

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 165th Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on 17th September 2024

Present: Councillors: D J Pearson (Chair)
 Lady Halifax
 R Crow
 F Goodhart
 D Curtis
 D J Lord
 K Reagan
 T Atkinson
 H T Paul

In attendance: Councillor Derek Cary
 E Johnson (Clerk)

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

1. Apologies for absence received from Councillor Birks.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024 were signed as a true record, by the Chair.
3. Declarations of Interest – The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.
4. There were no matters arising from the last Meeting.
5. The Clerk has chased Quickline for an update on the Broadband provision within the Parish. He reminded the meeting that Quickline are intending to move as many properties as possible from telegraph pole system to the Garrowby Hill Mast which will improve the service to those remaining on the telegraph poles. There does not seem to be any improvement to date – it was therefore hoped that this change was yet to happen.
6. CPR & Defibrillator training – it was reported that 20 people attended and it was felt very worthwhile to hold on an annual basis. The Chair was happy to organise again, and it was thought best to keep at the Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute.
7. Potholes – Councillor Lord reported that the jet patching vehicle had come through Kirby Underdale but somehow missed the stretch of road outside the Church. Councillor Cary agreed to speak with Highways to see if this area could be repaired.
8. Dog fouling - Councillor Birks mentioned before the meeting that dog waste bags had been left in the village again. It was agreed that there was not much else to be done other than to monitor the situation. It was agreed not to go down the route of bins for collecting bags.
9. It was reported that the footbridge by Low Hall (and the nearby one – Footpath 2)) have been completed and the Committee were grateful to Councillor Hammond for sorting this out.
10. Jubilee Pasture – Councillors Lord and Atkinson are due to meet shortly to look at what is required regards to the dam for the pond. Katherine Robinson had asked if the log that had washed down could be moved before it caused any trouble.
11. It was still felt that tractors were coming through Bugthorpe Village too quickly. It was felt that a 20mph speed limit should be pushed for in the Village and/or to extend the 30mph speed limit beyond the boundaries of the village to give people enough warning to slow down.

12. Bugthorpe Parish Clock – the Clock needs re-gilding. There should be funds to carry out this work. Councillor Atkinson agreed to look into this matter to get a quote. It was agreed that if costs were over £100, two quotes should be obtained.
13. Correspondence list – there was a discussion about the Community Energy Fund and specifically EV points. It was noted that not many people are using electric cars at the moment and therefore there was little point in looking at this further.
14. Any other Business:
 - a. Councillor Lord mentioned that the dwarf posts and chains in Kirby Underdale need a little attention. He suggested that the Parish Council might pay for the repairs/replacements. He would be happy to paint them.
 - b. Councillor Crow mentioned a number of overgrown hedges namely Bobby Hill and the hedge on the corner paddock opposite Bugthorpe Church and the Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute. The Clerk said the Estate would action this.
 - c. Councillor Lord raised the issue of rental charges for the Village Halls. The principle of the Parish Council being charged for meetings was agreed and it was suggested that the members of the Village Hall Committees within the Parish Council should report back to their committees.
 - d. Councillor Crow mentioned that the Defibrillator at the Estate Office was at times tricky to get to due to the wheelie bins. The Clerk agreed to look at this.
15. Approval by the Committee was given for the payments to Halifax Estates:

Re-charge of the Bishop Wilton Parish Pump fee (£45).
 New batteries for the defibrillators (£572.40).
 42 bags of rock salt (£163.80).
16. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute.