

**PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE**

Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 20 March 2017

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

In attendance: Councillor A Burton

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robinson and Councillor Rudd
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016 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 reported that North Yorkshire County Council have carried out some repairs on their side of the County boundary at Thoraby. Councillor Birks reported that there are some large potholes on the East Riding side of the boundary despite some repairs being carried out by East Riding of Yorkshire Council in 2016. The Clerk will report these.

The Clerk advised that the potholes by the side of Barf Lane junction with the A166 have been reported to the Council. Also, as it is now spring, a full assessment of potholes that have developed over the winter will be carried out over the next few weeks and a list sent to the Highway Engineer, Rob Brown. Councillor Burton confirmed that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council will then be able to allocate some time for the patching machine to carry out the repairs.

- b. Microwave Broadband –The Clerk confirmed that the 5 transmission poles will be installed during the week commencing 27 March. Quickline, the company that will be operating the system, will be hosting an open meeting at Uncleby Education Centre on Thursday 20 April at 7.30pm. Parishioners will then have a chance to sign up to a variety of packages.

Councillor Pearson asked whether there would be any chance of fibre reaching Kirby Underdale at some stage in the future. The Clerk said that his understanding is that there will be no chance of this happening and this is why the microwave system is being installed.

Under the Government's Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme the cost of installing receivers and modems in each property will be fully covered by the subsidy.

Councillors agreed that this project will be very beneficial to a large proportion of parishioners who do not benefit from Superfast Broadband at present.

- c. Construction of Bugthorpe House – Clerk reported that the project is proceeding well and Lord and Lady Halifax will be moving into the new property in May.
- d. Traffic congestion at Stamford Bridge – The Clerk circulated copies of his letter to the Chief Executive of East Riding of Yorkshire Council dated 8 March 2017 and the reply received from Alan Menzies, the Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration.

Councillor Burton confirmed that the Avant and David Wilson sites are included in the adopted Local Plan. Also, as the Inspector at the Public Inquiry expressed his opinion that the bridge at Stamford Bridge was adequate to take additional traffic from these two sites but no more, ERYC were not in a position to oblige the developers to contribute to a new bridge.

A new bridge would cost several million pounds which the Council does not have and bid to Central Government for funding would be in competition with schemes such as dualling the northern ring road around York and the Harrogate bypass.

The additional development being proposed by Gladman Developments adjacent to the Avant site has been refused due to lack of bridge capacity.

Councillor Pearson expressed his concern about the level of development at Stamford Bridge if there was a new bridge installed. Councillor Crow and Councillor Lord felt that this was a risk worth taking as congestion will inevitably increase significantly with traffic from an additional 312 new dwellings on the two sites currently being developed.

- e. Refurbishment of Bugthorpe Post Office and shop - Councillor Crow advised that the work is almost complete.
- f. Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale telephone boxes. The Clerk has confirmed East Riding of Yorkshire Council that the Parish Council are prepared to purchase both boxes for £1 following removal of telephones. The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council will now be responsible for the maintenance of both boxes ie painting and repairs. Once the telephones have been removed, parishioners can be asked to suggest alternative uses.

## 5. Other Matters.

- a. Proposed footpath diversion at Bugthorpe Grange Farm – Councillors unanimously approved the diversion.
- b. Planning applications - new livestock building at Freestone Farm, Bugthorpe and single storey extension at Wold View, Kirby Underdale. Councillors inspected plans of the proposed developments and raised no objections to either.
- c. Tour de Yorkshire – 28-30 April 2017. Councillors noted that the Tour is due to reach Garrowby Hill at around 2pm on 28 April and, although this is a Friday there should be a significant number of spectators. The Clerk confirmed that Halifax Estates will be providing toilet facilities and refreshments at Hill Top Farm for the stewards and spectators.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

## 7. Any Other Business

- a. Councillor Lady Halifax said that Bugthorpe PPC have requested that the grant for graveyard maintenance is increased from £225 to £280 in 2017. Councillors approved this and agreed that the

grant does not need to be increased for Kirby Underdale graveyard maintenance as this is only cut twice a year and one of these is undertaken by Halifax Estates.

b. Councillor Pearson reported that there has been some dog fouling under the yew tree adjacent to School Farmhouse. He did not know if this was from a local dog or one owned by walkers.

c. Councillor Crow confirmed that there has also been dog fouling in Bugthorpe near the seat adjacent to the church fence and also the Beck Row grass triangle. This situation is to be monitored.

d. Councillor Crow asked when the Main Street lighting column that was knocked over during the recent car accident, would be reinstated. The Clerk confirmed that the column has been repaired and will be reinstated as soon as a new lantern surround can be sourced and Northern Powergrid can come and connect it up.

e. Councillor Birks reported that the lighting column on Beck Row also seems to be leaning. The Clerk to inspect.

f. Councillor Birks requested that the hedge opposite Bobby Hill on Beck Row could be cut as it is getting too high.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 5 June 2017 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall. However, as the Clerk and Councillor Huffington will both be on holiday on that date, the Meeting will take place on Monday 12 June 2017.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.45pm.