

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 137th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 11 September 2017

Present: Councillors: C S Fenton
Lady Halifax
S W Huffington
H T Paul
R Crow
D J Pearson
D J Lord

In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robinson, Goodhart and Birks.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12 June 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.
3. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:

a. Potholes – The Clerk informed Councillors that he had sent a plan identifying 44 potholes throughout both parishes to Rob Brown, the Area Highway Engineer, in July. However, these potholes have not been repaired.

Councillor Rudd agreed to assist the Clerk in putting pressure on the Highway Authority to carry out these repairs before winter.

Councillor Paul commented that some of the repairs carried out by the patching machine for the Tour de Yorkshire on the Malton Road are proud of the road surface and therefore present a minor hazard. Councillor Rudd responded by saying that the expertise of the Council operatives is improving and recent results are much more satisfactory.

b. Microwave Broadband – The Clerk reported that apart from some minor problems, the system appears to be working well. There was a recent problem with the mast at Painsthorpe Wold Farm but Quickline remedied this within half a working day.

c. Main Street, Bugthorpe lighting column – It has been a problem sourcing a matching lantern. One has been found that is similar which is now on order.

d. Replacement of Bugthorpe village nameplate – Councillors noted that the village nameplate on Barf Lane has been replaced.

e. Parking at Brickyards Cottages – Councillors agreed that this situation had improved since the tenant has stopped parking at the front of the cottages.

f. Hedges at Brickyards and Corner Paddock – It was noted that these have been cut.

g. New prison proposal for Full Sutton – The Clerk confirmed that outline planning consent had been given for this Category C prison on 25 July 2017. This was a Strategic Application made by the Ministry of Justice. It therefore has a status of national importance. Councillor Rudd confirmed that he was on the Planning Committee that considered the application and that the Home Office had always intended to build another prison on this site in due course.

There will be subsequent Reserve Matters applications made on the detailed design, landscaping, travel plan etc and there will therefore be opportunities for local residents and Parish Councils to make representations. Councillors reiterated their concern about the local infrastructure particularly the inadequacy of the historic bridge at Stamford Bridge. There will also be pressure on the local housing stock as around 600 prison officers and administrative staff will have to live comparatively locally. Councillor Rudd assured Councillors that he, together with Councillors Burton and Stathers will do all they can to look after the interests of the communities affected by this scheme.

5. Other Matters.

a. Fatal accident on A166 at Kitty Hill – The Clerk explained the circumstances around the fatal collision that occurred on Thursday 31 August. A Porsche was turning around in the Kitty Hill entrance and attempted to get out onto the eastbound carriageway before a vehicle travelling westbound. However, unfortunately another vehicles was overtaking the westbound vehicle which collided with the driver's door of the Porsche resulting in the death of the Porsche driver.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Parish Council has campaigned for double white lines from the corner at Garrowby Lodge past the Bugthorpe turnoff as many drivers are tempted to overtake after the Garrowby Lodge corner, when travelling westbound if they have been held up by slow traffic down Garrowby Hill and around the following bends. This has led to several accidents and near misses over the years at the Barf Lane junction. As there will be a full ongoing investigation of this accident by Humberside Police and East Riding of Yorkshire Council, it is a good opportunity for the Parish Council to renew calls for double white lining. Councillor Rudd confirmed that the Clerk should contact either Paul Bellotti, who is the Interim Director of Highways or John Harland.

b. Speeding through Bugthorpe Village – The Clerk confirmed that he had observed a certain individual persistently speeding through Bugthorpe. A letter had been written to this individual who has since refrained from speeding. The Clerk asked Councillors to report any persistent speeders to him. If a polite request to refrain has no effect, Humberside Police can then be asked to intervene with speed traps.

c. Friends of the Earth Freedom of Information Act request regarding fracking surveys – no further comment made.

d. Resignation of Councillor Goodhart – Councillors expressed their appreciation of Councillor Goodhart's service to Parish Council and to the local community. Fiona Goodhart has confirmed interest in filling the vacancy and the Clerk confirmed that the vacancy needs to be advertised for 14 days and if there are no other applicants, Mrs Goodhart can be co-opted onto the Council.

e. Bugthorpe telephone kiosk – Although the Clerk had confirmed that the Parish Council wished to purchase the telephone kiosk for £1, contractors had been instructed by BT to remove the kiosk and it was only spared following an urgent intervention by the Clerk. Investigations will now be made to establish why this occurred.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Councillor Lady Halifax mentioned the flooding of the road next to Keldsyke Bungalow on Main Street, Bugthorpe. Councillor Crow said that this was reported whilst the Clerk was on holiday and East Riding of Yorkshire Council have been out. The Clerk is to establish whether the drain was jetted to prevent a continuing problem over the winter. The Clerk also mentioned the flooding on Stephenwath Lane where there is also a blocked drain.
- b. Councillor Crow was asked about the Garrowby Area Crime Watch scheme and he confirmed that he does forward e-mails regarding crimes perpetrated in the area. There was a general consensus that the original signs are getting very old, tatty and unobtrusive and perhaps it is time to have new signs to dissuade potential perpetrators of crime in the Parishes. Councillor Crow said that there is £230 still in the old GAC account which could be used to purchase new signs. Councillor Crow will contact Maureen Yates who is the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator at East Riding of Yorkshire.
- c. Councillor Crow confirmed that there had been reports of dog fouling on Beck Row and near the entrance to Wold Buildings on Main Street, Bugthorpe.
- d. Councillor Crow has received a report of a branch over the Bugthorpe turning sign on the A166 at Kitty Hill. The Clerk is to attend to this.
- e. Councillor Crow expressed his concern about the prospect of losing the library bus service completely. It is now monthly and used to be fortnightly. Councillor Rudd said that as far as he is aware East Riding of Yorkshire Council intend to maintain this service.
- f. Councillor Pearson said that he hoped that the gatherings at Bugthorpe Institute to watch various sporting events, would be continued as it was an opportunity for residents of both Parishes to get together in a convivial atmosphere. Councillor Crow said that it was the intention to continue when notable and popular sporting events are televised at a weekend.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 4 December 2017 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.30pm.