

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 164th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute on Monday 20 May 2024

Present: Councillors: D J Pearson (Chair)
D Birks
R Crow
F Goodhart
D Curtis
D J Lord
K Reagan

In attendance: Ward Councillor Leo Hammond
E Johnson (Clerk)

These minutes are currently draft pending approval or amendment at the next Parish Council meeting.

1. **Election of Officers –**
Chair – Councillor Lord proposed Councillor Pearson, and this was seconded by Councillor Birks.
Vice Chair – Councillor Pearson proposed Councillor Birks, and this was seconded by Councillor Lord.
Clerk – Councillor Pearson proposed Ed Johnson, and this was seconded by Councillor Goodhart.
2. **Apologies for absence received from Councillor Lady Halifax, Councillor Atkinson and Councillor Paul.**
3. **The Chair welcomed Councillor Reagan to her first Parish Council Committee Meeting.**
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 were signed as a true record, by the Chair.**
5. **Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.**
6. **Matters arising from the last Meeting:**
 - a. **Councillor Crow raised that it had been remarked to him that the previous minutes in relation to dog fouling were too detailed and therefore may as well named the individual. Councillor Reagan agreed that she felt the minutes could have been worded slightly differently.**
Councillor Crow went on to say that dog fouling was still happening. The Chair remarked that this remained limited in Kirby Underdale.
 - b. **Pedestrian bridge across Beck at Low Hall – Councillor Hammond reported that this particular bridge is 217th on ERYC list so a repair is not imminent. Although there were no handrails the bridge is thought to be structurally safe. Councillor Hammond did remark that another nearby bridge is due to be repaired shortly (Footpath 2 – 20th on the list) so HE may be able to push for a repair to the Low Hall bridge at the same time.**
 - c. **Kirby Underdale Village Hall refurbishment – The Clerk reported that all the refurbishment work has been completed. Councillor Lord said the new photographs were still to go up due to a little bit of recent damp ingress.**
 - d. **Travellers on A166 – The travellers have moved on.**
 - e. **Community Litter Pick – The Clerk reported approximately 35 bags of rubbish were picked up and that there was a good turnout.**

7. Broadband provision and mobile phone coverage - Project Gigabit Lot 8 – Councillor Hammond reported that a private provider had won the tender process for Lot 8 but couldn't tell the meeting the name. The Clerk said it was Quickline having held a recent meeting with them regarding Halifax Estates. It was commented that the provision of fibre broadband would still be a number of years off due to the length of contract. The Clerk explained that Quickline were hoping to move a number of customers in July onto 5G served from the Garrowby Hill Mast which should improve the service for those that remain on the service supplied from the smaller telegraph poles.

8. CPR & Defibrillator training – Training will be on 11th September at the Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute at 7pm. Further details will be published in the Parish Pump.

9. Parish Council Precept – The Clerk confirmed £4,300 has been received.

10. Potholes & verges- Councillor Lord remarked that the jet patcher had been along York.Road but felt that the road from Painsthorpe Hall to the Roman Road was still poor. Councillor Hammond will follow up with ERYC. Regarding verges, Councillor Goodhart said that the verges are badly overgrown between Kirby Underdale and Painsthorpe Hall. Councillor Hammond noted that ERYC are busy cutting verges at the moment so hopefully these will be done soon. There was a general remark regarding the hedge at Bobby Hill which appeared to be encroaching onto the road. Councillor Lord confirmed that although Halifax Estates normally cut this, it is probably something for the ERYC to do. The Clerk is to send Councillor Hammond a plan.

Councillor Birks mentioned about the drain by the entrance to Thoralby, which has caused problems in the past, together with the possibility of further wear and tear along this road due to the bridge at Stamford Bridge being closed. The Clerk will have a look at the drain, but Councillor Lord confirmed that it is currently clear.

11. Change of Parish Council signatories – The Chair confirmed that signatories are now Councillor Lord, Councillor

Crow and Councillor Birks and himself.

12. Approval required for payments and cheques as set out in the agenda – Signed by the Chair and Councillor Birks and approval given by the rest of the Committee.

13. Accounting statements and Annual Governing Statements – The statements were approved by the Committee.

14. Any Other Business:

a. Devolution Deal consultation – The Committee agreed to ratify the Devolution Order in due course. Councillor Hammond added that elections should be held next year.

b. Councillor Crow said that the Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute Centenary will be celebrated next year and an event is being planned and that funds will need to be raised.

c. The Chair stated that Katherine Robinson was happy to carry on managing the Parish Council website.

d. Councillor Lord remarked there wasn't a correspondence list noted in the agenda. The Clerk replied that any correspondence was covered within the agenda and meeting. It was agreed to leave it on the agenda for items not covered by the meeting.

e. Councillor Hammond confirmed that the review of the ward boundaries is under way.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 16th September 2024 at Kirby Underdale Village Hall.

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