

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 150th Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions on Monday 7 December 2020

Present:	Councillors:	D J Pearson- Chair Lady Halifax K Robinson H T Paul D Birks F Goodhart D J Lord- Clerk
In attendance:	Ward Councillor	D N Rudd T H Atkinson

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Huffington and Crow.
2. The Clerk introduced Tom Atkinson to the Councillors that did not know him and confirmed that Mr Atkinson had agreed to be co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy for a Kirby Underdale Councillor. Unanimous approval was given for the co-option of Mr Atkinson and the Clerk said that he would arrange for Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Member's Interests forms to be completed and signed over the next few days.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 September 2020 were approved and these are to be signed by the Chair.
4. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. The Chair declared an interest in 6b and possibly 6d on the Agenda.
5. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:
 - a. Bugthorpe telephone box- the Clerk confirmed that the box will be moved to the Joiners Shop at Garrowby Sawyard to be refurbished over the next 2-3 months. A discussion followed on books becoming damp if the box is used as a book exchange. Councillor Rudd said that he knew of several redundant telephone boxes which are used as book exchanges with no apparent problems. Councillors agreed to proceed with this use of the box, which will necessitate the incorporation of shelves.
 - b. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe. – Councillor Birks confirmed that dog fouling continues to be a problem. A discussion then took place on the installation of dog waste bins and it was agreed that those dog owners that allowed their dogs to foul will not use bags or a waste bin. It was therefore agreed to continue monitoring the situation. Councillor Rudd reminded the meeting that the Dog Warden Service is active but to take action they need details of specific incidents, including times, dates and the identity of perpetrators.
 - c. Bugthorpe Village website – The village website developed by Janet Wardell, Kit Richardson and Councillor Robinson, with the assistance of others, has been launched. Councillor Robinson said that much of the credit for the website could be given to Kit Richardson who has been instrumental in designing and creating it. The website is continually evolving and there is currently a Christmas photography and drawing competition on it for adults and children. Councillor Birks expressed gratitude to all concerned in the website as it is interesting and informative. Councillors asked Councillor Robinson to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to all concerned.
 - d. Handrail on pedestrian bridge across Bugthorpe Beck – the Clerk reported that this repair will be carried out over the winter months.
 - e. Rural crime during coronavirus pandemic – the Clerk confirmed how active the Wolds Against Rural Crime WhatsApp group continues to be, which is both a deterrent and also of great assistance to both North Yorkshire and Humberside Police in apprehending perpetrators of rural crime. Councillor Robinson asked the Clerk to pass on details of the Group so that it can be publicised on the Bugthorpe Village website.

f. BT superfast broadband fibre connection to Kirby Underdale – as there continues to be little prospect of a BT connection to Kirby Underdale within the foreseeable future, the Clerk has been in contact with Quickline to ensure that any problems experienced by existing users are minimised. During the recent communications with Quickline they have been responsive and have demonstrated a willingness to address problems as they arise. It was acknowledged that old houses with thick walls usually require boosters to ensure that the signal is available throughout the house. However, this is not an issue with the Quickline service, but needs to be addressed by the individual householder.

g. Bugthorpe Village Noticeboard – the Chair thanked Councillor Robinson for the huge amount of work that she has done in investigating the options for a Church/Village/Parish Council noticeboard to replace the Church noticeboard. Councillor Robinson explained that consultations have taken place with Church, Parish Council and representatives of the village community on a long list of alternative designs and materials. Based on these consultations, a short list of four alternatives have been produced, two in aluminium and two in oak.

The Clerk said that his concern about aluminium is that the paintwork would fade over a period of years and start to look shabby. Councillors were in agreement with this and following a discussion the following preferences were agreed:

Material – light oak

Size – 2 bay 6 x A4 (one side for the Church and the other side for the village and Parish Council notices.

Legs – edge mounted with acorn finials

Glazing – toughened glass

Backing – grey pin board

Header – arched with ST ANDREWS BUGTHORPE in gold lettering

Councillor Robinson advised that the cost of a noticeboard incorporating these requirements would be approximately £1,400 plus VAT, but she will obtain a quote and will also consult the Parochial Church Council.

With regard to funding the noticeboard, the Clerk has been advised by the PCC that they have no funds available to contribute due to the financial difficulties created by Covid 19. The Clerk therefore proposed that the Parish Council should pay half the cost, being approximately £700 plus VAT. There is an additional £120 that was collected at the Village Treasure Hunt and the Clerk said that he would investigate other sources of funds to make up the difference. Councillor Lady Halifax kindly confirmed that she would be prepared to donate towards the cost.

Councillor Robinson will therefore agree the material and design with the PCC, before obtaining a final quotation. The Clerk will then arrange for funding to be put in place.

h. Updating of Parish Council policies - Councillor Robinson reported that she had completed the updating of the policies and had digitised some of them so that they can be amended in future. The Chair thanked Councillor Robinson for doing this.

i. Finger post at the top of Painsthorpe Hill - the Clerk agreed to follow this up with East Riding of Yorkshire Council as it is several months since it was reported. Councillor Rudd also agreed to make enquiries about the progress of the matter.

j. Fatal accident on Garrowby Hill in August – The Clerk confirmed that the accident investigation process has not yet been concluded and a decision is awaited from the CPS as to whether there will be a prosecution.

Councillor Rudd also obtained a response in September from Paul Copeland, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Principle Engineer, who confirmed that the Council are inspecting the A166, together with other A and B roads to assess what additional signage and road marking improvement can be made to improve safety. The A166 remains a high priority route for the Safety Camera Partnership and the Council has highlighted to Humberside Police this is one of the roads which the Council provides additional funding to Humberside Police for speed enforcement. There has also been local publicity and training available on motorcycle safety.

6. Other Matters.

a. Lighting column on Main Street, Bugthorpe – the Clerk expressed his frustration over the problems that have been experienced with Northern Powergrid in getting the column reconnected following the damage several years ago. Although the delay has been the fault of Northern Powergrid, they are now saying that because it has been so long, a new application needs to be made for connection. This process is being followed at the present time.

b. The Chair explained that he had declared an interest in this item as he is also Chair of the Friends of Bugthorpe School. The Clerk explained that approval had already been given by the Parish Council for the payment of £250 to Friends of Bugthorpe School when the Parish Precept had been approved in December 2019.

Retrospective approval was therefore given for the following payments:

Information Commissioner £40
 Friends of Bugthorpe School £250
 K Robinson – reimbursement of village website costs £61.20

c. The Parish Council Precept for 2021-22 was considered. As it is the same as last year at £3,850, the proposal was unanimously approved and it was agreed that the Chair and Clerk could sign the Precept Form.

d. Proposal from Envirofriendly Recycling Ltd to install textile banks. The general consensus amongst Councillors was that the textile banks are unsightly and would be detrimental in both Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale villages. The Chair had declared a possible interest in this item as the Friends of Bugthorpe School have a textile bank scheme to raise money for School Funds. It was unanimously agreed that textile banks should not be installed in either parish and that Bugthorpe Schoolscheme could be supported by any parishioner with textiles available.

e. Memory Bauble Christmas trees in Bugthorpe – Councillor Robinson explained that this was to give villagers an opportunity to create their own bauble in memory of perhaps somebody they have lost or that they have been unable to see during the Covid 19 pandemic. It had been extremely well supported and there are around 80-100 baubles on the two Christmas trees in front of the Estate Office. Councillor Robinson expressed her thanks to Kit Richardson who had been heavily involved and also Halifax Estates who have donated the trees and electricity supply for the lights. Councillors agreed that the trees are an excellent addition to the village at the end of what has been a difficult year for everyone. The Chair commented that this has presented a challenge for Kirby Underdale for next year.

f. Community Litter Pick 2021 – Councillors agreed that a litter pick should take place in March 2021 and the Clerk agreed to arrange this, so that a date is fixed as soon as possible.

g. Repair of Uncleby Tap – the Clerk said that he had received a request from Dr Ruth Beckett for the restoration the Uncleby Tap, which is a small brick structure with a stone slab top. Councillor Paul said that he remembered drinking from the Uncleby Tap on his journey to and from school and he was very much in favour of it being restored. Councillors were in agreement that a budget of £150 plus VAT would be set for this work, which the Clerk will arrange.

7. Correspondence –the Clerk explained that there had been some issues with parking on the verge near the corner on the approach to Kirby Underdale, which is potentially dangerous. Some large stones have been put on the verge to prevent this and the Chair has also placed a discrete sign on the verge encouraging parking at the village hall. The Chair said that he and another resident of Kirby Underdale have planted 1,000 spring bulbs along this verge.

The Clerk confirmed that Halifax Estates will be planting approximately 5.6 acres of farmland on Springfield Farm in January-March 2021. The planting will be a mixture of hardwoods suited to very wet ground created by numerous springs. This will be an attractive landscape feature in years to come. The Chair said that several Kirby Underdale villagers would be interested in being involved in the planting.

8. Any Other Business – there was no other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 8 March 2021 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.45pm.