

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at Marshside Methodist Church

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. Todd, Winstanley

Present:

M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley, R. Morrish,
F. Wayles, G. Grieve. J. Byrne, M. Jackson
District Cllr. J Curwen, County Cllr. Brereton, Mr. D. Anderson

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that following repainting and extension of the white lines near the Methodist Church at Marshside, parking has become more of a problem. The Methodist Church have now erected signs that parking in front of the Church is for churchgoers only and wish to make members of the Parish aware of this.

5. Open Forum

No comments received.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- White lines
- Dog fouling
- Drains
- Rubbish at Muirlands
- Potholes
- Churchyard

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st December 2017 were approved and signed.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- Cllr. Todd was not in attendance at the meeting so the action for him to email Cllr. Brereton will be carried on to the next meeting.
- The Clerk had reported the light at Grizebeck to Mr. Vickers who had asked if it was known whether it just required a bulb replacement or if the fault was more serious. It is not known what the fault is. The Clerk to report this to Mr. Vickers.
 - **Action: Clerk to email Mr. Vickers regarding light at Grizebeck**
- Cllr. McPherson had advertised the vacancies for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in the Parish Newsletter but no-one has come forward. Cllr. McPherson will post the vacancies in the Newsletter again.
 - **Action: Cllr. McPherson to put Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators vacancies in parish newsletter**
- Grizebeck Community Centre Committee have advised Cllr. Byrne of the signage they would like and Cllr. Byrne is waiting for a quote from Cumbria County for this.

- The Clerk had forwarded the letter regarding Kirkby Hall Farm to Holker Estates. A response has not yet been received.
- The Clerk had reported the potholes at Bank End Road and Sandside. She had been notified by Highways that the work on Bank End had been completed. However, it was reported by Cllr. Irving that it has not. Clerk to report again. The work on Sandside has been carried out.

Clerk to report potholes at Bank End Road

- Cllr. Jackson reported to the meeting on the issue of a light at Soutergate car park. The feasibility of installing a light at the car park was discussed but it was noted that it would be difficult to do so as there is no electricity in the car park. Electricity would need to be rerouted in some way from the square at Soutergate and therefore would be a costly project. As a result it was agreed that due to the cost the Parish Council are not in a position to assist with this request.

- ***Action: Cllr. Jackson to report back to member of public regarding light at Soutergate car park***

- Cllr. Grieve had obtained costings for storage facilities for the sandbags which he will report on under Agenda Item 11(g).
- The Clerk had contacted SLDC, Mr. O'Neill, with regard to delivery of sandbags. Mr. O'Neill said he would contact Cllr. McPherson but has not done so yet. Clerk to contact Mr. O'Neill again.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. O'Neill

- Cllr. McPherson raised the issue of dog fouling in last months Parish Newsletter and will do so again this month as it continues to be a problem. Discussion took place on placing a bin at Soutergate as bags containing dog dirt have been placed in the bus shelter. The Clerk to contact Mr. O'Neill at Ulverston depot to ascertain if a bin was placed at Soutergate it would be emptied by CCC.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. O'Neill re bin at Soutergate

- Clerk will check is funding is available from NALC with regard to the cost of running the website and submit an application if it is.

Clerk to consider funding from NALC regarding website running costs

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

PCSO Harris had informed the Clerk that there was nothing to report this month.

a) A595 matters

Cllr. Byrne had attended the CALC District Association Meeting in November. CCC Highways had given a presentation at the meeting. Cllr. Byrne summarised the relevant points for the Council:-

- Highways Service no longer has a dedicated business support team. It is affected by a shrinkage of resources.
- A new reporting system for defects, HIMS, is now up and running. It was noted that this is the system the Clerk uses.
- Reduced funding has impacted on routine drain cleaning. In June CCC will be asking the Parish Councils for a report on the drains in their area. Cllr. Brereton stated that if the Clerk provided him with a map of the location of the drains that are blocked he will forward them to Council and ask for the work to be carried out.

