

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. M. McPherson, 1 Combe Crescent, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 16th February 2017 in Beckside Rooms

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr. Todd, Cllr. Cragg and Cllr. Copley

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson, H.R. Saunders, M. Jackson, J. Byrne, R. Hodge, M. Irving, F.T. Wayles
District Cllr. J Curwen, County Cllr. D. Fletcher

Members of the public: Mr. D. Anderson, Mr. B. Morrish

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

Declaration of Interests

The Chairman expressed a declaration of interest in 12(d).

3. Chairman's remarks

Agenda

Chairman proposed an amendment to item 7 on the Agenda. The proposal was for the sentence under the heading be replaced with "Update on outstanding actions".

A595 Group Annual Meeting held 18th February 2017

The Chairman informed the Council that he had given the meeting an update on the Council's position with regard to the issue of an additional bus shelter.

4. Open Forum

Slurry in river at Chaples

Mr. Anderson reported to the Council that a resident of Chaples had approached him with regard to slurry from the quarry being deposited in the stream running through Chaples. The Chairman informed Mr. Anderson that the Council were aware of the problem and that the matter is in hand, Cllr. Cragg is contacting the Quarry to report this. District Cllr. Curwen reported that he has already spoken to the Quarry about this and they inform him that the problem is the result of the work they are carrying out on reducing the waste piles. During this process the ground is disturbed and the residue is then deposited into the stream during rainfall. It is only a temporary problem and will stop once the work is completed. Mr. Anderson agreed to report this back to the resident.

Kirkby Community Centre

Mr. Anderson reported to the Council that the Community Centre Committee have concluded that it will not be possible to raise funds for a replacement building. Their proposal now is to retain the original building and make interior alterations. He detailed the proposed alterations and advised it is hoped that plans will be drawn up within the next 2 months. Mr. Anderson thanked the Council for their continued support in relation to this matter.

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2017 were approved and signed, following one amendment. At item 6 it states the car park at Grizebeck Community Centre “has been resurfaced”. This should be “is to be resurfaced”.

6. **Parish Plan/Community Led Plan**

Affordable Homes

A reply had been received from SLDC in response to the Council’s letter of 26th January 2017. This was read to the Councillors. It was felt that whilst this is the most detailed reply the Council have had on this issue to date, it still needs to be established if there is a need for social housing in Kirkby and if so, the exact figure. It was agreed that whilst there is no urgency on this, the Council will need to know this information in the future. An action to write to SLDC requesting this information was deferred to a later date. Mr. Hodge will consider the letter received from SLDC in detail and report back to the Council.

Action: Council to write to SLDC re numbers identified for social housing – action deferred to a later date

County Cllr. Fletcher advised that any residents in need of social based housing should be encouraged to register with Choice Base Lettings.

Action Team Reports

Community Facility – Grizebeck Community Centre. The car park is to be resurfaced on 20th/21st February 2017.

7. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising not on the Agenda.

8. **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**

No police report.

a) **A595 matters**

- i. **Watery Lane** – The die test organised by David Sankey, Highway Steward has been carried out to see if the Highways drains run into the manhole on Watery Lane and it does not. The matter has been passed to the Countryside Access Team at Cumbria County Council for them to investigate. The Chairman informed the Council that the daughter of one of the residents affected, Mrs. Whitworth, had contacted him and advised that her mother has had to have her property tanked as a result of the problem.

County Cllr. Fletcher offered to contact the Countryside Access Team regarding this ongoing problem.

Action: Cllr. Fletcher to contact Countryside Access Team

- ii. **Low Gill, Chaples** – It was reported that there is a blockage on the drain at this location and the road will need to be closed to solve it.
- iii. **Tippins Lane** – It was reported that the recent work being carried out on Tippins Lane is investigatory work in preparation for replacing the wall, which is to be strengthened.
- iv. County Cllr. Fletcher provided the Council with a map of the area listing all the manhole numbers. The Chairman thanked him. This will assist when reporting problems. Cllr. Byrne will keep the copy of the map.
- v. The Council were advised that the 10 day closure of the A595, in order to carry out extensive repairs to buildings at Dove Ford, will take place before the 8th March.

b) Hotline Reports

None reported.

c) Hotline Progress

No updates.

9. Miscellaneous Matters

a) To receive and discuss Pylon issues

The Chairman had attended a Parish Council Co-ordination Group Meeting on 8th February and reported back to the Cllrs. A suggestion at that meeting had been for all Councils to reply to the OFGEM consultation currently taking place, which is a consultation on the projects Initial Needs Case and suitability for tendering. It was agreed that the Council will write to OFGEM as part of this consultation.

Action: Chairman to write to OFGEM

b) To consider and resolve the problem of street lighting repairs

Following the last meeting a letter had been sent to SLDC regarding maintenance of the street lights and a reply had been received from Andrew Vickers. He stated that SLDC have an agreement with CCC for maintenance of street lights and it may be possible to include KIPC lights in this agreement. Cllrs. agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr. Vickers asking him to make these enquiries of CCC and provide him with the information he has requested in his letter.

Action: Clerk to write to Andrew Vickers with requested information.

West Lakes Electrical of Bootle have also been approached with regard to the maintenance of the lights and may be able to carry out the work. The Cllrs. agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quote from them for the work.

