

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 133rd Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 5 September 2016

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

In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lady Halifax and Birks.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 June 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. Litter bin in layby on A166. The Clerk confirmed that he had checked the bin a few times over the summer and it was being used. Consideration could be therefore given to installing litter bins in the other laybys on the north side of the A166, subject to funding.
 - b. Resurfacing Scheme – Bugthorpe to Sandpit Corner at Kirby Underdale. The Clerk reported that some farm entrance culverts are to be re-instated by the farm tenant David Wardell, along the stretch opposite Gorman Castle, but apart from this, the scheme is complete.
 - c. Dog Fouling in Bugthorpe. Councillor Crow said that he had not received any reports since the last Meeting and therefore the situation has improved.
 - d. Potholes throughout parishes. Councillors noted that the potholes caused by the spring on the county boundary near Thoraby, have not been attended to. The Clerk said that there would be no point repairing the potholes without addressing the underlying problem of the spring. Councillor Huffington said that this had been a problem for at least 50 years. The Clerk will continue his attempts to find a solution, in conjunction with the Highway Authority.
 - e. Vehicles speeding past horses. As Councillor Birks was not present at the meeting, the current situation was not reported. However, Councillor Crow had the impression that it had improved.
 - f. Microwave Broadband. The Clerk reported that as it is very unlikely that the Kirby Underdale area will ever be connected to Superfast Fibre, a microwave system will now be installed by Quickline. This will involve the installation of five repeater dishes mounted on telegraph poles in various locations to

obtain full coverage. Approximately half the cost the installation will be covered by Halifax Estates and the rest by Quickline, who will then offer various packages to households. The cost of a 10Mbs connection will be around £29/month. There will be funding available for each household to cover the full £295 cost of the installation of the small receiver dish on each property and the router. This network could be in place over the next 4-5 months.

5. Other Matters.

a. Retrospective approval was given for the payment of the ERNLLCA invoice in the sum of £206.08 for membership fees 2016/17.

b. Yorkshire Water scheme to repair water main between Pasture Farm and Salamanca - Clerk reported that this length of main is very poor and bursts on a regular basis. Yorkshire Water are therefore sleeving the main to remedy the problem.

c. The Clerk reported that a passing place has been installed on the sharp corner on Painsthorpe Hill, which will reduce the risk of accidents in this location.

d. Dog Control Orders – replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders as from 1 September 2016. This was accepted as a matter of report.

e. Construction of Bugthorpe House. The Clerk confirmed that the project is progressing well and Lord and Lady Halifax hope to move into the property in April 2017.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Crow has received a report that a resident of Post Office Row in Kirby Underdale had made a rude gesture to a visitor to the village, who had parked next to the railings outside Post Office Row. Councillor Pearson said that he thought this was out of character and the gesture may have been misconstrued.

b. Councillor Crow commented that the trees surrounding the street light opposite the Old Rectory need trimming as they obscuring the light.

c. Councillor Crow has received a report about children playing on the footbridge across the beck between Low Hall and Thoraby and leaving the gate open. He said that he had spoken to the children involved and asked them to ensure the gate is closed in future.

d. Councillor Crow said that there are several dead trees in the hedge line on York Lane between Bugthorpe and Brickyards. The Clerk is to arrange to have these removed.

e. Councillor Crow has received a report about a willow branch in the beck near Stephenwath Lane bridge, which could create a backlog of debris if not removed. The Clerk said that he would inspect this and take the necessary action.

f. The issue of traffic congestion at the bridge in Stamford Bridge was then discussed at length. The current situation will deteriorate further once the new houses are built on the eastern edge of the village.

Councillor Rudd was asked why consent for these additional houses was given without further consideration of a second river crossing to ease the congestion. Councillor Rudd confirmed that the Planning Committee had been reassured by the Highway Department that the additional houses would not create an unacceptable situation. Councillors were surprised and concerned by this conclusion as the existing congestion is already unacceptable at certain times. The new houses are bound to make this significantly worse.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Nigel Leighton who is the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, to raise the Parish Council's concerns. It was suggested that contact be made with other neighbouring parish councils to build up some local pressure to have the problem properly addressed.

g. The Clerk said that he had received a complaint from a resident of Stephenwath Lane about use of a trails bike on the stubble close to his property on the recent Bank Holiday afternoon. Councillor Huffington confirmed that it was his son with two of his friends and as it caused disturbance to residents at this end of the village, he will ensure that it does not happen again.

h. Councillor Pearson said that credit needs to go to Councillor Crow and all those involved in the new stone Roll of Honour at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute, which was funded by a Lottery grant. Councillors agreed that it is a fitting tribute to the villagers that served in the Great War and the Second World War. Councillor Crow said that he is very grateful to Sue Scott who organised the Lottery bid, although she had sadly now left the area.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 5 December 2016 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.17pm.