

## **PARISH COUNCIL OF BUGTHORPE AND KIRBY UNDERDALE**

Minutes of the 172<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirby Underdale Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

F Goodhart (FG)  
D Birks (DB)  
E Fenton (EF)  
R Crow (RC)  
C Flynn (CF)  
D Curtis (DC)

In attendance:                      E Johnson (Clerk - EJ)  
D Whitaker (DW)

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

1.      Election of Officers:  
Chair – Councillor Birks proposed Councillor Pearson, and this was seconded by Councillor Goodhart.  
Vice Chair – Councillor Goodhart proposed Councillor Birks, and this was seconded by the Chair.  
Clerk - Councillor Fenton proposed EJ, and this was seconded by Councillor Birks.
2.      Apologies for absence received from Cllr Leo Hammond, Cllr West, Cllr Cary, Councillor Paul, Councillor Lord and Councillor Lady Halifax.
3.      The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2026 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.      Matters Arising from the last meeting:
  - (i) KPG Decorating have finished Bugthorpe Clock and those who have seen it, were very happy with the outcome.
6.      Road Repairs - The road from Kirby Underdale to Painsthorpe Hall has been resurfaced and just waiting for the verges to be filled in. It is thought it might need to be partially dug up again in relation to water pipes which is frustrating.  
  
FG felt that part of the Kirby Underdale village road needed further work. Cllr Hammond to be asked about York Lane as no action to date.
7.      Sewage Treatment (Yorkshire Water & Bugthorpe Waste Treatment) – EJ reported that responses were received from Yorkshire Water following the incidents with the security guard and their dog. Now completed without any further issues and Cllr Hammond was thanked for writing to Yorkshire Water.
8.      Fibre Broadband – some people have been approached to sign up to Quickline. Their approach seems a little ad hoc. EJ to contact Quickline to see if an organised approach will be rolled out.
9.      Dog Fouling – bin still to be installed by Bugthorpe Church but no further issues to report.
10.     Speed limits – Kirby Underdale residents to agree where the new signs will be positioned (which EJ has). Cllr Hammond to report re the bottom of Garrowby Hill/ Bugthorpe turning.

11. Payments approved:

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| 18/05/26 | ERNLLCA                      | £304    |
| 18/05/26 | Halifax Estates              | £1,291  |
| 18/05/26 | Bugthorpe PCC                | £300.00 |
| 18/05/26 | Bugthorpe War Mem Ins        | £300.00 |
| 18/05/26 | Kirby Underdale PCC          | £300.00 |
| 18/05/26 | Kirby Underdale Village Hall | £300.00 |
| 18/05/26 | Friends of Bugthorpe School  | £250.00 |
| 18/05/26 | Gill Sissons                 | £72.50  |
| 18/05/26 | Ian MacDonald                | £75     |

EJ reported that the balance of the Clock Fund was £4,022.94. The invoice of £2,384.40 was approved for payment.

The Annual Governance & Accountability Return was tabled. It was agreed to send out by email to the committee for them to give their approval.

12. Any other Business

- a. CF mentioned the Bugthorpe Village Festival taking place on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026. No further action required at the moment. Update to follow.
- b. RC raised the Bobby Hill hedge. No action to date. Councillor Hammond to report.
- c. Bugthorpe/Malton Road – potholes to look at before parish boundary – EJ to report to Cllr Hammond.
- d. DP informed the committee of Foxholes PC and their request that other PCs object to the proposal for exploratory drilling for shale gas in Foxholes, particularly on the grounds of possible contamination to drinking water in the chalk aquifer which extends across the Wolds. The general feeling was that further information was required before a decision can be made.
- e. DW raised the repairs to posts and chains in Kirby Underdale. Seems unclear whether it is the posts or the chains (or both) that require repairing. EJ to look into.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 7pm.