narrow, uneven, single-track road. A best estimate of the return travel-time unobstructed by opposing traffic is 15 to 20 minutes. If the railway level crossing were closed and traffic were heavy on the A164, this might extend to nearly half an hour. So, given the need for immediacy in treating heart conditions, the wisdom of installing a machine at Wilfolme becomes self-evident if lives are to be saved.

New Footbridge

We have, arguably, some of the best opportunities for off-road walking in The Riding, with marvellously varied landscape, from extensive woodland, babbling brooks, historic water mills and other cultural features, to extensive views across open farmland and our own tidal river and its varied birdlife. Admittedly, some of our footpaths and bridleways can be muddy after rainfall, but this is a small inconvenience when set against the pleasure of enjoying such wonderful countryside.



New footbridge NW of the Old Hall, Kilnwick. Photo: Ian Reid.

However, the low-lying nature of our terrain means we have both becks and dykes and we need bridges to get along our local footpaths. In this we are very fortunate to have been blessed with several bridge

replacements in recent years. This year we've again been lucky to get a new bridge, this time over the dyke just NW of The Old Hall where Beswick Footpath No. 7 meets Watton Footpath No. 23. This is a very well-trod route, especially for Kilnwick villagers.

We're very grateful to both the *East Riding of Yorkshire Council Countryside Access Team* and *The Ramblers Association*, whose members installed the new bridge, for ensuring easy use of this route and, so, our mental and physical fitness from being able to get out and about on foot.

Congratulations! Professor Lynne Frostick CBE

Hearty congratulations to one of our parishioners, Lynne



Frostick, who was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire by HM The Queen in her 2022 New Year's Honours.



The award recognises Lynne's services to flood risk and coastal erosion management.

Professor Lynne Frostick CBE.
Photo: University of Hull.

Caring for God's Acre - Bringing Nature Back

Tony Corscadden writes: Since the 1930s, wildflower meadows have declined by 97% in the UK along with their supporting fauna, especially 1500 species of pollinating insects like bees, beetles, butterflies, hoverflies and moths. Sadly, the image of colourful meadows has been lost to the collective memory, but churchyards are trying to redress this.

The churchyard - God's acre - is one of the most enduring features of our landscape. Taken together, the 1300+ Yorkshire churchyards make a significant area of land that has survived untouched by intensive agriculture and urban development and most were formed from meadowland and could be considered well fertilised.

Their importance was recognised as early as 1972 and, by 1984, it had been demonstrated that many native plant and lichen species and their associated fauna survived only in churchyards.

This came to the attention of Dr John Habgood, then Archbishop of York, and, following discussions with Sir David Attenborough, the Yorkshire Living Churchyards Project was launched in 1985 as a joint venture between the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT) and the Diocese of York. (For more information, search the Internet for: 'Caring for God's acre' and 'Churchyard management booklet - the Diocese of Sheffield').

Most of our neighbouring churches are stalwarts of the scheme, which St Margaret's in Beswick plans to join by sowing a wildflower meadow, aided by local farmers Sam Beachell and Edward and John Duggleby, who already plant wildflower strips on some of their field headlands and marginal land to great effect, judging by the humming insect metropolises I visited last summer.



Rewilding St Mary's church precinct, Lockington. Photo: Sue Corscadden.

