

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 156th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute on Monday 23 May 2022

Present:	Councillors:	D J Pearson – Chair
		Lady Halifax
		F Goodhart
		K Robinson
		D I Birks
		R Crow
		D J Lord - Clerk
In attendance:	Ward Councillor	D N Rudd
		E L Hammond

1. Election of officers:

Chair – Councillor Lord proposed Councillor Pearson and this was seconded by Councillor Lady Halifax

Vice Chair - Councillor Lord proposed Councillor Robinson and this was seconded by Councillor Birks.

Clerk - Councillor Pearson proposed Councillor Lord and this was seconded Councillor Birks.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Paul and Atkinson.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 March 2022 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair and Clerk.

4. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Matters Arising from the last Meeting:

a. Bugthorpe telephone box – The Clerk confirmed that the Bugthorpe telephone box refurbishment had not been completed, but that it would be finished prior to the next Parish Council Meeting in September.

b. Dog fouling in Bugthorpe & Kirby Underdale. – Councillors Crow and Pearson confirmed that there was nothing to report in either village.

c. Potholes – the Clerk reported that 50 potholes have been reported to Andrew Addison, Highway Engineer, throughout both parishes. Councillor Rudd commented that if the potholes are not regarded as dangerous they may not be repaired. The Clerk confirmed that he would expect the Highway Engineer to inspect the potholes to establish which ought to be repaired as a matter of urgency.

d. The large depression on Stephenwath Lane has now been filled and this was accepted as a matter of report.

e. Additional recycling – Councillor Robinson advised that the Co-op stores in both Stamford Bridge and Pocklington are now taking soft plastics, so this might be a better option for many parishioners than taking recycling to her.

f. Community Litter Pick 2022. The Clerk confirmed that this was well attended and cleared a significant quantity of litter. All Councillors were in agreement that it should be an annual event in March.

g. Jubilee Pasture – The Chair confirmed that the National Lottery Heritage Fund application has been successful. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Janet Wardell thanking her for putting the application together.

h. Pedestrian bridge across beck at Low Hall – Councillor Birks confirmed that she spoke to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council officer who inspected the bridge, who gave the impression that it would probably be 2023 before the bridge is repaired/replaced.

i. Kirby Underdale Village Hall refurbishment. The Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall Committee and Halifax Estate will be jointly embarking on a project in 2022 to include internal and external decoration, internal plaster repairs, new curtains and new appliances in the kitchen.

j. Jubilee Fund application for gathering on 2 June – Councillors noted that £392.81 had been received which, when combined with the ticket receipts of £7 per person, will pay the costs of the evening. Receipts will be provided to the Clerk for accounting purposes and to reclaim VAT.

k. Defibrillator signs – Councillors noted that these are ready to install.

6. Other Matters.

a. Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 – Accounting Statements and Annual Governing Statements were approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

b. The receipt of the Precept for 2022-23 in the sum of £3950 was noted.

c. The following payments were approved and cheques signed by the Chair and Clerk:

Halifax Estates Clerk's salary, stationary, postage and photocopying	£1080
Bugthorpe PCC graveyard maintenance	£300
Bugthorpe Clock Fund	£50
Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute	£300
Kirby Underdale PCC graveyard maintenance and clock fund	£275
Kirby Underdale Village Hall	£300
Friends of Bugthorpe School	£250
G Sissons Bus Shelter (half year)	£60
ERNLLCA subscription 2022-23	£279.61

d. Proposal for speed limit in Kirby Underdale – Councillor Pearson confirmed that Kirby Underdale residents had requested consideration of a speed limit in Kirby Underdale. It was agreed that this would not be possible as there are no street lights or a school in the village. The alternative is unofficial signs asking driver to slow down. The Clerk will investigate this.

e. Defibrillator and Basic Life Support training – The Chair confirmed that training sessions have been arranged with Yorkshire Ambulance Service on 6 July in Bugthorpe and 20 July in Kirby Underdale. Both sessions will be from 7pm until 8pm.

7. Correspondence - no comments were made.

8. Any Other Business

- a. Councillor Robinson asked Councillors to confirm that they have received no gifts or hospitality in their role as a Councillor. All Councillors confirmed this.
- b. Councillor Rudd confirmed that the £150 rebate for Band A-D Council Tax payers, has been well received.
- c. Councillor Rudd confirmed that ERYC are experiencing problems with recruiting staff, particularly in the care sector.
- d. A discussion took place on Devolution, following Councillor Hammond's address prior to the start of the meeting. A decision on which deal the Council would support, if any, was deferred.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting was fixed for 7pm on Monday 5 September 2022 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.34pm.