

# 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> July 2017 at Grizebeck Community Hall

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. J. Byrne, W. Todd, F. Wayles

#### Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chairman) M. Jackson, H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley, I. Winstanley – from 7.00-7.50pm, R. Morrish  
District Cllr. J Curwen, County Cllr. M. Brereton

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Irving declared an interest in Item 12(b).

### 4. Chairman's remarks

Cllr. McPherson thanked Cllr. Jackson for chairing the June meeting in his absence.

### 5. Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

### 6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Soutergate Beck
- WW2 Veterans Tea Dance
- Buckhorn Lane Junction
- Environmental Agency
- Grass cutting on A595
- Kirkby in Furness Station
- Parking on pavements/verges
- Speeding in the village
- Beck at Chapels

### 7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – At page 27, Item 9(a), where it states Cllr. Irving throughout this paragraph it should read Cllr. Byrne. This was amended and the minutes were approved and signed.

### 8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- The Clerk advised that she has contacted the neighbourhood policing team and a report has been provided by PCSO Paul Harris. She informed that PCSO Harris has stated that he will prepare a report for all future parish meetings.
- Cllr. Byrne had advised the Clerk, prior to the meeting, that she has contacted the Traffic Management Team with regard to erecting black and white signage for Grizebeck Community Hall but as yet has not had a response.
- The Clerk informed that she has placed a request through the Cumbria County Council portal for speed measurement apparatus to be placed on the A595 at Marshside, following the concerns raised at the last meeting. A response has not yet been received with regard to this.

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

The police report from PCSO Harris was presented to the meeting. There was only one incident of note – On 14<sup>th</sup> July there was a minor dispute between neighbours over a private drive.

**a) A595 matters**

Cllr. Irving reported that the closure of the road for resurfacing at Grizebeck had gone well. There was however two incidents that had been reported to him:-

- The vehicle used for the re-painting the white lines on the road, following the resurfacing, had overtaken a tractor on Grizebeck Hill on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July and had then proceeded to flag down the tractor at the garage and given verbal abuse to the tractor driver.
- On the same day, the same vehicle had been involved in a collision with a gate post at Barn Holme, Grizebeck causing damage to the gate post.

It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Highways Department and report these incidents.

*Action: Clerk to write to Graham Wheelhouse, Highways Dept*

Cllr. Irving reported that there is a great deal of ragwort on the verges of the A595. As this is classed as a noxious weed, it was agreed for the Clerk to report this to Highways to ask for appropriate action to be taken to remove it.

*Action: Clerk to report Ragwort to Highways*

**b) Hotline Reports**

None reported

**c) Hotline Progress**

It was noted that the defects reported have now been cleared.

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

**a) Reports**

Community Facility - Cllr. Irving reported that the panels to reduce the echo in Grizebeck Community Hall have now been installed.

Cllr. McPherson reported that the plans for the alterations to the Kirkby Community Centre have now been submitted to the Planning Department. Also Sport England had visited the committee and advised on the availability of grants.

The Membership of the action groups was revised as follows:-

Burlington School – Cllr. McPherson

Community Facility – Cllrs. Wayes and Irving

Youth Activities – Cllr. Winstanley

Highways – Cllrs. Saunders and Byrne

Costal/Land Flooding – Cllrs. Copley and Jackson

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr. Morrish

Footpaths and Cycleways – Cllr. Copley

N.G. Pylon proposals – Cllr. Todd

Affordable Homes - It was agreed not to continue with an affordable homes group. It was noted that, as Cllr. Hodge had reported at the March meeting, funds would only be available to a community led (ie residents) or developer initiatives and no interest had been shown by the residents following the article in the monthly parish magazine.

**b) Actions**

No actions reported.

## 11. Current Matters

### a) National Grid's Proposals

The Chairman reported that due to the recent developments, the Group are to slow down their activity and will start again when/if required. He reported that Nugen have voiced concerns that National Grid did not consider the project in the detail they should have done, especially with regard to the offshore option.

### b) Maintenance of Street Lighting

The Clerk reported she had contacted Andrew Vickers at SLDC and he had replied that he still awaits a reply from Cumbria County Council.

### c) Watery Lane

There was no progress to report on this.

### d) Affordable Homes

Nothing to report on this matter. Cllr. Moorish proposed that this item now be moved to deferred actions. This was agreed.

### e) Reply from CALC re donations and layout of Agenda

Cllr. McPherson advised the Cllrs. that CALC have confirmed that the Council can make donations. Also, it is not incorrect to record actions in the minutes and place them as an item on the next meeting's agenda to follow up. CALC had however pointed out that if the Cllrs. need to make a decision on any of the actions, then this should be listed as a separate item on the agenda.

### f) Renewal of Kirkby Wind Farm

The Cllrs. discussed this at some length. The Chairman proposed that the Council do not support the extension of the licence. A vote was taken and this proposal was carried 5 votes to 2. District Cllr. Curwen and County Cllr. Brereton stated they would support the Council on their decision.

*Action: Clerk to write to appropriate authorities advising of this decision*

Cllr. Moorish informed that the local press had contacted him seeking the Council's views. It was agreed for Cllr. Moorish to contact the press and advise them of the Council's decision.

*Action: Cllr. Moorish to contact local press*

## 12. Statutory Requirements

### a) Vacancy arising from resignation of Cllr. Cragg

No interest has yet been shown on the vacancy following Cllr. Cragg resignation.

### b) Set dates and venues for Parish Meeting for next 12 months

Discussion took place with regard to this. It was agreed that on an annual basis the August and December meetings should take place at Grizebeck. Other meetings should alternate between Beckside Rooms, Beckside and the Marshside Methodist Church.