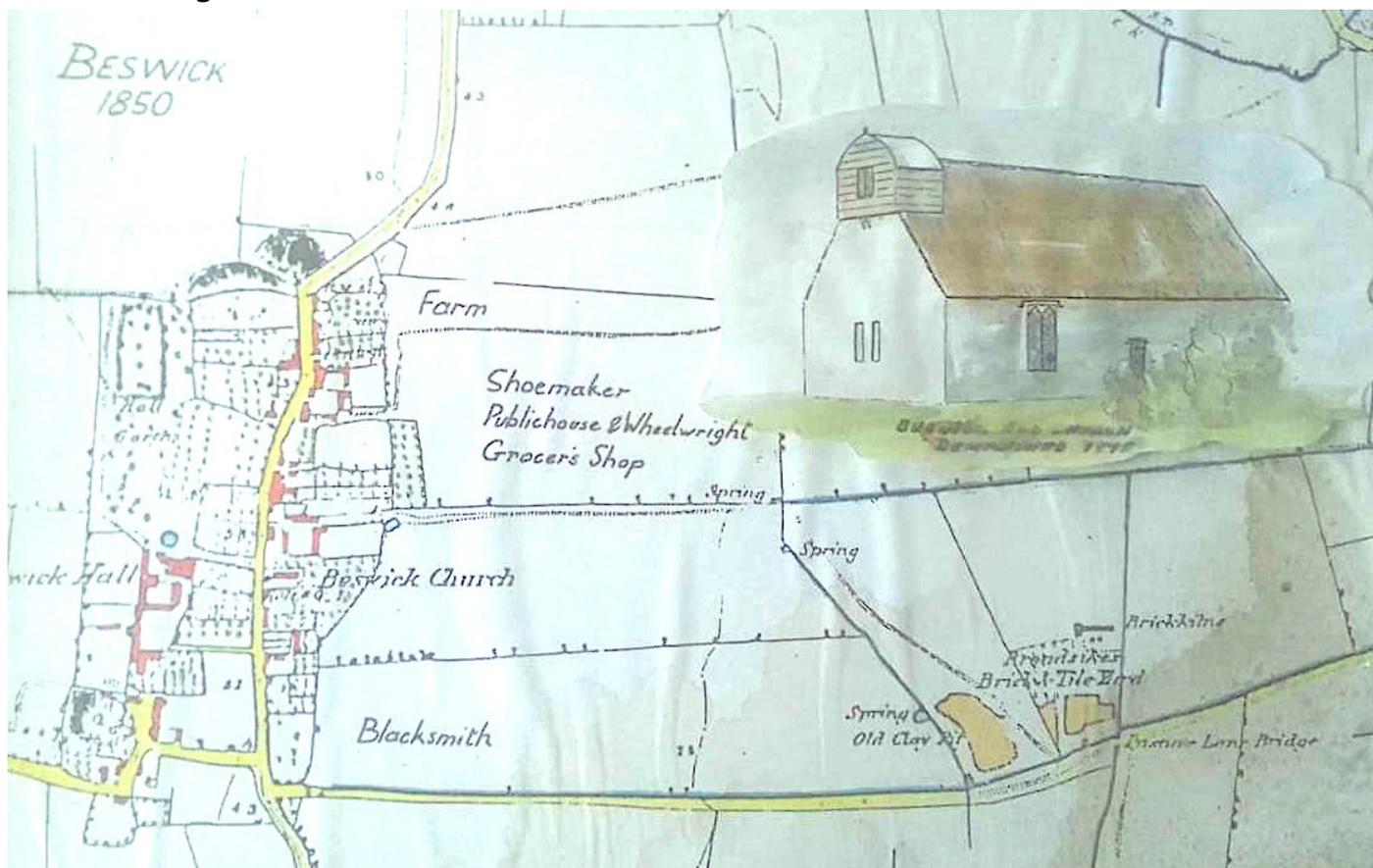
You too could do your bit to bring nature back. Why not turn a sunny part of your lawn into a mini wildflower meadow? There is a plethora of helpful videos and websites online such as plantlife.org.uk 'meadows hub' and wildlifetrusts.org/gardening or search for 'creating a wildflower meadow' and click on Eden Project, RHS or RSPB websites.

If you don't have room for a mini meadow, sow pollinator seed mixes in pots and tubs - but always buy from ethical sources - and place them in sunny spots around the garden; for interest, put some in view of your favourite garden seat.

For inspiration and a beautiful family picnic location, why not visit Kiplingcotes YWT Chalk Pit Nature Reserve, east of Goodmanham, off Spring Road (YO43 3NA, OS Sheet 294 grid square 9143), in June-July.

Now hands up all those who want to join a meadow management team? And make sure that you look out for a churchyard challenge coming in late autumn.

Beswick Village of Old



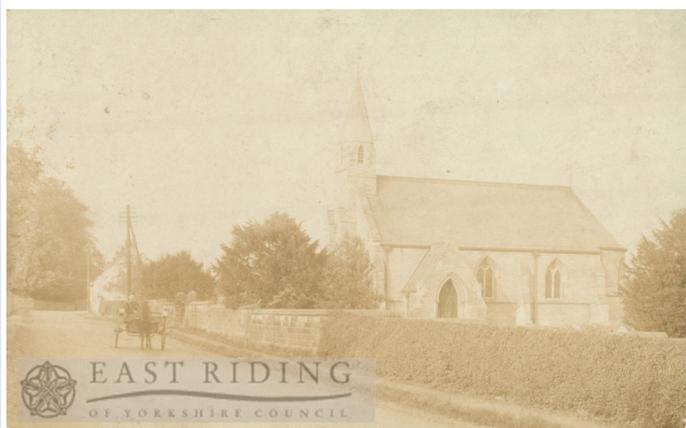
OS First Edition map of Beswick Village. Date of hand annotations and sketch unknown. Source: Sarah Beachell.

Cllr Sarah Beachell found this annotated Ordnance map of Beswick Village whilst rummaging through family documents. Although the map is likely to be an extract of the First Edition of the Survey, mapped at 1:10560 in the first half of the 19th Century, it is uncertain who added the annotations and the sketch of St Margaret's, and when.

Sarah also found a photo of the church, date unknown, which confirms the sketch on the map, though the fabric looks as if it has seen better days, and the thatch likely to need renewing!



St. Margaret's, Beswick, later half of 19th Century. Source: Sarah Beachell.



St. Margaret's, Beswick, 1903. Source: East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

In Memoriam

The Parish Council offers condolences to relatives and friends of parishioners who have passed away in the past year. All had lived in the Parish for many, many years and had been cherished members of our community. We will miss them.

