

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Kirkby Village Hall, Beckside**

### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

No absences

#### **Present:**

Cllrs. M. McPherson, M. Jackson, H.R. Saunders, J. Byrne, M. Irving, F.T. Wayles, W. Todd, B. Morrish, B. Copley

District County Cllr. D. Fletcher Cllr. J Curwen (due to other commitments did not attend until later in the meeting),

Members of the public: Mr. R. Rushton, Mr. Grieve

### **2. Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensation.

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. McPherson declared an interest in Item 14 (d) and (g).

### **4. Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman advised of and explained changes to the format of the Agenda. This included the addition of Matters for Any Other Business and Any Other Business, which now encompasses Councillors reports. He explained that Cllrs. would need to declare anything they wished to discuss at Matters for Any Other Business and these would then be discussed at Any Other Business.

### **5. Open Forum**

#### **Kirkby Community Centre, Beckside**

Mr. Rushton presented the building proposals for the Community Centre at Beckside on behalf of the Community Centre Committee. The plan is to extend the existing building thus keeping the cost to a budget which is realistic to achieve. He advised that the work would be carried out in two phases in order that the building can continue to be used by the sports clubs. He informed Cllrs that it will also be possible to apply for grants to assist with funding, e.g. Sport England award grants for this type of project. He asked for the Cllrs. support in the revised plan. The Cllrs. fully supported the proposal. Mr. Rushton thanked the Cllrs. and advised that the Committee would be requesting a letter of support from the Parish Council in due course.

County Cllr. Fletcher suggested that the Committee could seek funding for the project from SLDC.

#### **Proposed dwelling – Mr. Grieve**

Mr. Grieve addressed the Council with regard to proposals to build a property on land owned by his family adjacent to Head Cragg, Kirkby. The Cllrs. had received documentation on this prior to the meeting. Mr. Grieve explained that he is ready to submit the plans to SLDC and had been advised by them that as it was outside the allocated development for Kirkby, he would need local support for the plans, which is why he had attended the meeting to address the Cllrs. The Cllrs. discussed the proposal after which the Chairman advised Mr. Grieve that the Parish Council are not oppose to the build but a concern had been raised that it was outwith the allocated developments.

### **6. Matters for Any Other Business**

Cllr. Copley – Footpaths

Cllr. McPherson - litter

**7. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed.

**8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

- Cllr. Fletcher advised that the debris from the manhole which was causing the problem on Watery Lane has now been cleared. However, the main concern is for the long term management of this issue. He advised that SLDC have suggested that a constituted group could be formed which could manage any future problem. He informed that this Group would be eligible to apply for funding for assistance in solving this problem should an issue arise again.

Cllr. Byrne reported that Mr. David Anderson has expressed his agreement to be part of the Group and she too would also be prepared to be a member. Also a resident who had been affected by the problem had expressed an interest in joining the group and it was agreed that an invite should also be given to Mr. Curruthers.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Mr. Anderson to discuss setting up the Group***

Cllr. Byrne informed that United Utilities are now also involved as some of the water is seeping into their substation. She advised that seemingly the water is running onto land belonging to Holker Estates and then, from there finding its way into the substation. It was agreed that in light of this, a letter should be also sent to Holker Estates inviting them to have a representative in the Group.

***Action: Cllr. Byrne to write to Holker Estates***

Cllr. Fletcher informed that Carol Last at SLDC had offered her assistance in setting up the group.

- It was agreed that the invite to the Community to assist in solving the problem of affordable housing will be put in the Parish Magazine.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to place in Parish Magazine***

- Cllr Fletcher had reported the Council concerns over the handling of the closure of A595 at Grizebeck, to the Highways Dept. Cllr. Irving advised that phone calls and emails to the Highway Dept, in respect of that road closure had gone unanswered. Cllr. Fletcher will report this back and also the Councils concern that whenever there is a road closure in the area it is always chaos due to bad signage.

