

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 139th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 19 March 2018

Present: Councillors: C S Fenton
Lady Halifax
R Crow
S W Huffington
F Goodhart
H T Paul
D J Lord
In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robinson and Pearson
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 December 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. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:

a. Potholes – The Clerk reported that the previous Area Engineer, Rob Brown, has moved and his position has been taken by Andrew Addison. Over the winter the Clerk has been regularly requesting that potholes in both parishes be repaired. However, apart from the very deep one between Kirby Underdale village and Painsthorpe, the rest have not been done. This has been due to pressure on resources during the freezing and wet weather which have caused so many potholes throughout East Riding.

The Clerk is meeting Andrew Addison on Tuesday 20 March to familiarise him with the parish roads and to make him aware of all the potholes. He will also be shown the drainage problem on Stephenwath Lane in Bugthorpe.

b. Microwave Broadband – The Clerk confirmed that the Quickline system is working reasonably well. Councillor Crow mentioned that he is aware that the service to Salamanca Cottage at Hanging Grimston is intermittent. This surprised the Clerk as this property is close to a repeater mast. The Chair said that he was hopeful that BT would fulfil their promise to get all households connected to Superfast Broadband.

c. Main Street, Bugthorpe lighting column – The Clerk confirmed that the column has been put back in place, but that Northern Powergrid need to come back to connect the electricity to it before the lantern is fitted.

d. Replacement of Bugthorpe street light bulbs – The Clerk expressed his view that the soft white from the LED bulbs is much better than the orange light from the old bulbs. There was general agreement to this although Councillor Crow commented that he thought the lights were a little bright.

e. Signage to improve safety at Kitty Hill junction on A166 – Paul Copeland, the Assistant Principle Engineer on the Road Safety Team at ERYC undertook in November 2017 to assess whether the signage is

adequate in this location. The Clerk has recently asked for an update from Mr Copeland as the signage has not been altered. The Clerk agreed to forward this e-mail to Councillor Rudd so that he could make enquiries.

- f. Garrowby Area Crimewatch signs – Councillor Crow confirmed that he and Tom Julian are due to agree locations for the new signs, but this has not been done yet.
- g. Proposed footpath diversion at Bugthorpe Grange – The Clerk reported that representations have now been made to the Secretary of State and his decision is awaited.
- h. Potential upgrade of Parish Council web site – As Councillor Robinson was not present at the Meeting, it was agreed that this item would be carried forward to the next Meeting.
- i. It was noted that the Clerk’s request to include Fotherdale Road on the precautionary salting route has been declined by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Councillor Paul said that he would look into the possibility of North Yorkshire Council putting the stretch from Thixendale up to the County boundary on their precautionary salting route. This would then mean that East Riding would need to put Fotherdale Road on their route. Councillor Paul said that there have been three incidents since Christmas on this road and that the signpost at the Malton Road junction has been knocked down by a car that skidded on ice at the junction.

5. Other Matters.

- a. Discussions with Bishop Wilton Parish Council regarding protection for the Garrowby Lodge Cottages following the accident in November. As this is the first time that a vehicle has collided with the cottages in at least the last 32 years of the Clerk’s knowledge, he and the Halifax Estates as the owners of the properties, are reluctant to countenance protective barriers or bollards to stop it happening again. The property is a listed building and this type of protective measure would be detrimental to the character of the building. Councillors were in agreement and Councillor Huffington mentioned that his mother has knowledge of the property since the 1930’s as she lived there then as did her brother subsequently when he had the farm tenancy. Although vehicles have been though the front fence on a number of occasions there has never been a collision with the property itself until November last year. The risk of it happening again is therefore very small.
- b. Restoration of Bugthorpe telephone kiosk – The Clerk confirmed that the kiosk is in a poor state of repair and now that the Parish Council own it, there is a need to replace a number of the panes with toughened glass and for some other repairs to be carried out and for it to be painted. Councillors authorised the Clerk to spend a maximum of £400 on the necessary repairs.
- c. Future of Kirby Underdale Village Hall – The Clerk confirmed that Garrowby Shoot has not used the Village Hall over the 2017/18 shooting season, therefore it is used very little now and is deteriorating as a result. Alternative venues are either the Uncleby Education Centre or Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute. The Chair said that there is generally only one or two functions a year held in the Village Hall and one of the Kirby Underdale villagers uses it once a month. The Clerk agreed to establish whether there is a prospect of the Garrowby Shoot ever using the building again. This matter can be discussed that the next meeting.
- d. Social/sporting events at Bugthorpe Institute – The Clerk praised Councillor Crow and Tom Julian for organising social events surrounding the recent Six Nations Rugby Championship. These were attended by 25-30 people on each occasion and were an excellent way of bringing the community together. The intention is to hold another event for the Grand National in April and possibly other sporting events such as

Wimbledon in the summer. The Clerk said that as many parishioners as possible should be encouraged to attend.

The Clerk also mentioned an event called Soup Saturday which is held in another village he knows where parishioners take it in turns to prepared soup for an event every month over the winter period. Parishioners get together between 12 noon and 2 pm and pay a nominal sum for a bowl of soup and a roll in a convivial atmosphere. This is particularly aimed at older residents.

e. Retrospective approval was given for payment of £50 to Mrs G Sisson for half year bus shelter cleaning.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Rudd reported that East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be imposing a 5.99% increase in Council Tax for 2018/19, of which 3% will go to adult social care. The remaining 2.99% is to cover inflationary costs. This will mean that the Council Tax on a Band D property will increase by £79.28 pa.

Councillor Rudd advised that only 15% of the Council revenue is from Council Tax, the rest coming from Central Government grant. The Council will be receiving £63.7m from Central Government next financial year, which is a reduction of 8.8% on the current year.

The Police Authority is receiving a 6.5% increase, which is £12/year for a Band D property. The Commissioner intends to employ 400 additional officers and there will be no more police stations to close.

Humberside Fire and Rescue precept will increase by 2.95%, the Council Tax payable in 2018/19 will be as follows:

Band A	£1,145.87	Band E	£2,100.27
Band B	£1,336.84	Band F	£2,482.70
Band C	£1,527.81	Band G	£2,864.66
Band D	£1,718.79	Band H	£3,437.58

Councillor Rudd confirmed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council spent £2.35m on potholes on the 2100 mile network in 2017/18.

b. Councillor Crow confirmed that dog fouling continues to be a problem in Bugthorpe. He also commented that he though a 6.5% increase in the Police Authority budget was excessive.

c. Councillor Crow asked for Councillors' views towards the current debate on fracking. Councillor Rudd confirmed that a number of companies have exploratory licences for large parts of the East Riding. He said the East Riding of Yorkshire Council have an open mind on the issue in the right location. A debate followed during which the general consensus was that there is not enough known about the long term effects of fracking on natural resources such as the ground water. The Clerk advised that Halifax Estates, who own all the land in the Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale parishes, are not allowing seismic surveys to take place on their land.

9. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 4 June 2018 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.