

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Becksie Rooms, Becksie

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. I. Winstanley, F. Wayles and County Cllr. Brereton

### Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chairman) M. Jackson, H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley,  
R. Morrish, W. Todd, J. Byrne  
District Cllr. J Curwen

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. McPherson declared an interest in Item 14 (e).

### 4. Chairman's remarks

Cllr. McPherson proposed that the 5 year plan committee meet to review the plan. This was agreed Cllr. McPherson will contact the members to arrange a date.

### 5. Open Forum

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

### 6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Soutergate Beck
- Willow Establishment 2018
- Marshside Testing
- Cutting of grass verges
- Parking on grass verges/pavements
- Footpath Grizebeck to Chapels
- Signpost at Chapels
- Footpath railway bridge to Foxfield

### 7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved and signed.

### 8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- The Clerk advised that she had written to Graham Wheelhouse of the Highways Department regarding the incidents when the A595 had been resurfaced at Grizebeck. The Chairman read out the reply from Mr. Wheelhouse who apologised on behalf of the Council and stated he would pass the contact details of the Metcalfe's to the contractors who carried out the work, in order that they can contact the Metcalfes direct, in relation to the damage caused to their property.
- The Clerk advised that she has reported the problem with the ragwort to the Highways Department through the County Council portal. A message on the portal states the problem has been assessed and an update is currently awaited.
- Renewal of Kirkby Windfarm - The plans for the renewal of the wind farm have been received today. The Clerk is to respond to the application with the comments made at the last meeting.

*Action: Clerk to respond to the application*

- Cllr. Morrish advised that he has attempted to contact the reporter on the local press who had spoken with him asking for the Parish Council response to the proposal to extend the windfarm, but has not been able to reach him. No further action to be taken.
- The Clerk confirmed that the rooms had been booked for the Council Meetings for the next 12 months. A calendar of meetings was provided for each Councillor.
- The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the letter to Mitchells Land Agency was forwarded to the Forestry Commission and Environmental Health at SLDC. A reply had been received from SLDC, who advise they have no objection to the planation. Cllr. McPherson read their letter to the Councillors. It was proposed and agreed for the Clerk to write back to SLDC expressing a strong objection to the establishment.

*Action: Clerk to write to SLDC*

- Cllr. Brereton was to seek progress on the Council's request for stop lines at Buckhorn Lane but was unable to attend the meeting. However, Cllr. Byrne reported that she has received a response to her enquiry about this, from Stuart Braithwaite, Highway Network Engineer. He has advised that he will look into how this work can be funded and will report back to Cllr. Byrne. Cllr. Saunders had also looked into the matter and gave Cllr. Byrne some information regarding white lines which may be suitable for the junction. Cllr. Byrne to contact Mr. Braithwaite in September, upon his return from holiday.

*Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Stuart Braithwaite for progress update*

- Cllr. McPherson had spoken with Mr. Hoskings who had confirmed the details regarding the new Council contractor who cuts the grass. Mr. Hoskings had informed that the Council policy is for the verges to be cut once every year and twice every fourth year. With regards to the area between Chapels and Kirkby Hall, Mr. Hoskings had reported that he did not believe this was on the schedule but would check and report back to Cllr. McPherson.

## 9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

A police report from PCSO Harris was presented to the meeting.

### a) A595 matters

There were no matters reported.

### b) Hotline Reports

- Layby at Muirlands – pothole
- Road Closure at Low Ghyll – no information was available to the Council about this road closure. Clerk to contact Highways to enquire what this is for?

*Action: Clerk to contact Highways*

### c) Hotline Progress

- Hedge at Bank End – Mr. Maddock has now cut the hedge and the Clerk is to write and thank him.

*Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Maddock*

## 10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

### a) Reports

A copy of the new memberships groups was handed to each of the Cllrs.

Cllr. Byrne reported that she has received positive feedback on the slate plaque and seat which have been installed at Wall End by the History Group.

### b) Actions

No actions reported.

## 11. Current Matters

### a) National Grid's Proposals

Cllr. McPherson informed the meeting that National Grid are currently carrying out a general consultation regarding pylons. He encouraged all Cllrs. to take part in the consultation.

b) **Maintenance of Street Lighting**

There was no update on this issue. It was reported that the light at the entrance to Kirkby Hall Farm remains on all the time. This will need to be addressed once a maintenance contract is in place. Cllr. McPherson to advertise the need for someone to carry out maintenance to the lights in the parish magazine.

c) **Watery Lane**

There was no update to report on this issue.

d) **Renewal of Kirkby Wind Farm**

It was noted that this item has already been discussed.

e) **Grizebeck Community Hall – signage on A595**

Cllr. Byrne reported that she has been advised by the Council that there is no Council funding available for this. However, they have advised that the Parish Council could fund it themselves through a private works agreement. A cost estimate for this is awaited from the Council. Once this is received the Parish Council can discuss this option in detail.

f) **Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595 at Marshside**

The Clerk reported there had been no progress on this. She will now contact Highways for an update.

