

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 19th October 2017 at Marshside Methodist Church

1. Apologies for Absence:

None.

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chairman) M. Jackson, H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley,
R. Morrish, W. Todd, J. Byrne, F. Wayles, I. Winstanley
County Cllr. M. Brereton, District Cllr. J Curwen
3 members of the public

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

3. Declaration of Interests

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

The Chairman proposed the order of the Agenda items be changed as follows:-

Item 12 – Statutory Requirements – this be discussed before the Chairman’s remarks so that in the event Mr. Grieve was invited to become a Councillor and accepted, he could then take up this position immediately and take an active part in the meeting. This was agreed.

Item 11(k) - Flooding - As members of the public had attended the meeting with regard to the recent flooding experienced in the area, this be discussed earlier in the meeting at Item 5 – Open Forum. Then members of the public who had attended the meeting to discuss this, could leave, if they so wished. This was also agreed.

12. Statutory Requirements

The Chairman proposed Mr. Grieve be elected onto the Council. This was seconded and agreed by all the Councillors. Mr. Grieve accepted the position.

4. Chairman’s Remarks

Wind Turbines

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council’s objections to this application had been submitted to SLDC. A copy of the letter was placed in the correspondence file, for Council’s information.

Proposed Housing Development

The Chairman stated that there had been a great deal of activity with regard to the proposed housing development on the field adjacent to the School in recent weeks and this would be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Vandalism

The Chairman noted that there had been vandalism within the Community and this would be discussed under AOB.

5. Open Forum

Residents of Grizebeck had attended the meeting following the recent risk of flooding to their homes at Grizebeck Bridge. There had also been a threat of flooding at Marshside, Marsh Garth, Soutergate and Chapels, which had only been averted by residents’ quick action.

Marsh Garth/Marshside

Two letters had been received from Residents in the Marsh Garth area asking for the Parish Council's assistance in trying to address the problems they are experiencing with flooding of the Beck behind Marsh Garth. Following the correspondence from the Residents Cllr. Jackson had written to Cllr. Brereton requesting his assistance. Cllr. Jackson read the letter to the meeting.

Cllr. Brereton informed the meeting that he has spoken with Mr. Hosking at County Council who has acknowledged the Community's concern and stated he will take action. Cllr. Brereton advised that the best course of action for the Parish Council to keep on at Mr. Hosking and encourage the County Council to visit the sites. He advised the following:-

- get the drains cleared
- tackle the bigger problem later, hopefully in this financial year, if funds allow, or next year.

Cllr. Curwen had met with Residents from Marsh Garth on Wednesday 18th October and following the meeting had reported back to County. He is waiting for feedback from them.

Cllr. Byrne had emailed Mr. Sankey, SLDC to ask when the gully wagon is next due and advised him of the inadequacy of the drains at Soutergate and Marshside. He has informed her that the email has been passed on to the relevant department.

Cllr. Curwen advised that the culvert on the A5092 is blocked and he has reported this to Highways but as far as he aware this has not yet been cleared.

Cllr. Todd reported on the problems experienced at Marshside and Chapels. He stated that, in his opinion, the following was required:-

- The problem needed to be addressed at source, which is the Quarry. They need to look at preventative measures to stop the volume of water running down into the village in heavy downpours.

Action: Clerk to write to the Quarry

- Adequate draining needs to be installed at the Kirkby Hall side of the Road to deal with the water running down from the quarry

Grizebeck – Old Grizebeck Bridge

A resident of Spring Gardens at Grizebeck reported on the problems they had experienced in the recent flooding, which was caused by gravel is caused by gravel accumulation under the old Bridge. They had contacted SLDC who in turn had contacted South Cumbria Rivers Trust. A member of SCRT had attended the site and stated that the problem being experienced at the bridge was not caused by work they had carried out further upstream. However, the Residents do not agree with this. The Parish Council agreed to set up a meeting between SCRT and the Residents to discuss the problems being experienced. Cllr. Irving will also be in attendance.

Action: Clerk to write to SCRT

Cllr. McPherson reported that the Parish Council are trying their best to get the relevant authorities to address the problems in the above areas.

