

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 140th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 4 June 2018

Present: Councillors: C S Fenton
Lady Halifax
D L Birks
R Crow
S W Huffington
F Goodhart
D Pearson
K Robinson
D J Lord
In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19 March 2018 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 during the meeting that he had with the new Area Engineer, Andrew Addison on 20 March 2018, he showed Andrew the extent of the potholes throughout both parishes. However, despite contracting the Highway Department on several occasions since then, no repairs have been carried out and the roads are in a generally parlous state. The Clerk has been told that East Riding of Yorkshire Council only have one patching machine and the driver of that is off on long term sick and they are having to rely on a contract driver from Ireland. Councillors agreed that this seems totally inadequate for the extensive rural road network in the East Riding. It is particularly unacceptable when Council Tax is increasing by 5.99% in 2018/19 and ERYC has also received additional Central Government funding specifically for pothole repairs.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive to complain about the situation. This is to be copied to Councillor Rudd. Councillor Pearson pointed out that the potholes are particularly dangerous for cyclists and Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale parishes are very popular cycle routes.

- b. Broadband – The Clerk reported that BT are now proposing to lay fibre to Kirby Underdale this summer. This is despite the fact that BT has consistently confirmed over the last 3-5 years that Kirby Underdale would be one of the 5% of areas throughout the country that would not be supplied by fibre and this is the reason that Halifax Estates installed the Quickline microwave system.
- c. Signage on A166 – Councillor Rudd confirmed that he had been informed by the relevant officer that the signage would be improved as part of the current Garrowby Hill resurfacing scheme. The Clerk is to monitor this.
- d. Garrowby Area Crimewatch signs – Councillor Crow said that he had not got together with Tom Julian to agree on the positioning of these signs.

- e. Proposed footpath diversion at Bugthorpe Grange – The Clerk reported that the matter will be dealt with by written representations over the next few months.
- f. Upgrade of Parish Council web site – Councillor Robinson confirmed that she did upgrade the web site on 28 January and it is advert free. The cost was £29 and it was agreed that Councillor Robinson should be reimbursed this amount.
- g. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe. Councillor Crow confirmed that it is still an occasional problem, but the perpetrator has not been identified. Councillor Rudd reminded the Meeting that dog fouling can be reported confidentially to the Dog Warden on 01482 396301. Details of the location, time and date of the fouling, together with the name and address of owner and a description of the dog are required.

5. Other Matters.

- a. Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2018. The Clerk was asked why the asset value had reduced over the last 12 months, this was due to depreciation of the defibrillators. The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- b. The following payments were approved and cheques signed by Chair and Clerk.

Halifax Estates - Clerks salary	£900.00
Halifax Estates – salt used/man hours in Bugthorpe & Kirby Underdale	756.60
Halifax Estates - Stationery, postage & photocopying	£130.00
Total	£1,786.60
Kirby Underdale PCC graveyard maintenance & clock fund	275.00
Kirby Underdale Village Hall	250.00
Bugthorpe Church PCC graveyard maintenance	280.00
Bugthorpe Clock Fund	50.00
Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute	250.00
Bugthorpe Under 5's	250.00
G Sissons Bus Shelter cleaning (half year)	50.00
Bishop Wilton Parish Pump	40.00
Rooks Electrical Services (two invoices)	£385.21

- c. Pecuniary Interests forms were distributed by the Clerk and Councillors were asked to complete them and return them to the Estate Office in Bugthorpe.

6. Correspondence – Councillor Robinson asked about the Seafarers UK letter. The Clerk advised that this was a request to fly a Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day which is 3 September each year. Councillors agreed that as the parishes do not have a flag pole or a Red Ensign, this would not be possible.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Councillor Goodhart asked whether Mike Stringer was paid for the snow clearance he did this winter. The Clerk replied that as far as he was aware, Mr Stringer was not on the ERYC list of contractors, who get paid for snow clearance. However, the Clerk will suggest that Mr Stringer looks into this.
- b. Councillor Pearson asked about the Kirby Underdale notice board. The Clerk confirmed that it is being repaired by the Estate Joiners and will be returned shortly.

- c. Councillor Birks said that she had received a complaint about the overgrown hedge at Freestone House, Bugthorpe and that fact that it is growing over the pavement. The Clerk to arrange for it to be cut.
- d. Councillor Birks also mentioned that the road closed signs are still up following the water leak repair. It was agreed that these would be put to the side of the road for collection in due course by ERYC or their contractor.
- e. Councillor Birks said that there was still limited visibility at the bottom of Barf Hill when travelling in the Bugthorpe direction. It was agreed that the visibility has been vastly improved by the clearance of the verge and due to the fact that the hedge is very close to the road at the bottom of Barf Hill, there is nothing further that can be done.
- f. Councillor Robinson asked whether the Council should be adopting the Financial Regulations as Bishop Wilton Parish Council have. The Clerk said he would consider this.
- g. The Clerk confirmed that a Planning Application has been submitted by Halifax Estates for a new grain store at Brickyards Farm, Bugthorpe and circulated plans of this building. Councillors confirmed that they have no objections to this proposal.
- h. Councillor Rudd confirmed the success of the Tour de Yorkshire. Although the Council had to pay £100,000 for the race to pass through the East Riding, there is no doubt that the economy has benefited by significant more than this and it was a tremendous advert for East Yorkshire. Several comments were made about how busy Pocklington was for the race.
- i. Councillor Rudd confirm that the new Head of Streetscene Services is Paul Tripp.
- j. Councillor Rudd said that part of the initiative to reduce reliance on Accident & Emergency departments, three Urgent Treatment Centres have been opened in Beverley, Goole and Bridlington. Councillor Pearson confirmed that the nearest Urgent Treatment Centre for parishioners is Malton, but that the GP service at York A&E is very good. This can be accessed by ringing 111 and making an appointment.

9. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 10 September 2018 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.19pm.