

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 159th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 6 March 2023

Present: Councillors: D J Pearson - Chair
 T Atkinson
 K Robinson
 H T Paul
 D Birks
 S W Huffington
 R Crow
 F Goodhart
 D J Lord - Clerk
 In attendance: Ward Councillor D N Rudd
 D Cary – Market Weighton Town Council and Sancton Parish Council

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Lady Halifax.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 December 2022 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.
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. Jubilee Pasture – Councillor Robinson reported that there had been no volunteer activity over the winter period. Two loads of stone have been moved down from Hanging Grimston by Ian Grice. These will be placed around the pond when ground conditions permit. The wording and illustrations for the interpretation board will soon be sent to a designer for the final mock up to be approved by the sub-committee. The stone bench is in process of being carved. The snow drops and aconites that were planted have come through and have flowered.
 - b. The collapse of road surface on Barf Hill – unfortunately the ERYC when carrying out the repairs severed a BT cable and therefore lines in Bugthorpe have been off for a considerable period. Pressure is being exerted on BT by senior officers at ERYC to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible.
 - c. Speed limit signs on Stephenwath Lane – Councillor Atkinson confirmed that he would speak to the Headteacher at Bugthorpe School again regarding the children producing the signs.
 - d. Kirby Underdale Village Hall refurbishment - Councillor Atkinson reported that scaffolding has been erected to repair the barge boards and soffits. The plaster repairs, together with the internal and external painting will be complete before the Coronation on Sat 6 May 2023.

The Clerk advised that the cost of repairs and improvements, including the replacement of the electric heating system, is to be split between the Village Hall Committee and Halifax Estates. The Committee holds residual funds from the Covid Grant.

 - e. The Community Litter Pick 2003 – The Clerk confirmed that the litter pick is to take place between 9am – 11am on Saturday 25 March and the meeting place will be in the Estate Office car park at Bugthorpe.
 - f. Restoration of Uncleby Tap – Councillor Atkinson distributed photographs of Uncleby Tap and confirmed Halifax Estates will repair the brick work before the next Parish Council meeting, for the budgeted sum already agreed by the Parish Council of £150 including VAT.

g. Repair / replacement of footpath bridge at Low Hall, Bugthorpe- Councillor Rudd confirmed that he has sent a reminder to the Senior Manager in the Civil Engineering Department of ERYC and is waiting for a response. Councillor Rudd was unaware as to why it has taken the Council so long to deal with this matter as the bridge was inspected many months ago. He agreed to keep the Clerk informed of progress on this matter.

5 Other Matters.

a. Retrospective approval was given for the following payments:

- £1,338.12 to Halifax Estates for the telephone box. This includes VAT which is recoverable.
- £142.90 to Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute for reimbursement of Bugthorpe Village website domain and hosting costs. Councillor Robinson clarified that £100 of this is coming out the budget for Jubilee Pasture.
- Councillor Robinson confirmed that she has paid £15 for Parish Council website domain and £36 for the WordPress plan for 2022-23 and Councillors agreed that she should therefore be reimbursed in the sum of £51. Councillor Robinson provided the Clerk with receipts on 8 February 2023.

b. Parish Council Election for May 2023 – all Councillors were given nomination forms and asked to complete and return them to the Clerk by Friday 31 March 2023 so that they can be hand delivered to County Hall, Beverley by 4pm on 4 April 2023.

c. Woldgate School Admissions Policy – following the recent campaign against the proposed changes to the Woldgate School admissions policy as from 2024, it has now been confirmed that pupils from Bugthorpe School will continue to be able to attend Woldgate as capacity should not be a problem over the next few years, following the recent building programme at the School. However, Councillor Atkinson remained concerned about the situation once capacity has been reached in a few years' time as Pocklington continues to expand.

d. The Kings' Coronation and Community Fund – the Clerk reported that the grants between £100 and £500 are available for community events for the Coronation.

e. The Litter on A166 – the Clerk reported that ERYC have recently litter picked Garrowby Hill and that it is looking much better.

f. Community Payback Projects – the Clerk asked Councillors for any ideas for projects to put forward under the scheme. It was suggested that the painting of the Church railings both at Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale should be considered. The Clerk is to pursue this.

g. Potholes – the Clerk confirmed that some of the potholes on York Lane have been repaired but there are still some very deep potholes particularly along the edge of highway which is hazardous to motorists when they pull off the road to make way for oncoming traffic. The Clerk is to take this up with the Area Engineer. Councillor Paul mentioned that there is a deep pothole near the junction of the Roman Road and Thixendale Road.

6. Correspondence- no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Rudd reported that the Council Tax for 2023-24 was agreed 9 February 2023 and that there will be a 4.99% increase which he thought was reasonable as it currently approximately 50% of the current inflation rate. The Council tax for a Band D property in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale parishes will be £2,103.49.

b. Councillor Rudd confirmed that the Government has awarded ERYC an additional £761,000 for highway maintenance.

- c. Councillor Birks confirmed that the salt box on Beck Row has not been filled up again this winter. The Clerk is to raise this with the Council to ensure that this filled for next winter.
- d. Jubilee Pasture – it was agreed that any costs relating to Jubilee Pasture which fall within the Lottery funded grant already received, can be authorised by Councillors Pearson, Robinson and Lord without approval from the remaining Councillors.
- e. Councillor Birks reported that the street light on Beck Row is only working intermittently. The bulb was recently replaced and therefore there must be a faulty connection. Councillor Atkinson said he would instruct an electrician to repair the fault.
- f. Springfield Wood at Kirby Underdale was then discussed and all Councillors agreed that it would be an attractive feature in the landscape for future generations.
- g. The Chair reported that dog fouling is becoming a more regular problem in Kirby Underdale and he would monitor this ongoing.
- h. The Clerk reported that Halifax Estates have applied for planning permission for an oak framed garden room to be built on School Barn, Kirby Underdale. This will be considered by the Western Area Planning Committee on 11 April 2023.
- i. Councillor Rudd announced that he will not be standing again as a Councillor in the May elections as he has decided to retire. The Chair and Clerk thanked him for the many years he has attended the Parish Council meetings and assisted with Parish issues.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was fixed for 7pm Monday 15 May 2023 at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.14 pm.