***Action: Cllr. Fletcher to report concerns of Council to Highways Dept***

- The Clerk had written to Fairview Farm regarding the silage causing a problem on the road outside the school. Mrs. Saunders of Fairview Farm had contacted Cllr. Saunders and asked him what the Council expected them to do about it. Cllr. Saunders had suggested that maybe they could carry out the work in dry weather.
- David Anderson has now erected warning notices on the bottom incline.
- The Clerk had written to the Police to alert them to the increased activity of wide lorries at Bank End Road.
- Cllr. Byrne had written to SLDC requesting yellow lines were extended outside the school and advised that she has been informed that her letter has been passed to Victoria Upton. She has as yet had no response from Ms. Upton.

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

There was no police report.

**a) A595 matters**

There was no matter to report.

**b) Hotline Reports**

Cllr. Todd reported a problem with the surface of the road between Beckside and High Ghyll, which has been washed away into the ghyll, together with part of the wall at the side of the road. Cllr. Fletcher agreed to contact Peter Hoskins, Highways Area Manager and ask him to carry out a site inspection. Cllr. Todd asked if he could also be in attendance when the inspection is carried out.

***Cllr. Fletcher to contact P. Hoskins to arrange site inspection.***

The following problems were reported by Councillors:

- Potholes at both ends of Bank End Road
- White lines at junction of Bank End Road and A595 need repainting.
- Drain at Beanthwaite on the right hand side of the road. Cllr. Fletcher reported that this has been raised this with highways, has been inspected, and the matter is in hand.
- Drains blocked from top of the hill to the police station at Soutergate

**c) Hotline Progress**

A drain at Soutergate has been cleared.

**10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan**

**a) Reports**

No reports were given

**b) Actions**

No actions reported.

**11. Current Matters**

**a) National Grid's Proposals**

Cllrs. McPherson and Todd had attended the Parish Council Co-ordination Group's April Meeting and reported back to the Cllrs.

**b) Maintenance of Street Lighting**

The Clerk reported that she has received confirmation from West Lakes Electrical that they would be able to assist with the maintenance of the street lights. The clerk is currently awaiting an estimate from them for this work.

The Clerk is also waiting for a response from Andrew Vickers at SLDC, as to the possibility of the maintenance of the lights being included in the contract that SLDC have with Cumbria.

**c) Johnathon Metcalfe is now cutting the grass verges. It was reported that he agrees with the financial arrangements for carrying this work out and is aware that he is not an employee of the Council but is paid an honorarium.**

**d) Watery Lane**

It was noted that this issue has already been discussed under Matters arising from the previous meeting.

**e) Affordable Homes**

This too had already been discussed.

**12. Statutory Requirements**

**a) Vacancy arising from resignation of Cllr. Hodge**

The Clerk advised the Cllrs that the notice of a vacancy had been placed on the notice boards and the period for election finished on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. The clerk informed that a Mr. Winstanley of Gargreave Farm, Soutergate had shown interest in the position. Mr. Winstanley is to be invited to attend the next meeting.

***Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Winstanley***

**b) Vacancy arising from resignation of Cllr. Cragg**

Cllr. McPherson reported that Cllr. Megan Cragg has offered her resignation. The Clerk to notify SLDC.

***Action: Clerk to notify SLDC of the resignation of Cllr. Cragg***

Letters of thanks to be sent to Robert Hodge and Megan Cragg.

***Action: Clerk to send letters of thanks***

**c) Transparency Code**

The Clerk informed the Cllrs. of the action that needs to be taken in order to be compliant with the Transparency Code. It was noted that some of the requirements are already in place. The Councillors are listed on the Parish Website, however their details do need updating to include their responsibilities on the Council. Also the Agenda and Minutes of Meeting will need to be posted on the site every month and a Yearly financial statement and AGM minutes will also need to be uploaded to the site.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to upload information required***

**13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

Nothing to report.