Action: Clerk to forward a map of blocked drains to Cllr. Brereton

- The routine work being carried out by Parish Councils on the highways had been discussed, e.g. verge cutting, litter picks and liability issues. It was reported that at the moment there is a lack of clarity with regard to this issue as strictly speaking the permission of CCC is required to carry out work on the highways.

Cllr. Brereton gave a report to the Parish Council with regard to the issue of work carried out by Parish Councils on the highways. He informed that CCC are currently

carrying out a review of this and will prepare a report of their findings, as there are liability issues with regard to people other than the CCC carrying out work on the highways.

Cllr. Brereton also advised that he had attended and spoke at the A595 Action Group Annual Meeting on how he believes the development of the A595 should proceed, which he relayed to the Parish Council.

b) Hotline Reports

It was reported that there were potholes at the following areas:-

- Bank End Road – along verge on eastern side of the road.
- Dove Farm
- Becksie

Action: Clerk to report the defects on the CCC portal

Councillors reported that the following drains need clearing:

- A595 – Four ends – by police station
- Beanthwaite

Cllr. Curwen advised that he has already requested CCC to carry out this work.

Cllr. Brereton informed that if the Clerk provides him with a list of the drains that need clearing and their location he will pass to County.

Action: Clerk to provide Cllr. Breton with map of locationsof blocked drains

It was reported that lorries are mounting the grass verge by the Garage at Grizebeck, however it was noted that this is due to the bad design of the road as there is not sufficient road for them to turn.

c) Hotline Progress

- The work at the junction of Buckhorn Lane and A5092 had been completed.
- The white lines at Marshside Methodist Church had been repainted.

Cllr. Byrne had emailed a thanks to Highways for the completed work.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

Flooding

During the high tide/strong winds on 2nd January 2017, only slight coastal flooding had been experienced on the road between Sandside and Marshside. The good work carried out by the Wardens was recognised by the Council.

Pylons

The Off-shore Group are concerned that the project will recommence following the recent news regarding South Korea. They have contacted Cllr. McPherson and asked if they can meet with him, Mr. J. Field and Mrs. A. Holroyd to discuss the Groups proposals. Cllr. McPherson advised that the Parish Council Group will recommence their meetings if there are any developments with this project.

b) Actions

No actions reported.

11. Current Matters

a) National Grid's Proposals

This was already discussed under Item 10.

b) Maintenance of Street Lighting

This had already been discussed at Item 8.

c) Watery Lane

It was reported that the work carried on continues to be a success.

d) Grizebeck Community Hall – signage on A595

This had already been discussed at Item 8.

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

Cllr. Brereton reported that he had forwarded the email from the Parish Council, outlining their concerns of speeding traffic through the village to Carol Last at Highways and Peter McCall, Cumbria's PCC. Mr. McCall has promised to raise those concerns at the next CRASH meeting. With regard to placing speed measuring devices to monitor the traffic, it was agreed that Cllr. Byrne will co-ordinate with Cllr. Brereton on this.

f) **Proposed Housing Development**

This has been discussed at Item 8.

g) **Flooding**

Cllr. Grieve had obtained a number of estimates for the storage units. The design and estimates for the units were discussed. It was agreed to purchase units that have access to the front as well as the top and a proposal was made to purchase 5 units at a cost of £799.00. This was seconded and agreed by all Councillors. Cllr. Grieve informed that he has corresponded with Tom Felix of Burlington Slate with regard to the concerns that flooding in the village is being compounded by work carried out at the quarry, in particular the filling in of Lower Lord quarry. Mr. Felix has stated he will look into the matter and report back to Cllr. Grieve. Cllr. Grieve is also in the process of arranging a meeting with members of Cumbria County Council to raise the concerns of the village with regard to flooding. The meeting has been provisionally booked for 9th February and will last all day with site visits to the areas affected. A meeting of the Parish Council is to be arranged prior to the 9th February 2018. Representatives of the community who are affected by the risk of flooding are also to be invited to the meetings.