Mr. Anderson requested the Parish's input regarding the Children's playground. It has been brought to the attention of the Community Centre Committee that in the event that a child suffered an injury whilst using the playground when a cricket game was taking place, the Community Centre would be liable. Mr. Anderson advised of the three options the Committee have considered to address this:-

- Move the playground
- Put a net between the cricket pavilion and children's playground
- Prohibit access to the playground when there is a match on.

The Council discussed this and agreed that they would support whatever action the Committee decide.

6. **Matters for Any Other Business**

- Parking in Soutergate
- Grass verges
- Sandside/Herschell Terrace Footpath
- Traffic travelling in convey through the village
- Beanthwaite development
- Bayliff Ground
- Woodman's cottage

7. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th August 2017 were approved and signed.

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

- The Clerk had submitted the response to the application to extend the licence of the Kirkby Wind Farm, a copy of the letter was placed in the folder for circulation.
- Clerk had replied to SLDC regarding the Willow Establishment at Ashlack Hall. A copy of the letter was placed in the folder for circulation.
- Cllr. Byrne had contacted Victoria Upton at Highways regarding the request for a stop sign at the junction of Buckhorn Lane and A5092. Ms Upton had advised that the junction does not meet the criteria for a stop sign. Highways will look to improve the give way signs but she had informed that it will not be this financial year. Ms Upton had suggested speaking with Cllr. Brereton to see if funding could be raised through him. Cllr. Brereton informed that out of his budget of £6,000, £4,000 has already been allocated. He advised that there may be funds available in the pot towards the end of the financial year and it would need to be considered at that point. He suggested contacting Ms. Upton and request she provides suggestions of work to be done to improve the junction. Cllr. Brereton advised to keep on at Highways and agreed to contact them as well.

Action: Cllr. Byrne and Cllr. Brereton to contact Victoria Upton

- The Clerk had reported the pothole in the Layby at Muirlands.
- Clerk had written to Mr. Maddock to thank him for cutting the hedges on Bank End Road. A copy of the letter was placed in the folder for circulation.
- The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Highways regarding placing speed measuring apparatus on the A595 at Marshside and Grizebeck, who had informed her the correct way to request this is through the Cumbria County Council portal, which she has done. However, it was noted that the apparatus for the A595 was requested in July and still no action has been taken. Cllr. Brereton asked the Clerk to email him the details and he will chase. Cllr. McPherson also asked for apparatus to be placed on School Road.

Action: Clerk to forward details of request for speeding apparatus to Cllr. Brereton

- Clerk had written to Mr. Grieve.
- Testing at Marshside - Mr. Anderson reported that he believed the work had been commissioned by Cumbria County Council and was a feasibility study with regard to replacing the wall at the side of road.
- Cllr. McPherson reported that the vegetation on the footpath between Grizebeck and Chapels has now been cut back.
- Cllr. Irving informed that he could not find a public footpath sign at the location reported by Cllr. Curwen. Cllr. McPherson agreed. Cllr. McPherson advised he had contacted Andy Simms, Countryside Access Team, who had informed that the road was marked as a bridleway on maps and that Cllr. Curwen would need to submit a request to remove its status if he so wished. Cllr. McPherson to forward forms to Cllr. Curwen to enable him to do this.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to forward forms to Cllr. Curwen

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

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

a) A595 matters

Extension of Zig-Zag lines at School - It was noted that there has been no progress on this. Cllr. Byrne to contact Victoria Upton, Highways, for an update.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Victoria Upton

b) Hotline Reports

- It was reported that there is a pothole by St. Cuthberts Church.

Action: Clerk to report

c) Hotline Progress

None.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Parish Groups

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. Moorish advised that he is awaiting a list of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. The Clerk reported that the only copy she has is outdated. Cllr.

McPherson to put a request in the Parish Newsletter for the co-ordinators to contact Cllr. Morrish.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to put request in Newsletter

Pylons

Cllr. Todd reported that there is a meeting of the PCCG on Wednesday 1st November, for a review of how the group are to proceed in light of the withdrawal of the proposed National Grid project.

b) Actions

No actions reported.