Action: Clerk to write to Lakes Electrical to obtain a quote

10. Statutory Requirements

The Clerk informed that nobody had come forward regarding the vacancy for a Councillor and therefore the Council can now co-opt a member. The Chairman proposed co-opting Mr. Bob Morrish onto the Council. This was agreed unanimously by all the Council members. Mr. Morrish accepted the position.

11. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There were no items to discuss.

12. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for the month of January 2016 was presented by the Chairman and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £165 and expenses of £24.68 were agreed for the month of February.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th March 2017, was approved.
- d) Printing costs for December of £35.00 payable to Cllr. McPherson were approved.
- e) The Chairman informed the Cllrs. that suitable training for the Clerk had been identified - The Clerk Induction Course. This is to take place on 8th and 10th May 2017 at Kendal at a cost of £55.00. The Councillors approved the cost of the training.

Action: - Clerk to book the course

The Councillors discussed the need for a third Cllr. to be able to sign Council cheques. It was agreed for Cllr. Jackson to be the third signatory. The Chairman will complete all the necessary forms and submit them to the bank.

13. Planning

Three planning applications had been received. All Councillors had viewed and commented on the applications:-

- a) **The Grange** – No objections were raised by the Council but it was thought this was a good opportunity to improve the access onto the A595 from the land and to carry out an investigation to check water source was not contaminated. A response was submitted to SLDC outlining these points.
- b) **Old Hill Farm-** There were no objections to this application. Response sent to The National Park Authority.
- c) **Barn at Head Cragg** - There were no objections to this application. The Clerk to submit the response to SLDC and point out that there is a mistake at Number 24 on the application, it is incorrect that the property cannot be seen from a public highway.

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:-

Letter from Mitchells Land Agency From CALC	Consultation document – Willow Establishment - Ashleck Hall Highways maintenance by parishes Paperwork for District Association Meeting to be held 9/3/17 Pre-election guidance for town and parish councils CALC Newsletter February 2017 Commissioners Property Fund NALC Legal Training – 5 April 2017 The Great British Spring Clean
Letter from SDLC	
Press release from National Grid	
A595 Action Group	Public Meeting 18 th February 2017
Susie Ramsden	Request for Funding Cumbria Dyslexia Project

The Cllrs. discussed in detail the proposal to plant Willow on land at Ashleck Hall. The Councillors felt a response should be submitted outlining the following concerns:-

- Out of character for the area
- Misleading that all proposed land arable
- Restricted view from Rigg Well, which borders one of the fields
- The longevity of the plant – contract for 20 years
- Access out of junction will be restricted.

Action: Clerk to write to Mitchells Land Agency in response to proposal

15. Reports

a) Parish Councillor's Report

- Bank End Road – Hedge does not get trimmed which is proving a problem for vehicles. The Highways are proposing to carry work out on this road but have advised they cannot force Mr. Maddock, who is responsible for the hedge, to cut it. It was agreed that Council will write to him requesting he do so.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Maddock – re cutting of the hedge

- A proposal was made that there should be a survey carried out of the water hydrants.
- Mr. Cooper is no longer able to cut the grass verges therefore the Council will need to find someone else to do this.
- Parking on grass verges in the vicinity of the school is becoming a problem.
- The road edges between Four Ends to Soutergate are being worn away by the lorries using this road.
- A traffic measuring device has been put down at Becksides but it is not known who requested this. Highways claimed they did not have any knowledge of it but will look into this and report back.
- District Cllr. Curwen has requested the litter pick on the A595 at Muirlands but does not know when this will be carried out.

b) Country Councillors's Report

County Cllr. Fletcher presented his report noting the following:-

- A full SDLC meeting to determine the yearly budget for 2017/18 was held today. The budget has been reduced and the downward trend is expected to continue. The grant settlement is not known as yet. A discussion took place between the Cllrs. on how the reduction may affect council services in general.
- The problem with the drain by the Church has been reported and he has requested Karen Aston to make an appointment with the Parish Council regarding this.
- He offered his support on the issue of the Pylons and said he would be willing to attend future meetings of the PCCG. He reported that SLDC are also to send a representative to the meetings.
- He informed that he is an elected member of the National Park Authority for the Southern District Area and is trying to encourage the NPA to hold their next visit at Grizebeck.

c) District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Curwen gave his report to the Council in particular noting the following:

- Hedges – vehicles cutting hedges are travelling fast and cutting the hedges low down which leads to the roots infiltrating the drains. Cllr. Curwen has spoken with Keith Massa about this who has advised that the drains are being cleared, however, Cllr. Curwen believes they are not being cleared sufficiently.
- Following concerns regarding the barn conversion at the property at Beanthwaite, the Environmental Health Officer has visited the site today and is to report back to Cllr. Curwen following his visit.
- Cllr. Curwen is meeting with the Environmental Agency on Tuesday 23rd February regarding growth of vegetation in streams, which is a problem in some areas as it is stopping the natural flow. He asked if any of the Cllrs. knew where this is a problem could they please advise him before the meeting on Tuesday so it can be looked at.

16. Deferred Actions Review

There were no deferred actions.

17. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th March 2017

Alison Field
Clerk to Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council