

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 153rd Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 6 September 2021

Present: Councillors: K Robinson
Lady Halifax
F Goodhart
R Crow
D J Lord
In attendance: Ward Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Pearson, Paul, Huffington and Atkinson. In Councillor Pearson's absence, Councillor Robinson took the Chair.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 were approved and signed as a true record with the minor amendment under Item 6c where the payment of £275 to Kirby Underdale PCC was for graveyard maintenance only.
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. Bugthorpe telephone box – Councillors noted that the box has not yet been moved to Garrowby Sawyard for restoration over the winter.
 - b. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe & Kirby Underdale. – Councillor Crow reported that there are still intermittent problems with fouling in Bugthorpe. Councillor Pearson had reported before the meeting that dog fouling with the village nameplates has reduced but the situation was less good on the verges outside the village. The Clerk reminded Councillors that it is not a legal responsibility to pick outside the village nameplates. Councillor Rudd reminded Councillors that by reporting the full details of a fouling incident to the Dog Warden Service, including time, date and location of the fouling and identify of the dog and owner, that Service will take action. Councillor Robinson said that it is difficult to establish the perpetrators if fouling is not witnessed. Councillors also confirmed again that they would prefer to avoid signs on lampposts and pavements.
 - c. Broadband – The Clerk reported that the potential scheme with Quickline is currently on hold as Halifax Estates are exploring the possibility of Openreach carrying out the installation of fibre to non-connected properties through the Community Fibre Partnership. This is the same funding source as would have been utilised by Quickline, but the benefit of going down the Openreach route would be that property occupiers could choose their fibre broadband supplier, rather than being tied to one company.

Before the meeting Councillor Pearson had reported that his Quickline service is generally working well but there is occasionally an intermittent connection and progress on super-fast broadband would be welcome, especially by those who require the internet to work from home.

Councillor Crow reported that Openreach are laying a duct from the green box on Main Street, Bugthorpe up to Barthorpe and beyond in readiness to install fibre. The Clerk also said that Givendale is due to be connected imminently.

Councillor Goodhart said that she had been told that BT Openreach will be bringing a duct down Painsthorpe Hill to connect Kirby Underdale this year. The Clerk said that he would establish the current proposals from BT Openreach as installation of fibre seems to be on an ad-hoc basis.

d. Potholes – Councillor Robinson commented that the stretch between Bugthorpe and Brickyards is much better since East Riding of Yorkshire carried out the most recent repairs. However, Councillors were in agreement that the standard of highway maintenance is significantly better in North Yorkshire than in the East Riding. Councillor Crow mentioned that where some of the repairs have been carried out on the Bugthorpe – Brickyards road, there are now a few steep drop off which can be hazardous for vehicles. The Clerk is to address this with the Highway Department. There is also potholing in the dip between the Thoraby entrance and the county boundary. The Clerk is to inspect this and report as necessary to the Highway Department.

The Clerk was also asked to establish when the roads in both parishes are due to be surface dressed.

e. Community Recovery Scheme– Councillor Crow reported that Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute has secured a grant of £3,145 to be spent on a new toilet floor, two outside benches and a new cooker. Support has also been given for the Bug Club which is an initiative set up by Janet Wardell to organise community events, the first of which was a walk which raised £488. Councillor Crow said that there are problems with the flat roof at the Institute and the Committee may have to direct part of the grant towards this cost. However, the Institute may be eligible for another Lottery grant in future.

f. Neighbourhood Watch signs – Councillor Crow said that replacement signs are available from Maureen Yates at East Riding of Yorkshire Council and that he would arrange for eight to be supplied, four for Bugthorpe, three for Kirby Underdale and one spare sign.

Councillor Crow and the Clerk commented on how active the Wolds Against Rural Crime WhatsApp group is and that anyone can apply to Chris Phillips, the co-ordinator, to become a member of that group. The Clerk confirmed that both North Yorkshire and Humberside Police have representation on the group and that many of the Garrowby Estate tenants, as well as the Estate Gamekeepers, are members.

5. Other Matters.

a. School bus parking on Stephenwath Lane, Bugthorpe – The Clerk reported that he had attempted to arrange a meeting involving himself, the Head of Bugthorpe School and the East Riding Highway Engineer before the school holidays. This will now be in September.

