

PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE

Minutes of the 171st Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute on 17th March 2026

Present: Councillors: D J Pearson (Chair - DP)

F Goodhart (FG)
D Lord (DL)
E Fenton (EF)
R Crow (RC)
C Flynn (CF)

In attendance: E Johnson (Clerk - EJ)
Cllr Leo Hammond

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

1. Election of Officers – it was agreed to co-opt Chris Flynn onto the committee. DL proposed and this was seconded by EF. All welcomed CF onto the committee.
2. Apologies for absence received from Lady Halifax, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Birks, Cllr Paul and Councillor West. Councillor Hammond was thanked for attending.
3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December were signed as a true record by the Chair.
4. The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) order 2001. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Ian MacDonald to advise whether the clock should be taken down to clean or left in-situ – EJ to speak with him. EJ to advise on the clock fund balance periodically.
6. The 2026/27 precept was approved on 13th January.
7. The road from Kirby Underdale to Painsthorpe Hall has been resurfaced and just needs the verges filling in – the meeting were very grateful to Councillor Hammond for progressing this. EF commented that the drain cover by the Old Vicarage needs to be repaired or replaced. Councillor to Hammond will follow this, together with the work required to the verges.

York Lane – all agreed that this is in a poor state of repair. Councillor Hammond to look into this with Highways and report back.

RC raised concerns with the A166/Barff Lane junction after the recent accident. Councillor Hammond is aware and is pushing for junction warning signs to be installed. Councillor to push this. RC suggested that double white lines would perhaps be more beneficial than warning signs. Councillor Hammond has enquired about double white lines but doesn't feel the EYRC will do this due to good sight lines. Councillor Hammond made the point that all other junctions have warning signs. He also reminded the meeting about Operation Snap and the ability for motorists to report incidents of dangerous driving caught on dashcams.

8. Sewage Treatment – DL asked what was happening. CF said the security guard had told members of the public not to use the footpath and had an aggressive dog and had told one person that his dog would 'rip off the head' of their dog. The security dog is also freely running around and is not under control in close proximity to the local primary school. Councillor Hammond & EJ to report to Yorkshire Water.
9. Fibre Broadband – no updates.

10. Dog Fouling – the proposal of using the Church’s bin was discussed and it was felt it would be hard to get the signage right. RC suggest a new bin by the salt bin rather than by the bench. This was agreed. EJ to Liaise with ERYC.
11. Bugthorpe Speed limit – the new school warning signs have been installed. EJ to look into the School 20mph signs for Kirby Underdale.
12. There were no cheques for signature/payments to approve.
13. Any other Business

RC asked if EYRC have to collect browns bins once a week. Councillor Hammond reported that this is a waste of time and money (additional staff have been employed/new vehicles purchased) and the matter has been raised but there seems little chance of reversing the policy.

RC raised the hedge encroaching into the road at Bobby Hill – Councillor Hammond to speak to Highways.

Kirby Underdale posts & chains – DL raised whether repairs could be carried out to the posts and chains in the village. EJ to confirm whether the Estate will do this.

Litter pick – the litter pick will take place on Saturday 28th March.

Post-meeting The subject of speeding vehicles past Gorman Castle should have been raised. It has been noted that vehicles heading in either direction can at times be driving at speeds in excess of what is felt to be a safe speed. The matter is to be further monitored.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th May at Kirby Underdale Village Hall at 7pm.