

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 149th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute on Monday 7 September 2020

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

1. There were no apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 July 2020 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. Bugthorpe telephone box- the Clerk confirmed that the refurbishment work would be carried out by Halifax Estates probably over the winter months. The future use of the box was then discussed and it was agreed that it could become a book exchange and therefore shelves would need to be incorporated as part of the refurbishment project. It was further agreed that to retain its traditional appearance, the TELEPHONE wording at the top should remain but a book exchange notice could be displayed in one of the windows.
 - b. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe. – The Clerk reported that he is waiting for a response from the Dog Wardens regarding a dog waste bin. Councillor Rudd said that it will be the responsibility of the Parish Council to purchase the bin, but if East Riding of Yorkshire Council are involved in the positioning of the bin, they will then become responsible for emptying it during one of the weekly bin collections. Councillor Crow and Councillor Birks confirmed that dog fouling is still an intermittent problem in the village.
 - c. Bugthorpe Village website – Councillor Robinson confirmed that the website is now live but it is officially launched on 19 September and there will be a treasure hunt at 2pm. The address is bugthorpevillage.co.uk. Councillor Robinson advised that there will be a subscription service available which will provide subscribers with updates.
 - d. The Chair mentioned that contact details for Councillor Goodhart and Paul are not on the Parish Council website. These were given to Councillor Robinson to include on the website.
 - e. Vacancy for Parish Councillor – the Clerk reported that Tom Atkinson of Wold View, Kirby Underdale has agreed to be co-opted onto the Council as a Kirby Underdale Councillor. All Councillors were in favour.
 - f. Handrail on pedestrian bridge across Bugthorpe Beck – the Clerk confirmed that repairs would be carried out as soon as possible.
 - g. Rural crime during coronavirus pandemic – judging by the amount of activity being reported through the Wolds Against Rural Crime WhatsApp group there does seem to be an increase in rural crime, mainly directed at farms with quads and tractor mounted satnavs being particularly targeted. Councillor Paul also observed that hare coursing has become a problem earlier this year than usual. Parishioners need to be particularly vigilant.
 - h. BT superfast broadband fibre connection to Kirby Underdale – the Clerk advised that Openreach have confirmed that due to the distance to the Bishop Wilton exchange, there is little prospect of a fibre connection to Kirby

Underdale and that a 4g hub is probably the best prospect for improving speeds. The Clerk said that the Quickline service to Painsthorpe Hall is generally good and the microwave signal is from the mast at Mount Pleasant Farm, Hanging Grimston which also provides a service to Kirby Underdale village. As there is perfect line of sight from Mount Pleasant Farm to Kirby Underdale, he was somewhat mystified as to why the villagers are not receiving a particularly good service from Quickline. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with Quickline.

5. Other Matters.

- a. Retrospective approval was given for the payment of £51 to Councillor Robinson for reimbursement of website costs.
- b. Approval was given for the payment of £45 to Bishop Wilton Parish Pump for the annual subscription. A cheque is to be signed by Chair and Clerk.
- c. Bugthorpe Village Noticeboard – Councillor Robinson explained that during the corona virus pandemic, having the Bugthorpe village noticeboard in the Post Office has not been satisfactory. Rev Linda Munt and the Parochial Church Council have been approached about the possibility of sharing the church noticeboard as it is in a good central location. To double up as a village noticeboard, the existing board would have to be increased in size at the Parish Council's expense. Both Councillor Robinson and Councillor Crow confirmed that they will be happy to ensure that the village noticeboard was kept tidy and that flyers were not displayed on it.
- d. Updating of Parish Council policies and approval thereof –Councillor Robinson explained that a number of the policies needed to be updated and that it would be a good discipline to review them each year to ensure that they remain appropriate. The Clerk distributed an updated financial risk assessment, which was approved by Councillors. The Clerk is to liaise with Councillor Robinson regarding the updating of all policies.

6. Correspondence –no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Councillor Rudd confirmed that East Yorkshire motor services have purchased two new buses with excellent facilities for passengers. One of these will be on a route incorporating Pocklington.
- b. Councillor Rudd advised that East Riding Archives are requesting photographs, written records etc to record life during the coronavirus pandemic.
- c. Councillor Rudd confirmed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council have acquired two electric vans, one for the street lighting team and the other for deliveries to schools etc.
- d. Councillor Rudd confirmed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council is grateful to the residents of East Riding for being responsible during the coronavirus pandemic and limiting the spread of the virus.
- e. The Chair mentioned that the finger post at the top of Painsthorpe Hill is broken. The Clerk said that he had already taken a photograph of this and would report it to the Highways Department.
- f. The Chair said that sadly there has been another fatal accident on Garrowby Hill involving a motor bike. The A166 has become one of the most dangerous roads in the country. It was agreed that the most effective deterrent for speeding motorbikes is regular use of speed cameras. The Clerk agreed to contact Humbershire Police regarding this serious ongoing issue. The Chair also enquired as to whether it is possible for the Parish Council to receive reports on the causes of fatal accidents on the A166, within the Parish Council boundaries, so that the Parish Council can be involved in the facilitation of additional safety measures.

8. Date of Next Meeting.

The next Meeting was fixed for Monday 7 December 2020 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.