11. Current Matters

a) National Grid's Proposals

This was reported under Item 10 above.

b) Maintenance of Street Lighting

A response has been received from Mr. Vickers who has advised that County are prepared to include the maintenance/repairs of Kirkby Lights on their maintenance contract from April 2018. The cost will be around £24 per light per year, plus any repair costs. The Councillors were all in agreement to this. Clerk to write to Mr. Vickers confirming this and providing the details he has requested.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Vickers

c) Watery Lane

It was noted that the flooding on Watery Lane is particularly bad at the moment. Mr. Anderson informed the Council that he has spoken to Jim Logan, ex employee of Holker, who had advised of work that he had carried out on the Lane, years ago. He had told Mr. Anderson that he had put in the manhole with a drainage pipe leading from it into the adjacent field. Mr. Anderson stated it is possible that this pipe has become blocked and therefore compounding the current problems. Mr. Anderson has obtained quotes from a firm in Kendal who can put a camera down the manhole/pipe to see if there is a blockage and if so clear it. The quote is £300-400. Cllr. Brerton advised that grants are available for this type of work from the South Lakeland Area Community Strategic Group who are meeting next week. Mr. Anderson to move this forward.

Action: Mr. D. Anderson

d) Renewal of Kirkby Wind Farm

Cllr. Winstanley is the Council's delegate on this matter.

- e) **Grizebeck Community Hall – signage on A595**
Mr. Braithwaite, SLDC had responded to Cllr. Byrne request for costings. He had advised that it is hard to give an exact costing for the signage as it depends on quantity. Cllr. Byrne reported that Yvonne Frost and Gay Kelly of the Grizebeck Hall Committee are meeting to discuss what they require and will report back to Cllr. Byrne.
- f) **Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595 at Marshside**
It was noted that this has already been discussed earlier in the meeting..
- g) **Public Footpath sign on A595 at Chapels**
This had been reported on earlier in the meeting.
- h) **Housing Dividend**
The Chairman reported that the Council needs to consider what the £756.75 received in 2016 should be spent on. He reminded Councillors the requirement is that it has to benefit the community. It was agreed that the Finance Committee will discuss this at their meeting in January 2018. Clerk to prepare annual report to submit to SLDC.
Action: Clerk to prepare a report
- i) **Kirkby Charities**
Cllr. McPherson reported that following the resignation of Megan Cragg, a new Trustee needed to be appointed. Cllr. McPherson proposed Cllr. Todd, this was seconded and agreed by all. Cllr. Todd accepted the role.
- j) **Proposed development adjacent to the School**
This was discussed at some length. Some members of the Parish Council had met with Holker Estates, the developer, Brookhouse and the Architect to discuss this development. Cllr. Byrne provided a copy of the minutes of this meeting. Cllr. McPherson reported on the meeting in detail for the benefit of those Councillors who had not been able to attend. Holker Estates had also held an open consultation on 19th October for the General Public. Councillors agreed that they should hold a public meeting in order to get feedback from the community in order that any comments that are made by the Parish Council to any subsequent application, takes on board the general view of the community. It was agreed the meeting be arranged for Saturday 11th November at 10.00 am.
Action: Cllr. McPherson to arrange meeting

12. Statutory Requirements

This item had already been dealt with.

13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. McPherson reported the following had been awarded by the Trust:-

- Kirkby Football Club - £1,700.00 towards costs of two portable goal posts and nets
- Kirkby Ireleth PCC - £500.00 for the costs of the 2016 kirkby caller
- Kirkby Ireleth PCC - £225.00 the costs of printing the 2017 calendar
- Kirkby Cricket Club - £1,000.00 maintenance for mowers

14. Accounts

- a) Financial statements for the months August and September 2017 were presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Final Audit Report for 2016/2017 was approved by the Council.
- c) The Clerks salary of £132 and expenses of £24.68 were agreed for the month of September.
- d) The Clerks salary of £132 and expenses of £16.88 were agreed for the month of October.
- e) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th November 2017, was approved.
- f) The payment of £37 to Cllr. McPherson being printing costs for August 2017 were approved.
- g) The payment of £15.00 for the hire of the Methodist Church for the meeting was approved.

