

Clerk's Report for Bishop Wilton Annual Parish Meeting 2026

It has been another busy year for Bishop Wilton Parish Council, and I am pleased to say that we are continuing to provide services and support to our parishioners.

Last year we procured and installed new outdoor multi gym equipment for the benefit of residents and we would thank the Bishop Wilton Cricket Club for their help in funding the project.

The Council have finalised the procurement of an additional defibrillator for the village, thanks to funding from the Bishop Wilton Community Trust. The new defibrillator is situated on the side wall of the Fleece Inn. The access code is C159X.

During 2025 central government funding was made available for new or replacement bus shelters, under the Transportation Services Bus Shelter Replacement Programme. We have taken advantage of this scheme, and have been successful in our grant application, as a result of which a new shelter will be installed in the village by the end of March.

During the course of 2026 we will continue to seek additional funding, and our current project is to replace the defibrillator at the village hall, which is now out of warranty.

2025 saw the retirement of our external auditor. We have now appointed Asquiths Accountants in Scarborough to cover the necessary work. Following new legislation the auditing process now covers council procedures and policies as well as the financial side of things.

New legislation has also seen a change of our email addresses and both myself and councillors are now registered under the .gov.uk domain, adding a further layer of security and professionalism to our roles.

East Riding Council have set their budget for the new financial year with a 4.99% increase on council tax, together with additional increases for both the Police and Fire Services. The biggest expenditure for East Riding is adult social care, followed by child social care. Bishop Wilton have set a balanced budget for 2026/27 with precept of £13500 an increase of £1000 or 8% on last year. This means that a band D property billing amount attributable to your parish will be £56.39, which is an increase of £4.46 and 8.6% compared to 2025/26.