

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 130th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 7 December 2015

Present: Councillors: C S Fenton
Lady Halifax
K A Robinson
R Crow
J H Goodhart
H T Paul
D J Pearson
D J Lord

In attendance: Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Birks and Huffington.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 September 2015 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2015 were approved and signed as a true record.
3. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.
4. Matters Arising from the 7 September and 19 October 2015 Meetings:

a. Litter in laybys on the A166. The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Robinson had kindly agreed to monitor the state of the laybys on the A166. She confirmed that she has made three visits and collected less than a bin bag of rubbish on each occasion from each layby. In addition she had observed small scale fly tipping, brick rubble etc which is a problem that would not be solved by the installation of a litter bin. She also observed that a significant proportion of the litter is away from the laybys and is obviously as a result of being thrown out of moving vehicles. Councillor Robinson confirmed that she has taken photographs of each layby on each inspection.

Councillor Rudd suggested that the Parish Council should not accept responsibility for installation of litter bins at the expense of parishioners, as the problem is caused by users of the A166 who are not resident in either parish. Councillor Rudd said that he will be prepared to support a request for bins on this basis. Councillor Rudd also confirmed that Steve Brackenbury, based at the Bridlington Depot, is the officer to contact with regard to fly tipping issues. His e-mail address is:

steve.brackenbury@eastriding.gov.uk

b. Village nameplates. When the Clerk had previously requested that the village nameplates in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale that have been damaged by Council mowers should be repaired or replaced, Pauline England of East Riding of Yorkshire Council had responded that the damage was not severe enough to warrant replacement. The Clerk confirmed that he had made the request again to Mrs England on the grounds of the signs detracting from the tidiness and amenity of the villages. A response has not yet been received.

c. Resurfacing Scheme – Bugthorpe to Sandpit Corner at Kirby Underdale. Weather permitting, the project will commence on 1 February 2016 and last for 5 weeks. Councillor Pearson asked whether the road will be closed during this time and what the access arrangements would be for residents. The Clerk agreed to obtain this information from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

d. Bugthorpe Under Fives. Councillor Crow reported that the Under Fives is doing fairly well at the present time with three sessions a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is an average of 6 children per session and interest is building. There has been a change in leadership and management which has been beneficial.

e. Broadband service. The Clerk confirmed that superfast broadband is now available to the residents of Bugthorpe and those interested should apply for a superfast connection through their usual provider. The Clerk reported that a receiver dish has been mounted on Wilton Wold Farmhouse to receive the microwave signal which has resulted in the occupant of that host property receiving 28Mb per second. However limited progress is being made with the microwave service provider, LN Communications (Love Broadband) despite the constant efforts of Halifax Estates. A survey is due to take place over the next few days at Painsthorpe Wold Cottages, which should theoretically receive a signal from the Castle Howard transmitter to service the Kirby Underdale, Painsthorpe and Hanging Grimston areas.

Councillor Pearson expressed frustration about the fact that Kirby Underdale is less than 15 miles from York, but still has only around 0.5Mb per second. He was informed by one of the Openreach engineers that BT could easily boost this to 2Mb and he has requested that this be done. The Clerk agreed to also make this request through the East Riding Broadband contact at County Hall. Councillor Rudd suggested that Councillor Jonathan Owen who has portfolio responsibility for broadband in East Yorkshire, would be a useful contact to put pressure on BT.

f. Online access to East Riding of Yorkshire Council planning service. The Clerk confirmed that he had attended a training session at Pocklington on 27 October 2015 at which it was demonstrated what the new service could offer parishes. Although Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale Parish Council do not have many planning applications to consider, the new service will still prove useful in future. The Clerk also confirmed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council have provided free of charge a projector for planning application documents to be displayed at Parish Council Meetings. 65 projectors have been supplied throughout the East Riding. The Clerk will keep this projector at the Estate Office and it will be added to the Parish Council Asset Register.

g. Dog Control Partnership. The Clerk attended a training session at Pocklington on Monday 21 September 2015. The outcome of this was that more responsibility is being placed on trained members of the Parish Council to monitor and deal with persistent cases of dog fouling. However, the Dog Warden will only accept a statement from a trained person whose first hand observations of an incident can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice for £75. Reports from other parishioners will only lead to warning letter. Councillor Crow was skeptical of the effectiveness of this initiative as the chances of the Clerk seeing the dog fouling first hand are minimal.

h. Transparency Code. The Clerk expressed his appreciation to Councillor Robinson for her help in setting up the Parish Council website. A grant application has been made through ERNLLCA for £547.91 for a Parish Council laptop, software, training and additional admin costs. Councillor Robinson reported that there had been 96 visitors to the website although these came from 21 different countries and therefore a significant proportion must have been accidental.

5. Other Matters.

a. The following payments were approved and cheques signed by Chair and Clerk:

Zurich Insurance	£251.85
G Sissons – half year bus shelter cleaning	£50.00

b. Parish Council Precept 2016/17. An increase of £100 from £3,500 to £3,600 was approved for the financial year 2016/17. The Clerk pointed out that due to the Council Tax Base having been increased

from £90.66 in 2015/16 to £95.50 in 2016/17, the cost of the Parish Council Precept will actually cost Council Tax payers less next year than this.

- c. Development at Thoralby Hall. The Clerk reported that the Thoralby Hall project will be completed in February 2016 and the property will be occupied by Lady Joanna Morton Jack and her family.
- d. Commencement of construction of Bugthorpe House. The Clerk reported that construction of Bugthorpe House, on the eastern edge of the village, commenced in October. Regrettably this will result in additional construction traffic passing through Bugthorpe, particularly during the first few months of the build.
- e. New road sign on A166 obscuring farm access. The Clerk confirmed that a complaint has been made to East Riding of Yorkshire Council and there has been a subsequent site meeting. East Riding of Yorkshire Council Highways will take remedial action very quickly, before the farm access has to be used by tractors in the spring.
- f. Retirement of Area Highway Engineer, Dave England. The Clerk confirmed that he was sorry to hear of the retirement of Dave England, but sensed that he has been increasingly frustrated over the last few years about the inefficient processes adopted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council in relation to highway repairs, which has resulted in either unacceptable delays or the work not getting done at all. The Clerk has been dealing with Dave England since 1990 and in the early days he had his own Council team which could carry out work promptly and efficiently. Dave England was a knowledgeable and conscientious officer who will be a loss to the Highways Department and also as a contact for Parish Councils.
- g. Parish Pump. Councillors confirmed their agreement that efforts should be made to ensure the Parish Pump continues.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Councillor Crow said that that spring on the brow of the hill on the boundary between East Riding and North Yorkshire near Thoralby was creating potholes again. Clerk to report to the Highways Department.
- b. Councillor Crow reported that there is water almost constantly standing on the corner approaching Brickyards which is hazardous as drivers have to swing into the middle of the road to avoid it. Clerk to inspect and report to the Highways Department.
- c. Councillor Rudd confirmed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council are having to find £24m of savings this year. Also, following a 6 year freeze in the Council Tax, it is likely that the Council Tax will increase by at least 2% for 2016/17 to pay for social care.
- d. Councillor Rudd said that he and his fellow Ward Councillors, Councillors Stathers and Burton have set up a Liaison Group for the purpose of lobbying on local issues. The inaugural meeting will be at the Community Hall at Market Weighton on Thursday 28 January and the Clerk has been invited.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 21 March 2016 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.37pm.