

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 129th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 7 September 2015

Present: Councillors: D Birks
K A Robinson
R Crow
S W Huffington
D J Lord

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lady Halifax, Fenton, Paul, Goodhart and Pearson. In the absence of Councillor Fenton, Councillor Crow took the Chair.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting held on Monday 1 June 2015 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. The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillators have now been installed at the Estate Office in Bugthorpe and the Village Hall in Kirby Underdale. Trish Kilner, the Community Defibrillation Trainer for Yorkshire Ambulance Service is conducting a familiarisation session at the Estate Office in Bugthorpe at 6pm on Wednesday 30 September and 14 parishioners have expressed interest in attending.
 - b. Litter bins for laybys on the A166. The Clerk reported that East Riding of Yorkshire Council will not allow green wheelie bins to be located in laybys. A permanent black bin is the only option and, as previously discussed, a body of evidence is required to prove that there is an ongoing litter problem in a particular layby before funding can be obtained through the Local Grant Fund. After the Meeting, Councillor Robinson volunteered to monitor the quantities of litter in the various A166 laybys and will report back to the next meeting in December.
 - c. Village nameplates and road signs. The Clerk commented that a number of finger posts have been replaced since the last meeting and they look very tidy. However, the village nameplates that have been damaged by the Council mowers have not been repaired or replaced. East Riding of Yorkshire Council's opinion was that they were not damaged severely enough to warrant replacement, but Councillors agreed that they detract from the villages and asked the Clerk to make a further representation to the Highways Department.
 - d. Resurfacing Scheme – Bugthorpe to Sandpit Corner at Kirby Underdale. Councillors noted that the scheme is due to commence in mid-November 2015.
 - e. The Clerk reported that the planning application for Groom's Dwelling at Thoraby Hall has been withdrawn, as Lord and Lady Halifax will no longer be moving to the property.
 - f. Councillor Crow reported that for the new academic year, the Bugthorpe Under Fives will be operating 3 days per week rather than 5 days, on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. A parent group had decided that the Under Fives needs to carry on despite depleted numbers. The Institute Committee have pledged their financial support to the Under Fives until Christmas, when the situation will be reviewed.
 - g. Ash saplings on Barf Lane bridge have been removed. Accepted as a matter of report.
 - h. Broadband service. Clerk confirmed that superfast fibre is currently being laid to Bugthorpe by BT and this service should be available to Bugthorpe residents over the next 4 weeks. However, discussions are taking place regarding further phases of the rollout plan for superfast fibre and what residual areas of both parishes will need to be covered by the proposed Love Broadband microwave system.

i. Accepted as a matter of report.

5. Other Matters.

a. Retrospective approval was given for the following payments:

ERNLLCA Subscription for year ending 31 March 2016	£225.42
Bishop Wilton Parish Pump – publication of PC Minutes	£30.00

b. The Clerk commented that internet access to East Riding of Yorkshire Council Planning Service should be beneficial.

c. Planning application for Forester’s Cottage, Main Street, Bugthorpe. The Clerk confirmed that the Bugthorpe Parish Councillors have already been consulted on this application but he said that plans would be made available should any other Councillors wish to inspect them at the end of the meeting.

d. Dog Control Partnership. The Clerk confirmed that he is due to attend a training session on Monday 21 September 2015 at Pocklington.

e. Transparency Code for small councils with an annual expenditure or income of less than £25,000. The Clerk advised that certain requirements have been brought in by the Transparency Code for 2015 and others will commence in 2017. An immediate requirement is for the Parish Council to have a web site on which to publish agendas, minutes, accounts etc. After the meeting Councillor Robinson volunteers to set up a simple and free web site, the address of which is: www.bugthorpekirbyunderdalepc.wordpress.com

f. East Riding of Yorkshire Council’s Safe & Sound Grant. Councillors did not know of any pensioners who would be entitled to benefit from this grant.

g. The following invoice was approved: R Rooks Electrical Services – installation of defibrillator box at Kirby Underdale Village Hall £112.25 including VAT. Councillors Fenton and Lord signed a cheque after the meeting.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Crow reported that 1 parishioner feels that the roadside verges are cut too often and that the roadside culverts are not cleaned out regularly enough.

b. Councillor Crow reported that during recent wet weather water has stood on the road between Keldsyke Bungalow and Holmleigh and this appears to be due to the road gully being partially blocked, possibly with debris from the Holmleigh house renovation. The Clerk will have this looked at.

c. Councillor Crow reported that there is a hole in the pavement close to 3 Beck Row, Bugthorpe.

d. Councillor Crow requested that Halifax Estates move the compost heap from Bugthorpe Churchyard, whilst a section of the fence is being replaced. After the meeting the Clerk looked at the best vehicular access to this compost heap and concluded that this would be along Church Walk, to avoid driving on graves.

e. Councillor Crow confirmed that the Bugthorpe Clock Fund bank balance currently stands at £2,947.37. Councillors agreed that it was a good thing to maintain a healthy balance in the account in case a significant repair is required, bearing in mind the clock was installed in 1891.

11. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 7 December 2015 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.27pm.