

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 145th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 9 September 2019

Present:	Councillors:	D J Pearson Chair
		Lady Halifax
		K Robinson
		S W Huffington
		D Birks
		R Crow
		T P Julian
		D J Lord Clerk
In attendance:	Ward Councillor	D N Rudd
	Ward Councillor	L Hammond

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Goodhart.
2. The Chair welcomed Wolds Weighton Ward Councillor Leo Hammond and also Parish Councillor Tom Julian, both of whom had been elected in May 2019. Councillor Hammond said that he is working around the 28 Parish Councils in the Wolds Weighton Ward. He has lived in Yapham almost all his life and sits on the Yapham Parish Council. Councillor Hammond said that it is unlikely that he will attend every Bugthorpe & Kirby Underdale Parish Council meeting as Councillor Rudd attends most of these. However, he would be happy to be contacted if there are any specific matters that the Parish Council would like addressing.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:
 - a. Potholes – the Clerk commented that some potholes had been repaired prior to surface dressing between Bugthorpe and Sandpit Corner. However, it is disappointing that potholes are showing through the surface dressing already. Also no work has been carried out on York Lane despite the Clerk reporting the edge deterioration. Councillor Rudd explained again that the urgency of repair of potholes has got to be prioritised, but that large, deep potholes would usually be repaired within 48 hours. Councillors could not identify any particularly serious potholes at the present time which need urgent attention.
 - b. Proposed new Category C Prison at Full Sutton – the Clerk confirmed that he had attended a Pre-Committee Presentation at Beverley Leisure Centre that afternoon. This meeting gave both the applicants and the objectors the opportunity to give a 30 minute presentation to the Planning Committee, as only 3 minutes will be available during the Committee Meeting on Thursday 12 September.

The Ministry of Justice were represented by Planning and Highway Consultants and Dr Fiona Roberts spoke on behalf of the 2,700 objectors. The Applicant's representatives focused on the differences between the current application and the one that was granted in 2017. Dr Roberts presented a very strong case, based on the following:

- Highways – rural roads and congestion at Stamford Bridge.
- Economics – no economic argument as job creation will be limited. The existing prison has to transport staff from a long distance away.

- Inadequate foul drainage – would have to use 24 tankers a day to remove sewerage away from the site.
- Effect on the Stamford Bridge Battlefield only 1.2km away.
- Effect on local residents – both in Full Sutton and individual houses, the closest of which is only 250m away.
- Lack of need for a new prison in the East Riding – there is already a much higher prison population than the average across the country.

The fact that the Ministry of Justice already owns the land on which the new prison would be built, is not a planning consideration.

Councillors reiterated their opposition to the new prison proposal. Councillor Hammond confirmed that he will be speaking against the proposal at the Committee Meeting. As Councillor Rudd is on the Planning Committee, he was unable to indicate how he will be voting on the matter.

- c. Telephone boxes in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale. It was noted that Halifax Estates would be renovating these in due course.
- d. Stub posts in Kirby Underdale - The Clerk is to arrange a quotation for replacement of these posts for the December meeting. Councillors can then decide whether to proceed with the work during the current financial year or wait until 2020-21.
- e. Surface dressing of road through Bugthorpe and up to Sandpit Corner – already discussed.
- f. Bugthorpe Clock Fund – Councillors noted that the Clock Fund balance will be included on the Annual Return from now on. Councillor Crow reported that the current balance of the Clock Fund is £3,210.06.

The Chair advised that there had also been discussions between him, Councillor Robinson and the Clerk regarding depreciation of assets on the Asset Register. The Clerk agreed to include on the Asset Register the rate of depreciation for each asset.

- g. Clearance of passing places either side of Stephenwath Lane bridge – Councillor Crow said that the visibility issue has improved since mid-summer, but the Clerk agreed to look at it again to see whether any remedial action is required.
- h. Lighting column on Main Street, Bugthorpe – Northern Power Grid have still not carried out the connection despite numerous reminders. The Clerk will make every effort to ensure that this connection is made as soon as possible as the days are shortening.
- i. Superfast broadband to Kirby Underdale – Councillor Robinson mentioned that some signs had been put up in Bugthorpe regarding work required for superfast broadband, but the Clerk thought it unlikely that this was anything to do with the connection to Kirby Underdale, as he was under the impression that the fibre was going to be laid down Painsthorpe Hill to Kirby Underdale.
- j. Woodland Trust tree planting initiative – The Chair explained that there is 85% grant funding for new woodlands over 0.5 hectares. The Clerk confirmed that this scheme is closed for planting next winter and that Halifax Estates have not identified any areas of new planting in excess of 0.5 hectares. During the storm of July 2018 numerous individual trees were blown down or severely damaged. However, windblow in plantations was limited.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the woodland cover on Garrowby Estate (containing the Parishes of Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale) is approximately 10% of the overall area, whereas the average tree cover on East Riding as a whole is around 2%. This demonstrates that both parishes has a significant covering of trees.

However, there is no reason why the community cannot get involved in planting of individual trees over the winter of 2019/20 in appropriate locations to be identified. The Chair and Clerk are to liaise on this matter.

6. Other Matters.

a. The Chair said that sadly 3 people have lost their lives in accidents on the A166 in recent months, one being a young resident of Bugthorpe. He asked Councillor Rudd whether he was routinely informed of the cause of fatal road accidents in the Ward and what action, if any, was being taken to mitigate the risk of it happening again. Councillor Rudd confirmed that he is not provided with this information, but that he would investigate the circumstances behind the recent accidents to establish whether any improved safety measures are being considered by Humberside Police and ERYC Highways Department.

b. Bank account signatories – accepted as a matter of report.

c. Bishop Wilton Community Shop – The Clerk reported that the freehold [this has been corrected to *leasehold* in the minutes of the meeting 2 December 2019] of the premises has now been acquired by the community and refurbishment work had commenced. It is hoped that the shop will be opened in January 2020. Councillor Crow said that he was happy that Bishop Wilton will have a shop again and that he will work with the Bishop Wilton Shop Committee to ensure that benefits are shared. Councillor Crow confirmed that he will be ordering the newspapers for Bishop Wilton, and that this is one example of co-operation between the two.

d. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe – Councillor Crow confirmed that on the first day of term, a Bugthorpe School pupil stood in dog mess near Corner Farm but the culprit is unknown. Councillor Rudd confirmed that the Dog Warden is Natalie Rhodes who can be contacted on 01482 396901

7. Correspondence – no comments were made.

8. Any Other Business

a. Retrospective approval was given for the payment of £45 to the Parish Pump for publishing the Parish Council Minutes.

b. The Clerk confirmed that four small sites in Bugthorpe had been proposed by Halifax Estates to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Local Plan Review for residential development. However, these have been discounted due to their being sufficient sites in the larger settlements to accommodate the housing needs over the remaining period of the Plan. The Clerk confirmed that this will not prevent Halifax Estates from submitting planning applications for individual dwellings on infill plots, or for conversion of existing buildings into residential accommodation. Councillors said that it was a shame that small scale development of perhaps 10-15 properties would not be allowed in Bugthorpe, as this would help support the shop and the school. The Clerk said that one avenue that could be pursued is affordable housing to rent, if a public need can be identified.

c. Approval was given for payment of the Halifax Estates invoice in the sum of £132.09 including VAT, for the new notice board in Kirby Underdale.

d. The Chair mentioned that not all the Parish Councillors are listed on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council web site. The Clerk is to address this.

9. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 2 December 2019 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.40pm.