Councillor Robinson said that part of the problem last term the children being released from school at different times which necessitated the school bus being parked outside the school gates for longer than usual. If end of school times have now been standardised, it may not be so much of a problem.

b. Speeding tractors on Stephenwath Lane – The Clerk to report that he had contacted several local farmers to ask them to moderate their speed when travelling along Stephenwath Lane.

c. Giant Hogweed control on Bugthorpe Beck carried out by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Councillor Robinson commented on how beneficial this had been. However, Councillor Crow mentioned that Adam Stones has lost one of his cattle which he suspects had eaten Giant Hogweed when grazing one of the grass fields adjacent to Bugthorpe Beck close to the school. The Clerk confirmed that it is the intention of Halifax Estates to work with the farm tenants and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to ensure that a programme of control is maintained.

d. Theft of bluebells from Kirby Underdale churchyard in June – Councillors agreed that this was unacceptable behaviour from an unknown perpetrator. Hopefully this will be an isolated incident.

e. Registration of Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale defibrillators with The Circuit – National Defibrillator Network – The Clerk reported that both the Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale defibrillators are now registered on The Circuit system, together with detailed locations. He advised that on contacting the Ambulance Service by ringing 999, the person reporting the emergency would then be given the code for access to the defibrillator and instructions on how to use it. Councillors felt that some refresher training for new residents of both villages, would be beneficial. The Clerk said that the code for both defibrillator boxes cannot be widely known due to the risk of defibrillator theft. The Clerk is to discuss with Councillor Pearson the arrangement of training with YAS.

6. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence other than relating to items on the agenda.

7. Any Other Business

a. A planning application made by Halifax Estates and Mr & Mrs Armitage for 4 pods at Bugthorpe Grange was considered and Councillors confirmed that they would be supportive of this proposal.

b. Councillor Rudd said that East Riding of Yorkshire Council are giving further consideration to congestion relief at Stamford Bridge. The first option would be a bypass which would be expensive and would necessitate more houses to be built to part finance it. The other option, which is supported by Ward Councillors, is for a second bridge to take westbound traffic. Councillors agreed it would not be desirable to have any more houses at Stamford Bridge and that the second bridge option would be more appropriate and affordable.

c. Councillor Rudd confirmed that he is attending monthly liaison meetings regarding the proposed new prison. A reserve matters application is to be submitted shortly by the Ministry of Justice.

d. Councillor Rudd reported that East Riding of Yorkshire Council are rehousing 9-11 Afghan families through the Afghan Relocation Scheme.

e. Covid – Councillor Rudd said that 99% of care home residents and workers have had double vaccinations.

f. Councillor Rudd said that there is a Local Support Grant available until the 30 September for residents who are in a desperate situation.

g. Councillor Rudd confirmed that the Draft Local Plan is currently out for consultation.

h. Gladman have been successful in appealing against the East Riding of Yorkshire Council decision to refuse planning application for 300 additional houses at Pocklington. The Council feels so strongly about this that they have appealed against the appeal decision.

i. The Clerk confirmed that one positive aspect of the new Draft Local Plan is a proposal to support limited and appropriate development in small rural villages, which are currently regarded as open countryside in planning terms. This will assist maintaining local services and communities.

- j. Councillor Crow reported that the Bugthorpe Clock Fund has a current balance of £3,466.45.
- k. It was noted that the old School sign still needs to be collected as it is lying in the grass on Stephenwath Lane. The Clerk is to arrange this.
- l. Councillor Crow said that he had received a report of mud on the road between Primrose Hill Farm and Gorman Castle. However, this is now dry.
- m. Bridge on Barf Lane – Councillor Crow said that the brickwork is overgrown with bushes and the Clerk said that he would arrange for Halifax Estates to clear this.
- n. Councillor Robinson said that the accounts and annual return for 2020-21 were not displayed for the correct time period this year. The Clerk will ensure that this is rectified for next year.
- o. Councillor Robinson expressed her thanks to the Clerk and the Estate Office staff for their involvement in the preparation of the accounts and for the rest of the Parish Council administration that is carried out. It was noted that Halifax Estates receive the Clerk's salary in partially recognition of this.
8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 6 December 2021 at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute.

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