William Adamson
Bill Walsh

Refurbished Pumps to Combat Floods at Wilfholme

Late 2021 finally saw commissioning of the refurbished pumps at Wilfholme Landing. This has been a job long in the making, started several years

back and delayed by several things, including weather, shortage of materials, and hold-ups in the engineering company doing the work.

The pumps had seen more than 40 years of life and the resulting wear on the blades had significantly reduced their efficiency, vastly increasing the costs of electricity used to run them. These are big beasts. Each pump shifts two cubic metres of water per second and raises it through about six metres from the Beverley-Barmston Drain into the River Hull. And there are four pumps, giving a total capacity to move eight tonnes of water per second.



Refurbished pump being installed at Wilfholme Landing.
Photo: Ian Reid.

The cost of pump refurbishment and renewal of switch-gear etc. was £1.4M and this was met by the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership, the Beverley & North Holderness Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency.

Quite an investment in our Parish!

Without the pumps, the eastern end of the parish would, along with neighbouring areas from North Frodingham through to Arram, return to the seasonal swampland that characterised the area prior to the beginning of the 19th Century. And, because the 2018 breach in the banks of the Old Howe upstream remain unrepaired, allowing escape of water into the low-level dykes, they are having to shift runoff water from a bigger area than at any time in the last 200 years.

Beswick Village WhatsApp Group

If anyone has not yet joined our village WhatsApp group and would like to, please text a request to Sue Corscadden on 07815 164710.

Beswick Village Platinum Jubilee Celebration

These will take the form of a barbecue in Beswick Hall's gardens on Sunday 5 June courtesy of John Duggleby. All welcome.

Kilwick Village Platinum Jubilee Celebration

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated with events in Kilwick Park over the four-day period, Thursday 2 to Sunday 4 June.

A grant has been gratefully received by the Parish Council from East Riding of Yorkshire Council's QPJCF Community Fund to assist with the cost of the festivities. Events are being organised by The Village Hall Charity and Kilwick Park.

Final details will be published in flyers and on village notice boards across Beswick Parish. All are invited to attend.

Not a problem for Beswick and Kilwick Villages!

Beswick village sits on a pre-glacial cliff and Kilwick village sits on a post-glacial river terrace. So, neither need worry about river flooding, unlike our neighbouring village of Lockington.



Bryan Mills Beck, Lockington. Human figure is not Lilliputian.
Photo: Ian Reid.



But, we wondered if the Environment Agency was unsure about the visual acuity of Lockington residents when it installed a new water-stage board (see picture) until we realised these were going in everywhere!

Annual Anti-Fly Tipping Rant

We shouldn't have to be thankful that our geographical isolation from big cities generally seems to place us too far away to suffer from those gross incidents of fly tipping not infrequently highlighted on news broadcasts as happening elsewhere. But, we'll hope that this continues.

Not that we've been immune. We have suffered in the past from serious cases of clandestine dumping, usually overnight, though, this year, it has largely been individual items e.g. a fridge-freezer and, curiously, a dumper-truck fuel tank.

A particularly interesting bit of fly-tipping occurred on one of the minor roads just beyond the parish boundary (see picture), interesting because it raises several questions about the psychology of the culprit. Perhaps s/he was constrained by the need for a permit to use the waste recycling site? or was unwilling to make the short journey to the dump? Or there may have been other thoughts in mind? So, since s/he took time to carefully line up the tins on the roadside verge, it might be that the intention was to display the different paints for the use of anyone passing by who had some decorating to do?



Discarded (?) tins of paint carefully displayed on roadside verge.
Photo: Ian Reid.

But, dumping can be more discreet and hidden from immediate view, unless, that is, you peer into the crannies of the parish. Take, for example, the

drainage dyke that leads rainwater from Main Street, Kilwick, down to Kilwick Beck (picture). Despite the generous range of items that the County Council permits in the blue recycling bins, including glass bottles, someone has decided to dispose of their gin bottles in the waterway. Or, perhaps the need for secrecy meant they had other motives for spoiling our environment?



A cache of dumped gin bottles in the rainwater (sic) dyke, Main Street, Kilwick. Photo: Ian Reid.



Two of our wonderful self-appointed litter (collection) ladies: Jesse Cooper and Pat Hodgson. Photo: Ian Reid; Pat needs readers to know it was taken on a very windy day!

Goodbye!

This year has seen the departure from the parish of some parishioners who have lived here a long time. Amongst them: **David and Ruth Ryan; Kenny Quinn and Mariann Spencer.**



Mariann and Kenny – a long-serving parish councillor.
Photo: Source Ian Reid

Water Sports in Beswick Parish

As Lockdown was relaxed, more visitors discovered that exercise on the River Hull can be both beneficial and fun. Paddle boards and kayaks appeared as did several groups of youngsters canoeing to Weel as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



Wilfolme Landing, River Hull. Photo: Ian Reid.



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A Jubilee Remembered

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is not the first jubilee celebration to be held in Beswick Parish, with the Queen's Silver Jubilee fondly remembered and recorded in the following pictures supplied by Cllr Sarah Beachell.