**14. Accounts**

- a) A financial statement for the financial year 2016/2017 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £132 and expenses of £16.88 were agreed for the month of April.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th May 2017, was approved.
- d) Printing costs for February of £35.00 payable to Cllr. McPherson were approved.
- e) The payment of £54.29 to EON for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was approved.
- f) The payment of £22.95 to Cllr. Hodge in respect of travelling costs in attending the Community Led Housing Fund Event held by SLDC at Kendal on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was approved.
- g) The payment of £27.00 to Cllr. McPherson in respect of travelling costs in attending the PCCG meeting in march and April 2017 was approved
- h) The Councillors discussed making a donation to the Parish Council Co-ordination Group and agreed in principle to this. It was noted however that any donation would need to be in accordance with the financial regulations for Parish Councils.

***Action: Clerk to contact to CALC to clarify position with regard to donation***

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to ascertain what the donation could be allocated for***

- i) A Finance Sub Committee Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00 am at Beckside to review the annual Statement of Account for audit purposes.

The Clerk informed that the payment of £40 for street lighting to the owner of Modern, Soutergate has still not been made. She advised that she has tried to contact the daughter of Mrs. Newton without success. Cllr. Wayles who knows the daughter will contact her to discuss this.

***Action: Cllr. Wayles to contact daughter of Mrs. Newton***

**15. Planning**

The following planning applications had been received and comments were as follows:-

SL/2017/0176 – 1 Chapels Row, Kirkby-in-Furness

No objections or comments

SL/2017/0308 - Stone Arthur, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness

No objections or comments

SL/2017/0126 – The Farmhouse Head Cragg, Kirkby-in-Furness

No objections or comments

Proposed dwelling adjacent to Head Crag, Kirkby-in-Furness – this was discussed under Open Forum

Cllr. Saunders asked if there had been any update from the Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department in relation to the development at Beanthwaite, about which the Parish Council has concerns. The Clerk informed that as far as she was aware no reply had been received. Cllr. Fletcher advised the Council to write to Myrah Lock, the representative for the South Distinct Area.

*Action: Clerk to chase National Park Authority for reply*

#### 16. Correspondence

The Chairman informed the Cllrs. of all the correspondence received, which was then placed in the file for circulation.

#### 17. Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Council

The date of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of Council. Cllr. McPherson to contact the various organisations within the Parish and ask them to prepare a report which can be read out at the APM.

#### 18. Any Other Business

- Cllr. Curwen gave his normal report as follows:-
  - There had been flooding at Gargreave again during heavy rain
  - He believes the main road bridge at Soutergate is to be closed but no notification of when or for how long has yet been given.
  - Dog dirt in the area is becoming an issue.

*Action: Cllr. McPherson will raise this in the Parish Newsletter*

- **Footpaths**

The following were raised on behalf of Mr. David Anderson who could not attend the meeting as he was on holiday:-

**Footpath 539007 – Burlington Slate Quarry** – Mr. Anderson had not objected to the proposed divergence of path but had highlighted the need for more warning signs around the ponds in that area.

**Footpath between Soutergate and Beckside** – Mr. Anderson was asking for the Council's support in an application to change the footpath to a bridleway. Cllr. Fletcher advised that Mr. Anderson needs to apply to the County Council who will forward it to the Parish Council for their comments. It was agreed that comments would be made at that time.

**Kissing gate at Soutergate car park** – This needs repairing but it was noted that this is in hand. Mr. Pine will carry out this work.

- **Litter** – Cllr. McPherson raised the issue of the highway signs around the area which are not removed by the Highway Dept when work is finished. He informed he has contacted them to ask them to remove them but to no avail. Cllr. Fletcher advised to contact SLDC Waste Department and they will remove them.

*Action: Cllr. McPherson to ring SLDC Waste Dept*

#### 19. Deferred Actions Review

There were no deferred actions.

#### 20. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00 pm  
At Beckside Rooms**

**Alison Field  
Clerk to the Parish Council**