

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 134th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 5 December 2016

Present: Councillors: C S Fenton
K A Robinson
S W Huffington
R Crow
H T Paul
D Birks
D J Lord

In attendance: Councillor D NRudd

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lady Halifax, Pearson and Goodhart
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 September 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. Fly-tipping– Councillors were advised by the Clerk that there is a simple form on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council website for reporting fly tipping. Councillor Crow reported that he used this form shortly after the last meeting in September to report fly tipping near Brickyards and the Council tended to it within 2-3 days.
 - b. Councillor Crow confirmed that the parking dispute involving a resident of Post Office Row, Kirby Underdale has been resolved amicably.
 - c. Potholes –The Clerk reported that the worst of the regularly recurring potholes close to the boundary at Thorlby have been repaired by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. He also confirmed that North Yorkshire County Council have agreed to repair the remaining potholes on the North Yorkshire side of the boundary. Councillor Robinson commented that the Council team had only repaired the deepest of the potholes and not the shallower ones which will soon deteriorate over the winter. Councillor Rudd said that they have guidelines as to the depth of potholes that should be repaired to which Councillor Robinson responded that it is an inefficient use of resources not to do all the potholes whilst men and machinery are on site.
 - d. Vehicles speeding past horses – Councillor Birks reported that this is not an issue at the present time.
 - e. Microwave Broadband –The Clerk reported that Quickline in conjunction with Halifax Estates, will be installing a system to cover all the areas of Garrowby Estate that are not served by superfast broadband. It is hoped that this will be operational by February 2017. Halifax Estates are funding half the cost to ensure that all the residents of Garrowby Estate (which includes the whole of Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale Parishes) can get at least 10Mb/s as it is extremely unlikely that significant areas of Garrowby Estate will ever be supplied by a superfast fibre connection.

Residents wanting to use the new microwave system will subscribe to Quickline monthly and the cost for a 10Mb/s connection will be around £29/month.

The Clerk confirmed that this is purely for broadband and does not include a telephone service.

f. Yorkshire Water scheme to repair water main between Pasture Farm and Salamanca. The Clerk confirmed that this scheme was completed during the autumn, but there was a subsequent problem last week resulting in a repair being undertaken.

g. Construction of Bugthorpe House – Clerk reported that Bugthorpe House is due for completion at the end of March 2017 and it was agreed that it would be an attractive addition to the village.

h. The branches obscuring the street light opposite the Old Rectory in Bugthorpe have been cut back. Accepted as a matter of report.

i. The dead trees in the hedge line on York Lane between Bugthorpe and Brickyards have been removed. Accepted as a matter of report.

j. The Clerk has inspected the willow branch near Stephenwath Lane Bridge and found it not to be blocking the watercourse. Accepted as a matter of report.

k. Traffic congestion at Stamford Bridge – The Clerk said that he had not yet contacted East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the additional congestion that will inevitably be caused by the new housing developments to the east of the village. Councillor Rudd confirmed that Councillor Burton is the portfolio holder and the Clerk should contact him, together with the Director of Environmental Services, Nigel Leighton. Councillors felt strongly that the congestion problem is already serious, particularly at certain times of the day. This will obviously deteriorate further as perhaps 200 – 300 additional cars from the housing development will be travelling to and from York at peak times. The Clerk commented that a secondary bridge for westbound traffic, using the existing bridge for eastbound, would surely be the best and most cost effective solution.

5. Other Matters.

a. Retrospective approval was given for reimbursement of £15 to Councillor Robinson for the Parish Council website domain subscription payable to WordPress.com.

b. Armed robbery at Bugthorpe Post Office – Councillor Crow confirmed that this took place at 12.34pm on Thursday 3 November just before the Post Office was due to close on Saturday 5 November for refurbishment. Humberside Police have not apprehended the culprit and no-one saw him entering the Post Office or leaving. Councillor Crow confirmed that the refurbished and modernised facilities will offer increased security for the Post Office money. Councillor Crow was obviously shaken by the incident but determined to carry on as the Bugthorpe Postmaster. The Councillors were pleased that Councillor Crow is adapting this resolute attitude, as he provides an essential service to the community.

c. Refurbishment of Bugthorpe Post Office and shop. Councillor Crow reported that the refurbishment is slightly behind schedule and he will reopen on Monday 12 December.

d. Councillors noted e-mail address for reporting of non-emergency rural crime as an alternative to ringing 101.

e. Zurich insurance policy 2017/18. Premium of £253 including 10% IPT was approved and a cheque signed by the Chair and Clerk.

f. Parish Council Precept 2017-18. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Precept for 2016-17 is £3,600. However, as there is no audit fee now payable, the Precept for 2017-18 can be reduced to £3,500. This proposal was unanimously approved and the Chair and Clerk signed the Local Precept Demand.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Crow reported that the Bugthorpe UnderFives sessions are on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. They do not require any additional equipment or toys at the present time, but the annual Parish Council contribution is useful to keep prices down and attendance at a sustainable level.

b. The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the proposed removal of public payphones. As the Kirby Underdale payphone is listed, this cannot be removed. However, there were no calls made from the Bugthorpe payphone over the last 12 months and this is therefore due to be removed unless the Parish Council take ownership for £1, or an objection is made to the loss of the payphone, with a case for retention. Councillors agreed that as there were no calls made from the payphone during the last 12 months, a case cannot be made for retention, but that it is a historic feature within the village that should remain. A decision was therefore made to purchase the phone box in the knowledge that it will be the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain it including painting perhaps every 5-6 years.

c. Councillor Birks reported that there is a hole in the footpath in front of 3 Beck Row, Bugthorpe, which needs to be repaired. She also said that the grit boxes need to be replenished.

d. Councillor Birks said that an incident of dog fouling has been reported to her. The Clerk is to contact the dog owner.

e. Councillor Birks was very complementary about the efforts of Dr Ruth Beckett in keeping Bugthorpe Church operating following the departure of Father Finmore. Dr Beckett is the Church Warden and has put together a new Parochial Church Council with a view to making the Church as inclusive as possible.

Councillors recognised the Church is one of the hubs of the village and the Clerk said that the Parish Councillors, even if they are not church goers, should play their part in supporting both Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale Churches in any way they can, particularly until a new vicar is in place.

f. The Chair reported that there is a large quantity of mud on the road between Primrose Hill Farm and Gorman Castle Farm. The Clerk said that he would contact the farm tenant about this.

g. Councillor Rudd reported that there have been 24 prosecutions over the last 12 months in East Riding for dog fouling. He also said that the review of bus services is going to Cabinet next Tuesday. The Clerk commented that this is not particularly relevant to Bugthorpe or Kirby Underdale as there is no bus service in either parish.

h. Councillor Rudd said that Council car parks will be free to use at weekends during December.

i. Councillor Rudd brought Councillors attention to the Chairman's Award given by the Chairman of East Riding of Yorkshire Council in various categories.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 20March 2017 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.49pm.