

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 144th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 20 May 2019

Present: Councillors: R Crow
 Lady Halifax
 F A Goodhart
 K Robinson
 S W Huffington
 H T Paul
 D Birks
 D Pearson
 D J Lord
 In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd

1. All councillors present completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor form.
2. Councillors Pearson and Birks requested a Register of Interest form to record their interest changes.
3. Election of Officers. Councillor Lord proposed Councillor Pearson as Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Birks. All Councillors present approved this election. Councillor Pearson took the Chair.
4. Councillor Lord proposed Councillor Crow as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Huffington. All Councillors present approved this election.
5. Apologies for Absence. The Clerk reported that Councillor Julian was unable to attend due to a long standing commitment elsewhere.
6. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
7. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. The Chair declared an interest in item 7e on the Agenda.
8. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:
 - a. Potholes – the Clerk reported that there a significant number of potholes that have not been repaired in advance of surface dressing on the road between Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale. Councillor Crow and Councillor Lady Halifax expressed dissatisfaction at the extent of repairs carried out prior to the surface dressing on Stephenwath Lane up to the County boundary. There are potholes showing through the surface dressing already. Councillor Crow also mentioned the potholes on York Lane within the highway and also along the highway edge, particularly on the corners the Clerk is to request once again that these are repaired.
 - b. Proposed new Category C Prison at Full Sutton – the Clerk reported that Halifax Estates have agreed to part fund the protest campaign. The Planning lawyer, Planning Consultant and PR Consultant have been appointed. East Riding of Yorkshire Council have not yet decided whether the application is going to be heard in June or July.
 - c. Village Task Force Walkabout 16 May 2019 – the Clerk attended the Walkabout and it was noted that a number of the stub posts along Main Street, Kirby Underdale that support the chains, are rotten and need replacing. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for replacement of these posts for

consideration at the September meeting. The Chair mentioned that Steve Best, who cuts the grass around the Kirby Underdale War Memorial, has requested that when the posts around the Memorial are replaced, that they form a square rather than a circle to make grass cutting easier.

d. Telephone boxes in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale. Work on the boxes will be carried out when the Halifax Estates' workload allows.

e. Funding of Bugthorpe School – the Clerk read out a letter from Dr David Pearson as Chair of Friends of Bugthorpe School, requesting that the funding previously awarded to Bugthorpe Under Fives is diverted to Friends of Bugthorpe School to assist predominantly with the cost of the nursery provision. Councillors unanimously approved this request and a cheque in the sum of £250 was signed by the Vice Chair and Clerk.

9. Other Matters.

a. Annual return for the Year ended 31 March 2019. The accounting statements and annual governance statement were discussed. Councillor Robinson questioned why the value of fixed assets and long term investments and assets in Box 9 in Section 2 of the accounting statements is different from the total in the Asset Register. The Box 9 figure should be the same as the Asset Register total. She asked for an explanation of the difference in the Box 9 figures between 2018 and 2019. Councillor Robinson also asked why the Clock Fund was not included as an asset of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should look into this and provide an explanation within the letter that accompanies the Minutes of the Meeting. Councillors agreed that if this is done the Chair can sign the document for admission to the external auditor.

b. The following payments to be approved and cheques signed by the Vice Chair (pending the Chair becoming a signatory) and Clerk:

Halifax Estates – Clerk's salary, stationery, postage & photocopying	£1,055.00
Bugthorpe Church PCC graveyard maintenance	£280.00
Bugthorpe Clock Fund	£50.00
Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute	£300.00
Kirby Underdale PCC graveyard maintenance & clock fund	£275.00
Kirby Underdale Village Hall	£300.00
G Sissons Bus Shelter cleaning (half year)	£50.00

c. Community Litter Pick Saturday 13 April 2019 – the Clerk reported that the litter pick was well attended and 179 kg of rubbish was collected. It was agreed that this should be an annual event at the beginning of April. Councillor Robinson expressed appreciation to the Clerk for organising the litter pick.

10. Correspondence – the Clerk was asked to establish when the damaged stay on the telegraph pole outside Rectory Cottage, Kirby Underdale would be reinstated.

11. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Rudd said that the May elections were successful for the Conservatives who picked up 2 more seats and now have 49. The Chair congratulated Councillor Rudd for being elected once again and expressed the Parish Council's appreciation of the interest he takes in Parish Council affairs and his attendance at meetings. Councillor Rudd confirmed that there is a new Conservative Ward Councillor, Leo Hammond, who is only 20 years old and studying Politics at Hull University. He is extremely motivated and has the potential to be a very good Councillor.

b. Councillor Rudd mentioned a meeting at Millington Village Hall with PCSO Laura Hudson on 4 June at 7.30 to discuss avoidance of scams.

- c. Councillor Rudd said that he would follow up the issue of potholes in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale Parishes and also establish when the surface dressing will be completed. Councillor Rudd said that Paul Belotti, who is the Director of Highways, is a very good officer and could be contacted if highway work reported through the normal channels, is not being done.
- d. Councillor Crow said that he had been asked why the Parish Councils annual contribution to Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale Churches is not equal. The Clerk pointed out that the Bugthorpe Church clock is owned by the Parish Council, whereas the Kirby Underdale clock is not and that Bugthorpe Clock fund receives a separate grant of £50 per annum. Also, Halifax Estates take partial responsibility for maintenance of the Kirby Underdale churchyard due to the Halifax family graveyard.
- e. Councillor Crow mentioned that visibility from the passing places either side of the bridge on Stephenwath Lane is obscured by vegetation around the bridge. Halifax Estates will be asked to cut the vegetation back.
- f. Councillor Crow said that one of the villagers in Bugthorpe had mentioned that the cuttings have not been blown off the footpaths last time the grass was cut.
- g. Councillor Crow asked when the lighting column on Main Street, Bugthorpe opposite Beck Row, will be operational. The Clerk confirmed that numerous request had been made to Northern Powergrid to reconnect the supply which they have not yet done.
- h. The Chair said that he had heard that superfast broadband is being brought to Kirby Underdale over the next few weeks.
- i. Councillor Robinson requested contact details from Councillors for the web site, which she was given.
- j. The Chair informed Councillors that the Woodland Trust is giving away 420 saplings to community groups for planting in November 2019. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 9 September 2019 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.24pm.