

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 138th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 4 December 2017

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

In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd
Mrs F Goodhart

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 September 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. Councillors voted unanimously to co-opt Mrs Fiona Goodhart onto the Parish Council. She will now be asked to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and complete a Register of Members Interests Form.
5. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:
 - a. Potholes – The Clerk reported that East Riding of Yorkshire Council have repaired a number of potholes over the last few weeks. However, with the current winter weather more potholes are appearing and the Highway Authority must be required to keep on top of the situation. Councillor Lady Halifax mentioned the potholes on both sides of the lane York Lane down to Brickyards, which are difficult to avoid when two vehicles are passing each other. The Clerk will report these.
 - b. Microwave Broadband – The Clerk reported that following a few initial issues, the system appears to be working well. Councillor Pearson said that connectivity when in a room some distance away from the router, seems to have deteriorated. The Clerk suggested that he should try plug in boosters to help the situation as this is nothing to do with the broadband connection to the router.
 - c. Main Street, Bugthorpe lighting column – The Clerk reported that a lantern that matches the existing lanterns reasonably well, has been sourced and the light should be operational over the next few days.

Councillor Lady Halifax asked whether it would be possible to fit bulbs to the lights which are more subtle than the current bright orange glow. The Clerk said that he would look into this with an electrician. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the lighting columns in Bugthorpe belong to the Parish Council and any repairs or upgrades to these column are a Parish Council cost.

d. New prison proposal at Full Sutton and traffic congestion at Stamford Bridge – The Clerk reported that a petition has been started by a resident of Stamford Bridge requesting that a by-pass be built around the village. If this were to happen and the lorries passing through the village could be kept out, this would greatly enhance Stamford Bridge, both for residents and visitors. A much cheaper alternative would be a second bridge, but this would still entail the same number of vehicles, or more passing through the village.

Councillor Rudd said that Sir Greg Knight, who is the MP for Stamford Bridge, is lobbying Central Government hard on the situation to ensure that adequate monies are made available to improve local infrastructure, in anticipation of the completion of the new prison.

There is a petition to sign in the Post Office in Bugthorpe. The Clerk asked Councillors whether they would like him to sign the petition on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Pearson said that he did not think this was appropriate as he does not agree with a second bridge or bypass for Stamford Bridge, as he feels that this would encourage further development in the villages east of Stamford Bridge. Parish Councillors should therefore sign the petition individually should they so wish.

e. Accident on A166 at Kitty Hill – The Clerk advised that the driver of the Porsche was not actually killed and is expected to make a full recovery. The ERYC Road Safety Officer has confirmed that as visibility along this stretch of the A166 is over the minimum requirement, double white lines are not permissible in accordance with national guidelines. However, he is going to look at additional signage to alert drivers to the Bugthorpe junction.

Councillors expressed concern about the speed of westbound traffic from the bottom of Garrowby Hill to the bend at Garrowby Lodge, following the recent accident when a van collided with Garrowby Lodge Cottages. The Clerk agreed to discuss this with the Road Safety Officer.

f. Bugthorpe telephone kiosk – Councillors accepted as a matter of report that the kiosk is now owned by the Parish Council and has been added to the Asset Register.

g. Flooding in Bugthorpe village – The Clerk confirmed that following the jetting of the drain, the road is not flooding at the present time.

h. Garrowby Area Crimewatch signs – Councillor Crow reported that these are available free of charge from ERYC, but they need to know where the signs will be positioned around Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale villages. Councillor Crow and the Clerk are to discuss this.

6. Other Matters.

a. Retrospective approval was given for a payment of £1 to BT Payphones for the Bugthorpe telephone kiosk.

b. Payments were approved and cheques were signed by the Chair and Clerk:
Councillor Robinson as reimbursement for Parish Council website domain subscription - £15.00
Zurich Municipal insurance policy 2017/18 - £257.60

c. Proposed footpath diversion at Bugthorpe Grange – The Clerk reported that there were no objections to the proposed diversion from ERYC, the Ramblers Association or any other body that was consulted. However, an objection was received by ERYC from a single individual and as a result the matter has to be referred to the Secretary of State.

d. The Parish Council Precept for 2018/19 was agreed at £3,500 and the Local Precept Demand signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Councillor Robinson asked for clarification on the financial regulations imposed on Parish Councils. The Clerk will report on this at the next Meeting.

7. Correspondence – no comments were made.

8. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Rudd suggested that the Clerk should contact Ian Burnett who is the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Asset Strategy Officer for an update on potential funding for improvements to the infrastructure at Stamford Bridge.

b. Councillor Robinson informed Councillors that adverts are appearing on the Parish Council website as it is a free platform. The website could be upgraded at a cost to avoid these adverts appearing. Councillor Robinson was asked to look into the additional cost and report back to the next meeting, when a decision can be made.

c. Councillor Crow reported that the Bugthorpe Parish Clock Fund has a current balance of £2,941.28.

d. Councillor Crow reported that Bugthorpe Under Fives would only be doing sessions on a Monday and Thursday, as they are dropping the Wednesday session due to lack of demand. The Wednesday session could be reinstated if the demand increases.

e. Councillor Birks said that the Beck Row hedge has not yet been cut. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor is aware of it and should be completing the job shortly. Councillor Birks also mentioned the thicket on Bobby Hill which appears to need cutting back. The Clerk is to inspect this.

f. Councillor Paul reported that the Fotherdale Road near the junction is not on the precautionary salting route and has been very icy in recent days. There are two school busses that use this road and the Clerk therefore agreed to request that this section from the junction up to the County boundary is included as precautionary salting route.

g. Councillor Goodhart confirmed that when Garrowby Hill is closed and vehicles are diverted through Kirby Underdale village, they tend to speed through the village. Following discussions, the conclusion was reached that nothing could be done as it is only an occasional problem and a 30 mph speed limit cannot be imposed as there are no street lights in the village.

h. Councillor Rudd reported that he had recently attended a Counter Terrorism seminar and there is a confidential phone number to call if parishioners have any concerns. This number is 0800 789 321.

i. Councillor Rudd confirmed that Emergency Plans should be reviewed every six months.

9. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 19 March 2018 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.29pm.