- h) The following payments for the hire of Becksides Rooms for the Meeting were approved:
 - 20th April – Parish Council Meeting - £15.00
 - 6th May – Finance Sub Committee Meeting - £7.50
 - 18th May – Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting - £20.00
- i) The payment of £42.00 for the purchase of 12 Good Councillor Guides at £3.50 per book was approved.
- j) The payment of £10 in respect of the annual subscription for Clerks and Councils Direct was approved.
- k) The final payment of £273.00 to Mr. Metcalfe for cutting of the grass verges was approved.
- l) Payment of £60.69 to E.ON was approved.

15. Planning

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

- SL/2017/0606 – Barn at Nuttery Cottage, Sandside
No comments or objections.
- SK/2017/0687 – Kirkby Moor Wind Farm
Objections submitted to SLDC planning
- SL/2017/0635 - SL/2017/0635 – Land at Head Cragg
Application supported by Council
- Kirkby Slate Quarry – Consultation on a Mineral County Matter Application for Planning Permission 5/17/9012
No comments made to date.

The following notifications were received:

- 7/2017/5430 – Change of use from holiday let to full residential cottage – This application was withdrawn
- 7/2017/5429 – Ashalck Hall Grizebeck - Use of building as a local needs dwelling – Approved with conditions
- 7/2017/5452 – Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck – Erect implement store building – Approved with conditions.

16. Correspondence

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

- SLDC – South Lakeland District Council Interim polling district and polling places review 2017
- CALC – September Circular
- CALC – October Circular
- CALC – AGM Paperwork
- CALC – District Associating Meeting
- FLAG Newsletter
- Clerks and Councils Direct – September issue
- LCR – Autumn 2017 issue
- Arqiva Limited – Smart Metering Micro-cell

With regard to this correspondence, The Clerk had contact the Mr. Damian Hosker of Arqiva. He advised the Clerk that the application for the SMART mast has now been submitted to the local planning department. Cllr. McPherson then contacted Mr. Hosker for more information about the application. He found him to be rude and obtuse. Cllr. McPherson contacted Arqiva head office to report this individual, however they did not seem to know of his existence. Cllr. McPherson is waiting to hear back from Arqiva on this issue. No planning application from SLDC for this mast has yet been received.

17. Any Other Business

- ***Parking in Soutergate***

Cllr. Jackson reported that parking in Soutergate continues to be a problem. A reminder to residents to be considerate when parking will be placed in the newsletter.

- ***Grass verges***

An incident with a tractor mounting a grass verge and causing considerable damage was witnessed by one of the Cllrs. The trailer being pulled by the tractor was marked "Clearway". PC Paul Harris is looking into who this vehicle belongs to. One of the Cllrs. reported that Clearway is a contracting firm which works out of Wilks yard in Barrow.

Cllr. McPherson reported that JJC Hire Limited had also caused damage to a grass verge in the village but had repaired this.

- ***Sandside/Herschell Terrace Footpath***

Cllr. Copley reported that the footpath between Sandside and Herschell Terrace is in a bad state of repair and needs attention urgently. Cllr. Brereton to look into this.

Action: Cllr. Brereton

- ***Traffic travelling in convey through the village***

Cllr. Irving reported that traffic problems are being experienced at the bottleneck at Grizebeck due to lorries and buses travelling in convey. Clerk to write to Travellers, the coach company to request buses do not travel through this area in convey.

- ***Beanthwaite development***

Cllr. Saunders noted that we have not had update from Lake District National Park planning with regard to the development at Beanthwaite. Clerk to write to them requesting update.

Action: Clerk to write to Planning Dept, Lake District National Park

- ***Bayliff Ground***

Cllr. Curwen noted that flooding had been experienced again in this area following heavy rain.

- ***Woodman's cottage***

Flooding is also being experienced in this area, which is causing the highway to collapse.

18. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Homes

19. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 16th November at 7.00 pm
Beckside Rooms**

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council