

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 147th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on Monday 16 March 2020

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Robinson
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2 December 2019 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. Telephone boxes in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale - the Clerk reported that an estimate of £1,323.75 plus VAT has been received from Halifax Estates for the restoration of both boxes. As Councillors had previously agreed to a budget of £1,000 plus VAT for both boxes, the Clerk suggested that we should proceed on the one at Bugthorpe to assess the actual cost of the work, prior to a decision being made on the Kirby Underdale box, which is in slightly better condition.

Councillor Rudd mentioned that Melbourne and East Cottingwith have recently had their telephone boxes refurbished and suggested that the Clerk could contact the relevant Clerks to establish which contractors carried out the work and the cost.

The Chair proposed that if the expenditure on the Bugthorpe box comes within the untendered limit allowed by the Parish Council Standing Orders, instructions should be given to Halifax Estates to proceed with the Bugthorpe box.

The Clerk confirm that if Halifax Estates do carry out the work, they are likely to take the box to Garrowby Sawyard to work on and parishioners should therefore not be concerned by its temporary absence.

- b. Stub posts in Kirby Underdale - the Chair commented that they improve the appearance of the village.
- c. Community Litter Pick – the Chair said that although the litter pick is arranged for Saturday 28 March 2020, this may need to be cancelled in light of the Coronavirus advice at the time. The Clerk distributed flyers to Councillors for distribution.
- d. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe. – Councillor Crow said that the situation is no better. It always seems to happen in the morning but there is no proof of whose dog is to blame.

The Clerk confirmed that he had been told by the Dog Warden that without anyone witnessing the dog fouling they are powerless to act. Councillor Crow suggested the possibility of installing camera traps around the village, but as the Council does not have adequate financial resources for this, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to all residents of Bugthorpe regarding the problem and asking them to be vigilant and report the perpetrators to a Councillor. Following the last meeting, the Clerk sent a letter to all the dog owners in the village, but this does not seem to have remedied the issue.

5. Other Matters.

a. Culvert reinstatement near Pasture Farm, Bugthorpe – the Clerk reported that a large hole had opened up following the collapse of the culvert near the bridge at Pasture Farm. This hole was close to the edge of the road and, following a report from the Clerk, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council repaired the culvert and filled in the hole quickly and efficiently.

b. Potholes following winter weather – the Clerk confirmed that several potholes on York Road and between Kirby Underdale and Painsthorpe had been filled in. However, the general condition of the road in certain areas of both parishes is very poor. One section is practically collapsing is close to Kirby Underdale Church and another is York Road where the potholes on the highway edge are large and potentially dangerous, as they are encroaching on the highway in sections where the road is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass.

Councillor Rudd said that generally resources are directed towards the busier routes but Councillor Birks pointed out that residents of rural areas pay the same Council Tax as those in the towns, with inferior highway maintenance.

The Clerk was asked to contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council expressing the Parish Council's concern.

c. Proposed Bugthorpe village website - Councillor Crow advised that the website is currently in development and will have links to the War Memorial Institute, local businesses and the other parishes within the Garrowby Benefice. The cost of setting up the website will be in the region of £100 and the Clerk proposed that the Parish Council should donate this cost out of the 2020/21 Precept, which will be received on 30 April 2020. This proposal was unanimously agreed by Councillors.

d. Resignation of Councillor Julian - the Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Julian as he has left the employment of Halifax Estates and moved to Driffield. The Clerk requested proposals for a resident of Kirby Underdale to fill the vacancy.

e. Parish Precept 2020/21 - Councillor Birks raised concerns about the 6.4% increase in the Council Tax contribution to the Parish Council Precept which could well be questioned by the parishioners. The precept of £3,850 for 2020-21 was increased from £3,750 in 2019-20, which is only a 2.67% increase. However, due to the way in which East Riding of Yorkshire Council calculate the tax base, there is a resultant increase of 6.4% in the Band D equivalent.

f. Village Taskforce Satisfaction Survey 2019/20 – the Clerk reported that the Streetscene Team had carried out their work quickly and efficiently. However where larger jobs were referred to the Highway Department, some of these have not yet been done. An example is the clearance of a roadside ditch near Jessbrook on Main Street, Bugthorpe which is an integral part of the drainage system and has always been maintained by Highways. The Clerk has reminded Andy Allison, the Area Highway Engineer about this outstanding job.

g. Full Sutton Prison lighting – the Clerk reported that he had written to Alan Menzies, Director of Planning at East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the brightness of the prison lights following replacement of the old lights with LED. Mr Menzies advised that the lights have been installed to a national standard and replacement of lights is not a planning matter. Councillor Rudd advised that Susan Shuttleworth of

the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Public Protection Department has considered the issue of additional light pollution and has concluded that nothing more can be done.

The Clerk was asked to highlight this issue in a letter to Greg Dyke MP enclosing a copy of the letter from Alan Menzies.

h. Bugthorpe School fencing – the Clerk reported that the post and rail fencing around the perimeter of Bugthorpe School is being replaced by green metal fencing as a safeguarding issue. He had been assured by the Head Teacher that none of the roadside hedging or trees would be affected.

6. Correspondence –no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Birks mentioned that the handrail on the pedestrian bridge across Bugthorpe Beck close to Low Hall in Bugthorpe, needs to be replaced and also the gate into the field will not shut. The Clerk agreed to report this to of East Riding of Yorkshire Council Rights of Way Department.

b. Councillor Lady Halifax asked what was happening about the street light on Main Street, Bugthorpe that still does not work. The Clerk confirmed that it remains in the hands of Northern PowerGrid, who have been contacted on a regular basis.

c. The Clerk mentioned the new crimestop group, Wolds Against Rural Crime. He and Councillor Crow went to a meeting at Thixendale Village Hall on Monday 2 March which was attended by both North Yorkshire and Humberside Police. A similar group has been successful at Helmsley in reducing rural crime and reports of incidents or suspicious vehicles and behaviour are spread by way of a WhatsApp Group, which both police forces are members of. The benefit of this is that reports are spread instantaneously which will allow members to be vigilant and the police to attend where necessary. Flyers were distributed and the Clerk asked Councillors to encourage parishioners to join the group.

d. Councillor Lady Halifax suggested alternating Parish Council Meetings between Kirby Underdale Village Hall and Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute. Councillor Crow agreed to establish whether there would be a charge for the two meetings per annum at the Institute. The Clerk said that he would expect there not to be bearing in mind the annual grant that the Parish Council gives the Institute Committee. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall at which Councillor Crow would report on the Committee's decision.

e. Councillor Rudd mentioned a new site which is being created to make health information more accessible to families. The address of this web site is: humberisphn.nhs.uk .

f. The Chair said that Coronavirus is a deteriorating crisis and that residents of both Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale parishes must be mindful of the needs of particularly the elderly in both communities. Councillor Crow confirmed that he is compiling a list of volunteers who are prepared to help out wherever they can. Councillor Goodhart said that the same is happening in Kirby Underdale.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 11 May 2020 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall, subject to Coronavirus restrictions.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.48pm.