

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. M. McPherson, 1 Combe Crescent, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT – 2021

As there was no APM in 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the report reflects work that was carried out in 2019/20 as well as 2020/21.

Wind Turbines – The Appeal by Zephyr was successful and the licence for the Wind Farm has been extended.

Duddon Estuary Safety signs – The Parish Council funded and erected safety signs at three locations on the Estuary.

Flooding – Funding has been secured to carry out work to alleviate flooding on the A595 at Marshside. The work to be carried out and a date for this to begin has not yet been announced.

The Parish Council successfully applied for a Community Grant from CCC to replace the footpath bridge over the beck at Marsh Garth, which should assist in alleviating flooding in that area. It is hoped that work will be carried out to replace the bridge during 2021.

Soutergate to Beckside Footpath – The footpath has now been restored by the Farmer at Low Hall Farm. The Parish Council made a donation of £200 to the Farmer to assist with the cost of this.

A595 Grizebeck By-pass – The Government have approved funding for the A595 Grizebeck by-pass. Consultations with regard to this will be ongoing and the Parish Council will continue to support the local residents to ensure that the Residents are involved in any decisions to ensure that the best possible outcome for all is reached.

Lengthsman – The Lengthsman, whose work is funded by the Parish Council, continues to carry out magnificent work around the Village including clearing drains, repairing Village signs, clearing out bus shelters and the cutting back of shurbbery on footpaths.

Barbara Copley retired from the Council during 2021 and a new Councillor, Sarah Rhodes, was welcomed onto the Council.

BY LAST AND BY NO MEANS LEAST

COVID-19 – The current pandemic has proved challenging for all and over the last 12 months or so has caused heartbreak and hardship for so many, not just within the Parish but the around Whole World.

Parish Meetings have, since May 2020, been held virutally via Zoom, which has proved very successful. A return to their face to face meetings will begin in June 2021.

The Parish Council made a donation of £198.36 to St. Cutherbert PCC for the printing of sheets providing information to assist Parish residents in the first lockdown, in March 2020.

The Parish Council has also made donations to various orgnisations within the Parish to help assist with the financial impact, due to the measures the Government have needed to put in place to try to control the virus. These include:-

£100 to each to all the Churches and Halls

£100 to Woodland to assist with the cost of erecting fencing around the Hall to protect it from visitors who are misuing the facilities.

Alison Field

Clerk to the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

6th May 2021