h) **SMART Metering Mast**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have done all they can with regard to this application.

i) **School Road – zig zag lines**

Cllr. Byrne to chase Victoria Upton for progress on this.

j) **Footpath – Soutergate to Beckside**

There was no update on this.

k) **Development at Beanthwaite**

The Clerk has emailed The Lake District Planning Department for an update on this but no reply has yet been received.

l) **Projects for Funding**

The Chairman reported that there is money available in the Parish Council account to fund local projects and asked Councillors for to think of projects that could be funded.

m) **Footpath Herschel Terrace to Sandside**

An email had been received from Guy Temperley of Countryside Access, CCC He reported that he had last surveyed the path in April last year and did not note any problems. He suggested that photographs of the path be forwarded to him. He had advised that if the Parish Council wish for work to be carried out to improve the path, then external funding would need to be found so that CCC could match fund through their Rights of Way Improvement programme.

Action: Mr. Anderson is to forward photographs of the path to Clerk who will forward to Mr. Temperley

12. **Statutory Requirements**

None

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

There had been no meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Parish Meeting.

14. **Accounts**

- a) A financial statement for the month of December 2017 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Chairman presented the report and recommendation from Finance Sub Committee Meeting with regard to the Precept. The precept for 2018/19 is to remain as that of 2017/18. A proposal was made to accept the recommendation. This was seconded and approved by all members.
- c) The Finance Sub Committee also recommended that the SLDC Remuneration Panel Report with regard to Travel and Subsistence be adopted by the Parish Council. This was proposed, seconded and approved by all members of the Parish Council.
- d) The Clerks salary of £132 was approved for the month of January 2018.
- e) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th February 2018, was approved.
- f) The payment of £60.69, being the payment to E-on for the period 1st October to 31st December 2017, was approved.
- g) The payment of £799 for storage units for the sandbags was approved. Obtaining funding from grants for this was discussed. Clerk to ascertain if funding from CCC through the Community Grant would be available for the purchase of these units.
Action: Clerk look at Community Grant funding for purchase of storage units

15. Planning

The following planning applications had been received:

- **SL/2017/1136** – Valley View, Askew Gate Brow – There were no objections or comments on this application.
- **SL/2018/0003** – 1 Springfield, Kirkby-in-Furness – There were no objections to this application, providing adequate drainage was provided.

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and was placed in the folder for distribution:

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct
- b) Malcolm Wilson Rally – The Malcolm Wilson Rally 3rd March 2018

17. Any Other Business

- **White lines**
As reported previously, the extension of the white lines at Marshside are causing problems with parking. A member of the public has asked the Parish Council who made the decision for them to be extended. Cllr. Brereton advised that it may just be a mistake and that CCC could be contacted to request the line whites be reduced to the length they were previously.
- **Dog fouling** – This had already been discussed at Item 8.
- **Drains** – It was noted this had already been discussed at Item 9.
- **Rubbish at Muirlands** – It was reported that there is a great deal of litter in the layby at Muirlands. Cllr. Curwen agreed to request CCC for a litter pick-up.
Action: Cllr. Curwen to request CCC for litter pick-up at Muirlands layby
- **Potholes** – This had already been discussed under Item 9
- **Churchyard** – Cllr. Curwen reported that he has been informed by the Environmental Agency that if the problems with the drainage in the Churchyard are not resolved, the Church will not be able to dig any new graves. Cllr. McPherson to speak with make Mrs. Dean of St. Cuthberts Church about this issue.
Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Mrs. Dean
- **Grass Verges** – Cllr. McPherson reported that Highways are to repair the damage to the grass verge by Burlington Inn.

18. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Homes

19. Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7.00 pm

Methodist Church, Marshside

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**