

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council Held Thursday 18th May 2017 at 7 pm in Becksie Rooms

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

County Cllr. Brereton, District County Cllr. J Curwen

3 Members of the public

The residing Chairman handed the meeting over to the Clerk for election of the Chairman.

2. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Todd nominated Cllr. McPherson. This was seconded and agreed by the whole Council.

Cllr. McPherson then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Jackson was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman. This was seconded and agreed by the whole Council.

4. Declarations of Acceptance Office

Cllrs. McPherson and Jackson signed Declarations of Interests.

5. Election of Representatives to other bodies and committees

The Finance Sub Committee membership was confirmed as follows:-

Cllr. Byrne, Cllr, McPherson, Cllr. Saunders, Cllr. Todd, Cllr. Jackson.

All members agreed they would continue on the committee. Cllr. Moorish was nominated onto the committee and this was agreed by the whole Council.

6. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

7. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. McPherson declared an interest in Item 18 (e).

8. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed County Cllr. Brereton to the meeting following his recent election to the County Council.

The Chairman again explained the changes made to the format of the Agenda.

9. Open Forum

There were no comments from the members of the public.

10. Matters for Any Other Business

Cllr. Todd – Becksie/High Ghyll

Cllrs Irving – Bus shelters

District Cllr, Curwen – Police, Commissioner visit, Church drains, Bridge at Soutergate.

Cllr. McPherson - Gala

11. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April were approved and signed.

12. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- Cllr. McPherson advised that he had contacted Mr. Anderson with regard to setting up a constituted group to deal with the issue of watery lane. He confirmed that Mr. Anderson had agreed to set up the group and is currently in the process of establishing its membership.
- Cllr. Byrne advised that Rachael Bagshaw of Holker Estates had agreed to be a member of the constituted group.
- Cllr. McPherson reported that he had placed an invite in the Parish Magazine, to the Community, to assist in solving the problem of affordable housing, however, he had received no responses.
- As County Cllr. Fletcher had not been re-elected, Cllr. Irving reported the problems that had been experienced following the closure of the A595 at Grizebeck to County Cllr. Brereton. He said he would do all he could to assist.
- The Clerk had written to Mr. Winstanley inviting him to the AGM and he was present at the meeting.
- The Clerk had notified SLDC of the vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr. Cragg.
- Clerk had sent a letter of thanks to Cllrs. Cragg and Hodge for the hard work and commitment whilst serving on the Parish Council.
- Cllr. McPherson informed he has now uploaded the documentation onto the Parish website in compliance with the Transparency Code.
- Clerk advised she had contacted CALC by email with regard to donation to PCCG and is awaiting a reply.
- Cllr. McPherson advised that a donation to the PCCG may now not be required following the National Grid's decision to put on hold their North West Coast Connections project.
- Cllr Wayles had contacted the son of Mrs Newton, who is currently staying in her property. The Clerk reported that the son had contacted her and advised her that the cheque for the annual donation to the street lighting should be made payable to his sister, Mrs. Rutherford who is the executor of Mrs. Newton's estate. He explained that his sister lives in Scotland, however, the cheque can be forwarded to Mrs. Newton's address. The Council agreed for the Clerk to do this.
- The Clerk confirmed she had written to the National Park Authority and had received a response which she had passed on to Cllr. Saunders. The National Park had informed that they are currently awaiting a decision on the building application in respect of this development before deciding what action they will take.
- Cllr. McPherson advised that he had raised the issue of dog fouling in the Parish Newsletter.
- Cllr. McPherson advised that a member of the parish has collected the temporary road signs which had been left at the roadsides and agreed to store them until they are collected by Highways.

13. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

There was no police report. A letter had been received from Superintendent Rob O'Connor with regard to the constabulary engaging with communities. Within the letter it states that councils should be in receipt of a newsletter each month from the neighbourhood policing teams unless they have agreed otherwise with the parish council. As there is no such agreement in place with this Parish Council the Clerk is to contact the police to agree a way forward.

Action: Clerk to contact neighbourhood policing team – re monthly newsletter

a) A595 matters

It was reported that a study is being carried out on the Bridge at Soutergate by Highways to assess its weight capacity.

b) Hotline Reports

The following problems were reported by Councillors:

- Potholes outside village shop.
- An accident had occurred at the junction of Buckhorn Lane and A5092. It was felt by the Councillors that this should be a stop junction and not a give way. Cllr. Byrne agreed to contact Highways regarding this.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways

c) Hotline Progress

The Clerk informed that she had reported the pot-holes at Bridge End road and the problem with the give way sign being worn away on the new portal. An email had been received from SLDC advising that an inspection had been made of the give ways lines and that the work required will be included in an ongoing maintenance programme.

