

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 142nd Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 3 December 2018

Present:	Councillors:	R Crow	K Robinson
		Lady Halifax	H T Paul
		F Goodhart	S W Huffington
		D J Lord	
In attendance:	Councillor	D N Rudd	

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fenton, Pearson and Birks.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10 September 2018 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 last Meeting:

a. Potholes – The Clerk reported that East Riding of Yorkshire Council closed Thoralby Road for two days at the beginning of October to carry out repairs to the highway, which included completely resurfacing a small section close to the County boundary, where previously a drain had been put across the road to pick up a spring. Councillor Crow commented that although the actual potholes had been repaired between Bugthorpe village and the County boundary, the depressions in the road still remain, which will collect water and new potholes will develop. The Clerk is to monitor this.

The Clerk confirmed that 2-3 months ago the Highway Engineers marked up with spray paint the potholes to be repaired between Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale, but these have not yet been repaired. When the Clerk last spoke to Andrew Allison, the Area Highway Engineer he confirmed that these would be done when a repair team was available. The Clerk agreed to follow this up again.

b. Signage on A166 – The Clerk confirmed that although Halifax Estate have cleared a branch that was obscuring the Bugthorpe sign and also washed the sign, a vehicle has hit it and it is now pointing the wrong way. The Clerk is to have this repositioned.

c. Garrowby Area Crimewatch signs – Councillor Crow reported that he and Tom Julian will put these on a plan for Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale, as positions have to be approved by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, before the Crimewatch signs are released.

d. Pecuniary Interests forms – The Clerk thanked Councillors for returning the completed forms.

e. Kirby Underdale Notice Board – Councillor Goodhart commented on how good the new notice board looks in the village. On receipt of an invoice from Halifax Estates, the Asset Register will need to be amended.

f. Adoption of financial regulations – The Clerk thanked Councillor Robinson for the work that she had put in to amending the model NALC regulations, to suit this Council's requirements. Councillors were given copies of the draft regulations and it was agreed that, subject to them being agreeable to all Councillors, the regulations would be adopted at the March meeting. Councillor Robinson said that she is also working on several other statutory documents for future adoption by the Council.

g. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe - Councillor Crow said that although there had been fewer incidents of dog fouling, it has not stopped completely.

h. Visibility at the bottom of Barf Hill – the Clerk reported that he and Councillor Lady Halifax had inspected the problem of visibility and agreed that the hedge on the corner could be reduced in height a little to improve the situation, but avoiding damage to the hedge. The Clerk is to arrange this.

5. Other Matters.

a. Planning application by Halifax Estates for extension to Estate Office. Councillors inspected the plans and were of the opinion that the proposal would improve the north eastern and north western elevations of the Office which are not particularly attractive. The Clerk confirmed that residents closest to the Estate Office have been consulted about the proposals by Halifax Estates and have no objections.

b. East Riding of Yorkshire Council Local Plan review. The Clerk explained that although the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Local Plan was only adopted in 2016, a review of the Plan has commenced and when this amended Plan is adopted it will probably be in place till around 2040. To ensure the long term sustainability of Bugthorpe it is the intention of Halifax Estates to propose various small housing sites in Bugthorpe to develop a mixture of market housing and affordable housing to rent, over the next 20 years. This additional housing would be designed sympathetically and would help support the school, village hall and shop. Councillors were generally in favour of limited additional housing in Bugthorpe, but will obviously have the opportunity to comment both on the proposed revision to the Local Plan as it is developed and also any subsequent planning applications submitted by Halifax Estates.

c. Traffic congestion at Stamford Bridge. Clerk reported that as part of the Local Plan review, East Riding of Yorkshire Council are considering solutions to the traffic congestion problems at Stamford Bridge. The first option would be a second bridge to relieve the historic bridge and the second option would be a by-pass. The by-pass option would be very expensive and to fund this the Council would have to allocate substantially more land for development and obtain contributions for the by-pass through Section 106 Agreements. Councillors agreed that it would be undesirable to see any more large scale development at Stamford Bridge as it would put too much pressure on the existing amenities. The Clerk was therefore asked to confirm the Parish Council's support for a second bridge.

d. Closure of Bugthorpe Under 5's – Councillor Crow said that he had received verbal confirmation on two occasions that Bugthorpe Under 5's would be closing at Christmas, although this had not yet been confirmed in writing. All Councillors agreed that this was a great shame after 26 years of operation, but lack of toddler numbers led to this. Councillor Crow said that the equipment owned by the Under 5's would have to be passed onto other playgroups.

e. Parish Council Precept 2019/20. Councillors were in agreement with the proposed precept of £3,750 and the Clerk signed the form. Councillor Fenton will also be asked to sign the form.

f. Councillors approved payment of the Zurich Municipal insurance premium for 2019 in the sum of £257.60, which is unchanged from 2018.

g. The reviewed Health and Safety Policy was accepted as a matter of report.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Retrospective approval was given for a payment in the sum of £40 plus VAT made to PKF, the external auditors on 29 October 2018.

b. Full Sutton Prison – The Clerk reminded Councillors that in July 2017 the Ministry of Justice was granted outline planning permission for a 1,017 place Category C adult male prison on a site immediately adjacent to the existing high security prison at Full Sutton. However, the Ministry of Justice are now proposing to submit a planning application for a larger prison to accommodate 1,440 inmates.

Councillors agreed that this enlarged facility would put yet more pressure on the local services and infrastructure and should be resisted. The Clerk was therefore asked to object to the planning application when it is submitted.

c. Councillor Crow confirmed that there is standing water at the A166 junction at Brickyards. The Clerk said that there is no drain at this location and standing water is therefore a regular problem.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 11 March 2019 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.38pm.