

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 146th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 2 December 2019

Present: Councillors: D J Pearson - Chair
 Lady Halifax
 K Robinson
 F Goodhart
 S W Huffington
 R Crow
 H T Paul
 T P Julian
 D J Lord - Clerk

In attendance: Ward Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Birks.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2019. The Clerk confirmed that there is one small correction to item 6c on the last minutes in that Bishop Wilton Community Shop Committee have acquired a leasehold rather than a freehold interest in the shop premises, on behalf of the community. With this exception, the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair 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. Proposed new Category C Prison at Full Sutton – the Clerk reported that since the last meeting outline planning consent has been granted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Over the next few months the Ministry of Justice will be submitting Reserved Matters applications.
 - b. Telephone boxes in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale. It was noted that work has not yet commenced on these due to the heavy workload of the Halifax Estates maintenance team.
 - c. Stub posts in Kirby Underdale - The Clerk explained that due to the deteriorating state of the existing posts, Halifax Estates have purchased 20 green oak replacement posts at a cost of £500 plus VAT. It is proposed that the Parish Council pay for the timber and Halifax Estates will cover the cost of sanding, chamfering and staining the posts, as well as installing them. The Clerk confirmed that the posts would have been cheaper in softwood, but would have lasted a fraction of the time of the hardwood posts. The Clerk said that 16 or 17 posts require replacement now and the remaining posts will be kept in reserve for future replacements. Councillor Goodhart asked whether consideration has been given to putting the posts in a metal sleeves to protect and preserve them, the Clerk said that this had not been considered and advised that the oak posts would last a very long time. Approval was given for the replacement programme.
 - d. Clearance of passing places either side of Stephenwath Lane bridge – Councillors Robinson and Huffington confirmed that visibility now much better following the clearance.
 - e. Lighting column on Main Street, Bugthorpe – the Clerk said that hopefully this long running and frustrating saga with Northern Powergrid will soon come to a conclusion as a meeting is arranged with Northern Powergrid on Wednesday 4 December. It is hoped that the street light will be working by Christmas.

5. Other Matters.

a. Parish Council Precept 2020/21. The Clerk explained that although the budgeted expenditure at almost £4,000 is approximately £150 more than the proposed precept, a few of the items ie winter salting, are uncertain and if the full budget is spent, the small overspend will be paid out of the bank balance. The proposed precept for 2020-21 of £3,850 was unanimously agreed and the Local Precept Demand form was signed by Chair and Clerk.

b. The following invoices were approved and cheques were signed by the Chair and Clerk:

Zurich Municipal Insurance Premium 01/01/20 – 31/12/20 (unchanged from last year)	£257.60
Halifax Estates – replacement defibrillator pads	£74.28
Halifax Estates – 20 oak posts for Kirby Underdale village	£600.00
Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection fee	£40.00

In addition the Clerk confirmed that £50 is due to Mrs G Sissons for the half yearly bus shelter cleaning. This payment was also approved.

c. The Clerk confirmed that reimbursement PC website site domain costs in the sum of £36.00 had already been paid to Councillor Robinson and this was in the 2018-19 Financial Year.

d. Proposed adoption of the revised Code of Conduct - the Clerk reported that the revised Code was adopted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 9 October 2019. Councillor Rudd said that there were a few minor changes in the new Code such as Councillors declaring any pecuniary interests in any matter being discussed by the meeting, must withdraw from the room, rather than remaining in the meeting. Also there is a firmer stance on bullying and trusteeships should be declared by Councillors as non-pecuniary interests. Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt the revised Code of Conduct.

e. Estimate of Rough Sleepers 2019 – accepted as a matter of report.

f. Community Litter Pick 2020 – Councillors were keen to have another community litter pick next year and it was agreed that the Clerk would suggest a Saturday afternoon in March 2020.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Crow said that dog fouling in Bugthorpe continues to be a problem and suspects that this is mainly as a result of children walking their family dogs and not picking up after them. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a standard letter to the families in Bugthorpe that have children and dogs, so that they are not being singled out. The Clerk and Councillor Crow are to liaise on this.

b. Councillor Crow said that there is an increasing amount of fly posting in Bugthorpe, particularly on the telegraph poles next to the Church fence. These are generally to advertise an event and it is annoying when the event organisers fail to come around after the event to remove the posters. Councillors agreed not to allow fly posting in Bugthorpe and Councillor Crow will therefore remove the posters when they appear. Kirby Underdale has a village notice board, but Bugthorpe does not, as notices have always been displayed in the Shop and it was agreed that this should continue as a village notice board would attract more fly posting.

c. Councillor Rudd was pleased to report that for the third year running East Riding of Yorkshire Council is the top recycling Council in the country at 64.8% and credit should also go to the East Riding of Yorkshire residents who make this high percentage possible. Councillors agreed that the simple coloured bins system makes recycling straightforward.

d. Councillor Rudd mentioned that the Beverley Festival of Christmas is being held on Sunday 8 December, this was very well attended last year.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 9 March 2020 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.19pm.