Cllr. Irving advised that work has been carried out on some of the potholes on Bridge End Road.

14. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

No reports were given

b) Actions

No actions reported.

15. Current Matters

a) National Grid's Proposals

Cllr. Todd gave a report on the May PCCG meeting. In light of the announcement by National Grid that the project has been put on hold, the Group will make a decision at the next meeting as to how the group will proceed.

b) Maintenance of Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Mr. Vickers at SLDC who advised that he still awaits confirmation from Cumbria County Council as to whether the maintenance of the street lights can be included in their existing contract. No estimate has yet been received from West Lakes Electrical for the work and it was agreed to wait for a reply from Cumbria County Council before chasing this.

c) Watery Lane

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

d) Affordable Homes

Nothing to report

e) Extension of yellow lines outside the school

Cllr. Byrne reported that a reply has been received from Victoria Upton, Highways who has stated that it should be possible to extend the yellow lines as proposed and will issue a request for this in due course. It was suggested that once the lines have been extended the Parish Council should kindly request the Headteacher at the School to advise parents against parking on the lines.

16. Statutory Requirements

a) Vacancy arising from resignation of Cllr. Hodge

Cllr. McPherson proposed the election of Mr. Ian Winstanley onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Jackson and agreed by all.

b) Vacancy arising from resignation of Cllr. Cragg

The Clerk reported that no-one has, as yet come forward for vacancy of Cllr., following Mrs. Cragg's resignation. She advised that the statutory 14 day period ends on 25th May 2017.

17. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Nothing to report.

18. Accounts

- a) The Finance Sub Committee Report was presented. This was approved by the Council. The Annual Audit documentation was signed by the Chairman and the RFO. This will now be submitted to Hornby's Accountants for assessment and following their approval, to the BDO.
- b) The Clerks salary of £132 and expenses of £16.88 were agreed for the month of May.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th June 2017, was approved.
- d) Printing costs for February of £37.00 payable to Cllr. McPherson were approved.
- e) The annual insurance premium of £556.21 payable to Zurich Municipal was approved by the Council. It was noted that there was an increase of £18.92 from last year.
- f) The sum of £218.18 for the CALC subscription for 2017/18 was approved together with £17.00 for the annual subscription for the Local Council Review.
- g) The 1st payment of £274.00 to Mr. Metcalfe for grass verge cutting was approved.
- h) The payment of £15 in respect of the cost of hire for Kirkby Village on 22nd August 2016 was approved.

19. Planning

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

SL/2017/0309 – Bell Hall Cottage, Soutergate – No comments or objections

SL/2017/0407 – West View, Sandside – change of use of building to Café (Class A3) – No objections were made on this application subject to the relevant health and safety regulations being met.

Notice of the following decisions had been received

7/2017/5132 – Moorhouse Farm, Grizebeck – granted.

7/2017/5194 – Low Heathwaite Yeat, Grizebeck – Non-material amendment – granted.

20. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and put in the correspondence file to be distributed to the Cllrs:-

Clerks & Council Direct

SLDC – Purdah – A short guide

Cumbria County Council – Order in respect of Footpath Nos. 539057 and 539058

SLDC – Information for funding for Parish Council to undertake Neighbourhood Planning

NALC – Bulletin dated 28th April 2017

SLDC- Invite to Code of Conduct Briefing

Environment Agency – Flood Risk Management Measures – new meeting dates

Mitchells Land Agency – Willow Establishment

North West Air Ambulance Charity

The letter from Mitchells Land Agency was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk will write to them again reiterating the points made previously with regard to the Cllrs. concerns about the proposal for a willow plantation.

21. Any Other Business

Bus Shelters - It was reported that there are a number of posters being put on the bus shelters and it is the policy of the Parish Council that nothing should be posted on them. A suggestion was made and agreed that if seen, these should be taken down.

Police Commissioner visit - Cllr. Curwen reported that he had attended the visit of the Police Commissioner at Coniston and had put forward the problem that was being experienced with theft in the area. He commented that it was disappointing that there was no representative from the Parish Council at the meeting. Cllr. Winstanley offered to attend any future meetings with the Police Commissioner.

Drains at the Church – Cllr. Curwen advised that an expert, is to investigate the drains within the Church yard to see if they are blocked. The cost of this investigation is £800.

Bridge at Soutergate – This had already been raised.

Gala – Attendance at the Gala was discussed. It was noted that the Chairman and the Clerk will be unable to attend as both are away on that date. Mr. Moorish will organise the Parish Stand. A rota is to be prepared for Cllrs. to attend the Gala.

22. Deferred Actions Review

There were no deferred actions.

23. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7.00 pm
At Marshside Methodist Church**

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**