

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 151st Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions on Monday 8 March 2021

Present: Councillors: D J Pearson- Chair
 Lady Halifax
 K Robinson
 S Huffington
 D Birks
 T Atkinson
 D J Lord- Clerk

In attendance: Ward Councillor D N Rudd

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Crow, Goodhart and Paul
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 December 2020 were approved and these are to be signed by the Chair at a later date.
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 advised that it will shortly be transported to Garrowby Sawyard for renovation work to commence.
 - b. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe. – Councillor Birks said that there had been evidence of a small dog fouling the pavement near the bungalows on Main Street in Bugthorpe and also near the Institute. The Chair mentioned that there had also been dog fouling immediately outside the village nameplates at Kirby Underdale. The Clerk agreed to display notices in Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale asking parishioners and villagers to ensure that they pick up after their dogs.
 - c. Broadband – The Clerk explained the current issues with capacity within existing microwave system and confirmed that Quickline are addressing this imminently. The Clerk also confirmed that he has been discussing with Quickline the possibility of bringing a fibre connection to various parts of both parishes not currently served by fibre. This is a government funded initiative aimed at communities where it is unlikely that a BT fibre service would be available within the foreseeable future. The Clerk said that he has a Zoom meeting with Quickline on Friday 12 March (now postponed until 19 March) after which Councillors will be further updated.
 - d. Bugthorpe Village Noticeboard – The board has been delivered and is to be installed by Halifax Estates joiners over the next 2 weeks. After receipt of private contributions, together with those from Halifax Charitable Trust and Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute, the net Parish Council contribution will be £410.07. However, the invoice from Greenbarnes Ltd in the sum of £1,926.08 including VAT will be paid by the Parish Council in the first instance.
 - e. Finger post at top of Painsthorpe Hill - East Riding of Yorkshire Council have confirmed that this will be replaced before the end of the current financial year.

f. Fatal accident on Garrowby Hill in August – The Clerk reported that there is a proposal to impose a 50mph speed limit on the A166 from the edge of Stamford Bridge to the Bishop Wilton junction at the bottom of Garrowby Hill. The Clerk has confirmed the Parish Council's support for this proposal. Councillor Rudd advised that Bishop Wilton Parish Council are also in favour of the proposal.

g. Lighting column on Main Street, Bugthorpe – The Clerk reported that there would be an ongoing cost for electricity consumed by this light in the sum of approx £38 per annum.

h. Community Litter Pick 2021 – Councillors were supportive of this litter pick proceeding with the necessary Covid precautions in place. The Chair said that he was borrowing between 20-40 litter pickers from Stamford Bridge Scouts.

i. Parking on verge on the edge of Kirby Underdale – The Chair confirmed that the combination of stones, polite signs and bulb planting seems to have resolved the issue.

j. Springfield Wood planting – The Clerk confirmed that due to severe weather in February and shortage of trees due to Covid, the Springfield Wood planting will be delayed until January/February 2022. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to assist with the planting.

5. Other Matters.

a. Retrospective approval was given for the following payments:

Zurich – Parish Council insurance	£257.60
Mrs G Sissons – Bugthorpe Bus Shelter cleaning (half year)	£50.00

b. Approval was given for the Greenbarns Ltd invoice for the

Bugthorpe Village Noticeboard in the sum of £1,926.08 including VAT

After receipt of contributions, the net cost to the Parish Council will be £410.07 (the £321.01 of VAT will be recoverable)

Approval was given for the payment of the Halifax Estates invoice in the sum of £174.60 for gritting.

6. Correspondence – no comments were made.

7. Any Other Business

a. Councillor Crow had raised the problem of litter on the A166. The Clerk advised that he had already asked East Riding of Yorkshire Council to conduct a litter pick.

b. Councillor Crow requested that the moss on the pavement near Keldsyke Bungalow in Bugthorpe be removed as it is causing a hazard to pedestrians. Councillor Atkinson agreed to remove this moss.

c. Councillor Crow also had raised the issue of the worsening potholes between Bugthorpe and Brickyards. The Clerk has already asked East Riding of Yorkshire Council to repair severe potholes between the Roman Road and the County boundary on the Thixendale Road, together with those on the stretch between Bugthorpe and Brickyards. Although the Area Surveyor had confirmed that these repairs would be carried out before the end of February, no repairs have yet been carried out and the Clerk will be contacting East Riding of Yorkshire Council again. Councillor Rudd also agreed to take this up with the Council.

d. Councillor Crow reported that the school sign on Stephenwath Lane had been knocked over. The Clerk is to report this to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

e. Councillor Crow had also received a complaint from a Bugthorpe resident about the overgrown hedge in front of Freestone House which is growing over the pavement. The Clerk is to ask the occupier of Freestone House to cut this back.

f. Councillor Birks said that the grit box on Beck Row was not filled up at all over the winter. The Clerk was asked to ensure that it is on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council list for replenishment.

g. Councillor Birks confirmed that the verges either side of Beck Row are encroaching on the road, making it narrower. This is also the case around the triangle on the junction between Beck Row and High Row. The Clerk agreed to look at this and arrange any remedial action necessary.

h. Councillor Rudd confirmed that Council Tax in the East Riding will increase by 3.49% in 2021-22. The Council Tax due on a Band D will therefore be £1,925.29. This incorporates increases in the Humberside Fire & Rescue precept of 1.99% and Humberside Police at 6.6%. The Parish Council Precept has remained unchanged at £3,850 which is the equivalent of £38.97 for a Band D property. The Clerk expressed his view that a 3.49% increase is significant, particularly bearing in mind the strains on household budgets caused by the pandemic.

i. Councillor Rudd said that National Lottery grants are available again for community projects with a minimum budget of £3,000 and a maximum budget of £5m. Details are on the website.

j. Councillor Rudd expressed his thanks to parishioners of Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale for observing the Covid restrictions. This has helped to ensure that the number of Covid cases within the Wolds Weighton Wardhave been amongst the lowest in the East Riding.

k. Councillor Rudd asked parishioners to be aware of scam texts and e-mails purporting to be from the NHS. Recipients should report these to Humberside Police on 101.

l. Councillor Rudd reminded Councillors that the National Census date is 21 March.

m. Councillor Rudd commented on the excellent community spirit within Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale parishes with initiatives such as the community litter pick.

n. The Clerk thanked Councillor Robinson, together with Janet Wardell and others involved in the bird box and wild flower initiatives, which are not only good for community cohesiveness but also for wildlife and the environment.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was fixed for Wednesday 5 May 2021 and this will probably need to be a Zoom meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 7.35pm.