Cllr. Saunders reported that the speed of the traffic on Grizebeck Hill is increasing and is posing a danger. He therefore suggested that speed measurement apparatus should also be placed on Grizebeck Hill, just below Buckhorn house. This was agreed. Clerk to contact Highways to request this.

*Action: Clerk to contact Highways with regard to request for speeding apparatus on A595 at Marshside and Grizebeck Hill*

g) **Environmental Agency – work being carried out at Soutergate Beck**

Cllr. Curwen reported that he has not, as yet, had success in trying to get the work extended further down the beck, however he is still in discussions. There had been concern raised as to the damage caused to that area due to the heavy plants used.

Cllr. McPherson reported that he has had assurances from the contractors carrying out the work that they will return the area to how it was before.

## 12. Statutory Requirements

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

Cllr. Todd reported that Mr. Gary Grieve has shown interest in becoming a Councillor. However, Mr. Grieve has recently submitted a building application to SLDC, so he did not feel that it was appropriate to attend this month's meeting. The Cllrs. agreed for Mr. Grieve to be invited to the October meeting, when, subject to him wishing to join the Council, a vote will be held.

*Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Grieve*

## 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 July was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £132 and expenses of £24.68 were agreed for the month of August.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th September 2017, was approved.
- d) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, was approved.
- e) The payment of £37 to Cllr. McPherson being printing costs for August 2017 were approved.
- f) The payment of £15 for the hire of Becksides Rooms for the Meeting was approved.

- g) The payment of £25 to Mr. David Cooper for weed control was approved.
- h) The payment of £310 to Ryan Watson for work carried out in reducing trees was approved.

## 15. Planning

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

- SL/2017/0606 – Yew Tree Cottage, Sandside, Kirkby-in-Furness  
No comments or objections.

The following notifications were received:

- Cumbria County Council – Kirkby Slate Quarry – Approval of details as set out in Planning Permission 5/16/9002 and Planning Permission 5/16/9003 - granted.  
The Parish Council had submitted a response to this application, as set out in the Minutes of the meeting held in July. It was noted that with regard to the request to receive a report of the drilling results, this has been taken onboard and the Parish Council are to receive a copy of this report.
- 7/2017/5347 Old Beckstone, Grizebeck. Granted.

Order made:

South Lakeland District Council – Footpath No. 539042

## 16. Correspondence

Cllr. McPherson advised the Cllrs of the following correspondence which had been received, which was then placed in the file for circulation:-

- CALC – District Association Meeting – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017
- Cumbria County Council – Feedback requested on Cumbria Design Guide
- Civic Voice – Invite to attend Carlisle War Memorial workshops – 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Cumbria Constabulary - Public consultation Survey
- South Lakeland Council – Community-led Housing
- CALC – Friday round up and new Developing your skills programme
- CALC - General Data Protection Regulations
- Cumbria County Council – Notification of Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan – Inspectors Report

## 17. Any Other Business

### **Soutergate Beck**

It was noted that this had already been discussed.

### **Willow Establishment – Ashlack Hall**

It was noted that this had already been discussed.

### **Marshside Testing**

Cllr. Todd reported that the area had been left in a mess following the testing at Marshside. It is believed that the testing was with regard to the problems being experienced with the road and was carried out by Cumbria County Council. Cllr. Todd to ascertain who carried out testing in order the Parish Council can ask for it to be cleared.

*Action: Cllr. Todd to ascertain who carried out testing at Marshside*

### **Cutting of grass verges**

It was noted that this had already been discussed.

### **Parking on grass verges/pavements**

Parking on grass verges and pavements throughout the village is an ongoing problem.

Possible deterrents were discussed.

### **Footpath Grizebeck to Chapels**

County Cllr. Curwen reported that the original agreement with the County Council was to clear the path twice a year. It was reported that this it is only carried out once a year.

*Action: Cllr. McPherson to raise this with Peter Hoskings, Highways*

### **Signpost at Chapels**

Cllr. Curwen reported that a public footpath sign has been erected on A590 at Chapels. However, the first part of the route is a private road, not a public footpath. Cllr. Irving agreed to take a photograph of the sign and this item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

*Action: Cllr. Irving to take photograph of sign*

**Footpath railway bridge to Foxfield**

Cllr. Curwen provided an old map which showed a footpath from the Railway Bridge at Kirkby to Foxfield. Cllr. McPherson suggested that Cllr. Curwen made Natural England aware of it.

**18. Deferred Actions Review**

Affordable Homes

**19. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm  
Marshside Methodist Church**

**Alison Field**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**