*Action: Clerk to book rooms for the next 12 months*

## 13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. McPherson advised that there has not been a meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Council Meeting.

## 14. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for the month of June 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 July.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th August 2017, was approved.
- d) There was no Parish Magazine for June due to Cllr. McPherson being away on holiday. Therefore no payment required.
- e) The payment of £18 for the hire of Grizebeck Community for the Meeting was approved.

- f) The second payment of £273 to Mr. Metcalfe for cutting of the grass was approved.
- g) The payment of £60.03 to E-ON for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was approved.

## 15. Planning

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

- SL/12017/0481 – Incline Foot Bungalow (amended plans)  
No comments or objections.
- Cumbria County Council Environment and Community Services – Consultation on an application for approval of details reserved by condition 5/16/9002, Conditions 31, 35 and 36.  
This application was with regard to the extension of Burlington Slate Quarry.  
No comments or objections.

Cllr. McPherson requested any comments to future applications, in respect of the quarry, be forwarded to Cllr. Todd, who has agreed to collate the comments and prepare a response.

Cllr. McPherson informed that following the consultation on an application for approval of details reserved by condition 5/16/9002 Conditions 5,16,20 & 34; 5/16/2001, Conditions 5,10, 13 & 19, which was on the June agenda, a letter had been written to Cumbria County Council Environmental and Regulator Services encompassing the Cllrs. responses.

Cllr. McPherson stated he would like to take this opportunity to report back to the Cllrs. on the issue of the unclear water in the Beck at Chapels, which had been reported to him by local resident Richard Thomas. He advised that he had contacted the quarry who had immediately sent representatives down to inspect this. He informed the quarry are looking into what action they can take to alleviate this problem. They had stated that one possibility is to construct a lagoon for the water, the sediment would then settle to the bottom of the lagoon and the clear water would drain off.

Cllr. Curwen informed that he has been reassured by the quarry that the problem will cease once the new quarry is up and running.

- 7/2017/5452 – OS Field 6682, Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck, Erect implement store building  
No comments or objections.
- 7/2017/5429 – Ashlack Hall, Grizebeck, Change of use from holiday let to full residential cottage.  
No objections or comments.

## 16. Correspondence

Cllr. McPherson advised the Cllrs of all the correspondence received, which was then placed in the file for circulation.

Letter from Mitchells Land Agency – 2018 willow Establishment Ashlack Hall  
Comments on this proposal had to be submitted by the 19<sup>th</sup> July. All Councillors had received a copy of this letter prior to the meeting and a reply had been compiled and submitted outlining the concerns the Council have with regard to this establishment. The Clerk to send a copy of this letter to Environmental Agency and Environmental Health at SLDC.

**Action: Clerk to copy letter to Environmental Agency and Environmental Health, SLDC**

## **17. Any Other Business**

### **Soutergate Beck**

It was reported that work has now started on re-boarding a stretch of Soutergate Beck. Peter Hoskings at Cumbria County Council had informed Cllr. Curwen that he had received correspondence from the Parish Council with regard to this matter. Cllr. McPherson confirmed that no correspondence has been sent to Mr. Hoskings. Cllr. Curwen is in discussion with the County Council to try to have the work extended further down the beck than what is proposed. Cllr. Curwen will keep the Parish Council updated with his progress on this.

### **Tea Dance**

Cllr. Moorish informed the Council of a World War 2 veteran tea dance which is taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### **Buckhorn Lane**

Cllr. Saunders pressed the need for a stop sign at the junction of Buckhorn lane with the A5092. Cllr. Brereton agreed to look into this issue. He was given a copy of the emails between Cllr. Byrne and Victoria Upton at Cumbria Highways regarding this.

*Action: Cllr. Brereton*

### **SLDC - Environmental Health**

Cllr. Curwen reported that Environmental Health are testing the quality of the water supply at Bailey Ground. He reported there is an issue with the inadequacy of the fencing around this water supply. He informed that he is meeting with Environmental Health Office soon and will advise her of other areas where there is a problem.

### **Grass Cutting – A595**

Cllr. Curwen said the grass verges are not being cut properly by the contractors employed by SLDC. He advised that he has contacted Peter Hoskings about this who advised their contract has just been renewed. Cllr. McPherson to also write to Peter Hoskings about this issue and will copy to Cllr. Brereton.

*Action: Cllr. McPherson to write to Mr. Hoskings*

### **Kirkby Station**

Cllr. Brereton reported on the issue of lack of parking at local train stations including Foxfield, Kirkby-in-Furness and Askam. This had been raised at the last County Council meeting. He advised that he is working with the Dalton Cllr. to highlight the issue and asked for the Parish Council's support on this. The Parish Council agreed to give their support. Cllr. Curwen advised that he has previously been in contact with Network rail over this issue and will provide Cllr. Brereton with the details of his contact there. It was noted that there is a pile of stones by the train station at Kirkby, on Network rail land. Next time Cllr. Curwen speaks with his contact he agreed to ask him what they were for.

### **Verges/Parking**

*Action: Cllr. Curwen to ask about stones next time he speaks to contact at Network rail*

**Verges/Parking**

Parking on grass verges continues to be a problem. Cllrs McPherson advised that he is going to put a note in the Parish magazine about this.

### **Speeding**

It was noted that this continues to be a problem throughout the village. The Clerk reported that she had highlighted this in her request to Highways for speed measurement devices to be placed on the A595 at Marshside.

### **Beck at Chapels**

It was noted that this had already been discussed.

## **18. Deferred Actions Review**

There were no deferred actions.

## **19. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.00 pm**  
**Beckside Community Hall**

**Alison Field**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**